

## The latest news for you

City of Brecksville

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Governor DeWine announced today our K-12 schools will remain closed for the rest of the 2019-2020 academic school year. However, he has also announced we will begin the “Recovery Phase” May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. This process will be a slow process with the goal of making employees and the public we serve safe. As the Governor’s office releases information regarding this return, we will provide that information to you on the city’s webpage and via e-mails. Preventative measures such as distancing, sanitizing, personal hygiene, is planned to continue, which will be taken into consideration as part of the policies and suggested practices for the return. Staggering work hours, lunch hours, and creating space in between employees is paramount to the plan. This will be evolving nearly day by day and will not be a quick solution, rather, a gradual return. I want to thank the residents, as obviously most are practicing the recommended procedures and safeguards against the coronavirus. Our Police and Fire report that our residents are fully cooperating and are part of the effort not the spread of this pandemic virus. Please maintain your adherence and continue to demonstrate your concern for your family and those you may come in contact with.

Tomorrow, April 21st, City Council will hold its regular meeting in a teleconference. At 7:15 pm City Council will meet as a whole and discuss items normally brought before each individual committee. Thereafter, at 8:00 pm, City Council will hold its regularly scheduled Council meeting. City Council members, Department Head Staff, Legal Staff, City Engineer, and the Mayor will call in to the teleconferencing center. The audio will be live and accessible by the public on Facebook. You do NOT need a Facebook Account to listen to the meeting live. The public will not be able to address City Council or ask questions as part of the teleconference meeting, however, they can send their questions and comments by e-mail directly to Council prior to or after the meeting via e-mail address: [ttabor@brecksville.oh.us](mailto:ttabor@brecksville.oh.us).

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**If you do not have a Facebook account click the following link:**

**<https://www.facebook.com/233577357056186/live/>**

**\* Please note link will not be active until live streaming begins on April 21st, 2020, at 7:15 pm \***

We will then create a link on the city webpage the day after the meeting for those who are interested in listening to the meeting. Again, the meeting procedure has been dictated by state legislature and is only temporary. Council will continue to meet via teleconference each regularly scheduled 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. All e-mails to Council, Mayor, and staff will be answered promptly. If you have any questions about these procedures, please feel free to call City Hall at 440-526-4351.

The Brecksville Bulletin will be arriving in the next day or two. Please take an opportunity to read it cover to cover. This addition is dedicated primarily towards COVID-19. Our staff has put together pertinent information for your use today and in the future.

A number of questions have come to the City, we would like to respond to our residents as the questions relate to not only specific issues but public in general. They are the following:

- The May 9<sup>th</sup> Shred Day has been cancelled. No decision has been made regarding the September shred date at this time.
- The construction of the Community Center outdoor Aquatics Facility and expansion of the Natatorium continues, but we do anticipate some delays due to late shipments and availability of work force.
- The Elementary School and Fieldhouse project are ongoing. At this time, no change in schedule has been made.
- The 2020 City Road Program has begun and will continue throughout the summer. We cannot afford to cut back

or delay this program. It is important to continue to maintain our roadways on schedule.

- The Chippewa Road - Calvin Drive Sanitary Sewer Project is also progressing and arrangements are being made to facilitate the required public meetings prior to approval of this project. There may be a month or two delay, however, as of now, the engineer reports the project will continue as scheduled.
- Unfortunately, there are some who disregard the signage prohibiting the use of the tennis courts behind City Hall. Therefore, the Recreation Department is going to padlock gates until further notice. We had to take similar action to basketball courts adjacent to Kids Quarters. Please comply with signage closing off certain facilities and areas. This is for the welfare of our community.
- The Service Department continues to pick up solid waste and curb side recycling. Saturday drop-off recycling has been suspended as well as the white goods pick up on Fridays. Please help us by flattening cardboard boxes and bundle them. We have no plans to limit or cut back on services any more than thus far indicated.
- Those wishing to donate nonperishable foods or financial donations for our Human Services pantry can do so by contacting Human Services Department at 440-526-2499. Normally we receive nonperishable food during the shredding events and we will not be having that opportunity in May. Therefore, we certainly anticipate the need for donations. We are making food available to our residents in need, and we appreciate the generosity of those of you who are able to assist their fellow residents at this time.
- The process of accessing City Hall by e-mail and phone, or by dropping off and picking up documents or items from the lobby of City Hall is working quite well. Thank you for that cooperation also.
- Yes, we are encouraging our residents to support our local businesses. Thank you for supporting our local businesses at a most critical time. I know the merchants appreciate it and look forward to serving you in the future.
- As of today, City boards and commission meetings continue to be cancelled. But as the need arises, especially with Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission, meetings may become necessary. Depending on when that is, and if there are changes in public meeting procedures, we will give ample time for our residents to know when those meetings will take place.

Again I cannot thank you all enough for your cooperation. Thank you to those who are helping neighbors, thank you to those making donations. I am very proud of our community. I must also again commend and thank the entire medical profession, local businesses, and our City staff, all of whom are dedicated towards the needs of our residents. Our work force is getting the job done and for that we are grateful, as they are working, as all of us are, under remarkable circumstances. I look forward to each day knowing that soon, due to our diligence in helping to stop the spread of this virus, we are bringing ourselves closer to the end of the pandemic and a return to some form of normalcy.

If I can be of assistance to any of you please feel free to contact my cellphone 216-316-6666.

Sincerely Yours,

Jerry N. Hruby  
Mayor

