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Welcome to Old Brooklyn

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About Old Brooklyn

Families who live in Old Brooklyn are known to say they can't believe their good fortune, to live in such a warm, welcoming neighborhood with so many advantages. One described it as, "small-town living, in the middle of the city." The location alone is a big plus: With I-480 as the southern border, residents can drive east or west of the city, or link to a north-south interstate, in a few short minutes. Brookside Park, where tens of thousands of spectators once gathered to watch a new game called "baseball," dips under Fulton Parkway; in addition to being the home of the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, Brookside now hosts residential and commercial development. The zoo is a city treasure; it's easy to see why Old Brooklyn residents savor their easy access. Visitors to the lush, 168-acre complex can see nearly any animal imaginable, from eagles to gorillas, year-round--including anteaters, orangutans and others housed inside the two-acre Rainforest. To help support the zoo's work, boosters can purchase an elephant's painting or "shadow" a zookeeper for half a day, working with koalas, rhinos, bears or in the pachyderm building. Housing values in Old Brooklyn are among the highest in the city, largely because many are slightly newer than those in inner-city neighborhoods, and because they've been so well maintained. Many homes, such as those in the South Hills neighborhood, are highly desirable brick cottages and bungalows. Cleveland doubles and Colonials abound; the oldest home here is the Jeremiah Gates



Home on Memphis Avenue, built in 1820 with bricks made of baking clay from a neighborhood stream. While most housing consists of older homes, the 110-unit Lakeview Ridge Estate on Jennings Road offers another choice. Several convenient retail centers serve residents: the Pearl-Broadview-State intersection features large retail plazas. For smaller shopping trips, the plazas along Fulton at Memphis Avenue have food, banking and small retail, including a nursery.



City Council Information

The City of Cleveland is committed to new and renovated housing in a variety of price ranges for a diverse population. Cleveland City Council encourages community growth and is dedicated to strengthening each of the City's thirty-six neighborhoods. Each member of City Council represents one or more of these neighborhoods and is active in development and activities related to each. For more information, contact City Council offices at 216-664-2840.

Neighborhood Organizations

For more information on the Old Brooklyn neighborhood, please contact the following organizations:

- Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation
216-459-1000; www.oldbrooklyn.com
- Old Brooklyn Neighborhood Services
216-635-1601

Points of Interest

1 Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, 3900 Wildlife Way. Lions, tigers and bears—Oh, my! And over 3000 other animals, too. What started with a small menagerie moved here in 1916 from the original Wade Park location has grown into a world-class zoological park and adjoining tropical Rainforest. Metroparks' Brookside Reservation, with its hiking trails, picnic areas and baseball diamonds, surrounds the Zoo.

