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Happy Father's Day
Sunday, June 21



Crowds of protesters marched in downtown Brecksville on Tuesday, June 9th, in a peaceful rally in support of Black Lives Matter. Cars passing by joined in by honking their horns. Photo by Adam Cook.



Brecksville local organizer Samantha Barchet raised her arm to demand justice for Black Lives Matter as she led the nearly three-hour march in town with police presence. Photo by Adam Cook

Hundreds take to the streets in Brecksville for Black Lives Matter

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The Black Lives Matter Rally for Justice in Brecksville, June 9th, was a peaceful show of force between hundreds of protesters and a sizable police presence fortified by mutual aid from surrounding communities.

Protesters held signs—NO JUSTICE, NO PEACE—I CAN'T BREATHE—#BLACK LIVES MAT-

TER—and police held the line.

The demonstration, starting at 4 p.m. and lasting nearly three hours, spilled onto Brecksville Road from the municipal parking lot. Protesters marched flanked by police.

When the march ended, police took the middle ground, and protesters laid down on Brecksville Road between City Hall and the police station to demand justice for George Floyd, laid to rest that same day, and other black

lives taken in altercations with police across the country.

Samantha Barchet, a white 20-year-old Brecksville resident and a University of Pittsburg college student, organized the event.

"I'm not affiliated with the movement [Black Lives Matter], I just wanted my community to stand out," Barchet said. "I organized this event, but I don't want my voice to be amplified."

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