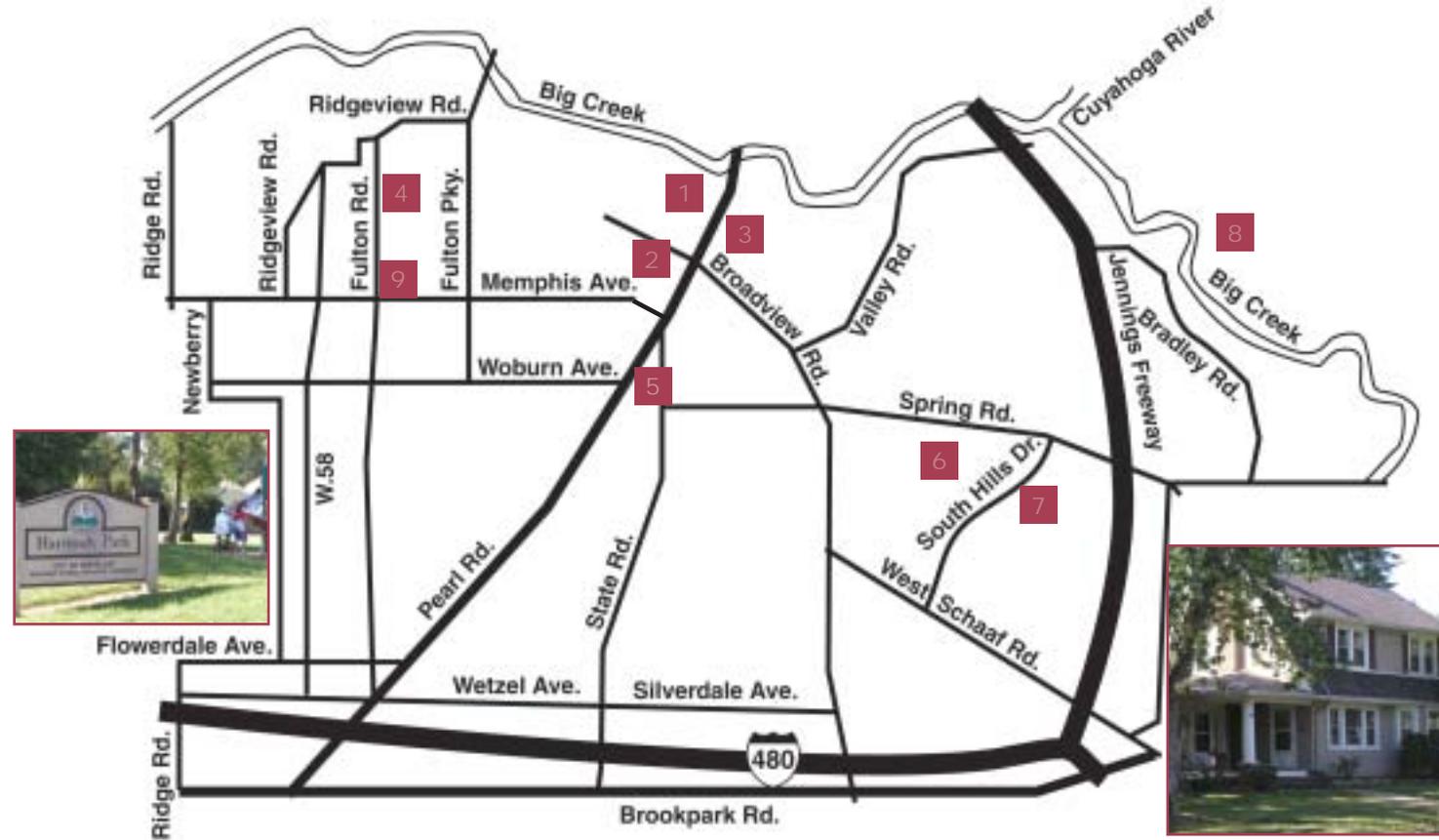
2 Ethnic Eats, Old Brooklyn style along Pearl Road, Broadview Road, State Road and Memphis Avenue. At the turn of the last century, Old Brooklyn was considered to be a very German town, but these days it's very multicultural. And so are the ethnic restaurants, bakeries, butcher shops, produce markets and grocery stores. Indulge your taste buds in the flavors of China, Eastern Europe, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Israel and Korea, in addition to Germany!

3 Main Street District, the intersection of Pearl Road and Broadview Road. That's the latest lingo for what generations of previous Old Brooklynites considered to be "downtown". The architecturally acclaimed US Bank building is on one corner, and across the street is the Pearlbrook Post Office that delivers mail in the 44109 zip code.

4 Parks and Recreation. Old Brooklyn is fortunate to have one of Cleveland's 19 rec centers--Estabrook Recreation Center, 4125 Fulton Road--within its boundaries. Among Estabrook's indoor offerings are a pool, gymnasium, weight room and craft classes. Outdoors is a huge playground. Old Brooklyn is also home to several neighborhood parks--Loewe Park, Harmody Park, Archmere Park, Henritze Park and Goudreau Park.

5 Cleveland Public Library, South Brooklyn Branch, 4303 Pearl Road. What a treasure Cleveland has in its lending library system! In addition to being able to borrow books for free, South Brooklyn's toddler and preschool story times, after-school activities for older children and book discussions for teens help instill and maintain a lifelong love of reading. Of course, free use of computers, free computer instruction and free video, DVD and CD rental make our library a popular place, too.

6 Benjamin Franklin Community Garden, 1905 Spring Road. Got a green thumb? Or want to have a green thumb? The community garden behind Benjamin Franklin School



might be just the place to do that. Benjie has become one of Cuyahoga County Cooperative Extension's demonstration gardens; their Master Gardeners present free programs throughout the growing season.

7 The South Hills residential area off West Schaaf Road. Think of the most desirable areas to live within the City of Cleveland, and one of those that will most assuredly come to mind is South Hills. Developed in the 1920s, the neighborhood has always been home to people who appreciate quality. The homes on its winding streets and heavily treed lots rival those in posh eastern suburbs. Recent resale prices are testimony that housing values do appreciate in Cleveland!

8 Harvard Road Trail Head. A green path from downtown Cleveland to Zoar has been the dream of the folks who conceived the idea for the Ohio Canal Corridor in the 1980s. The dreams became 1.6 miles closer to reality when another segment of towpath trail, this one through the Metroparks' Ohio

and Erie Canal Reservation, opened in 2002. Old Brooklyn's/Brooklyn Heights' greenhouse past is part of the history interpreted in this park.

9 Memphis-Fulton shopping area. A bank, a grocery store, a drug store, a resale store, a variety store, a pizza shop, a Laundromat--these are the kinds of goods and services you'd expect to find in the two strip shopping centers along Fulton Road north of Memphis Avenue. But would you think that a bowling alley, doctor and dental offices, and community service organizations would be there too? They are, and you'll be able to take care of a lot of the errands on our "To Do" list.

