



# From the Office of the Mayor

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On July 22nd, 2020, a vacancy was created for a seat on City Council, namely the unexpired term of former councilperson Jack Petsche. City Council reviewed a total of twenty-two resumes. At Council's regular meeting on August 4th, 2020, they created a short list, selecting eight of the twenty-two candidates. The short list of candidates is as follows:

Thomas Collin  
Gretchen Corp Jones  
A.J. Ganim  
Matthew Garito  
Daryl Kingston  
Randy Stephan  
Frank Telerico  
Michael Ziegler

Council President, Michael Harwood, announced that on Tuesday, Aug 18th, 2020, City Council will interview, publicly, the short list of candidates during the regularly scheduled Committee Meetings of City Council commencing at 6:00 pm. Immediately following the 6:00 pm meeting City Council will hold their regular City Council Meeting. If there is a consensus of Council, they may appoint one person from the interview list. If City Council does not take action to fill the vacant seat by August 21, 2020, the responsibility to appoint a new member of Council falls upon the Mayor.

Each of the selected candidates will be given five minutes to make their presentation to Council for appointment, followed by a question and answer period that will not be limited. All twenty-two resumes were provided to the media at their public records request. The Mayor and Council agree that these proceedings, including interviews, would be public. Due to social distancing public seating is limited. Those wishing to listen to the live audio of the meetings may do so by clicking of the following link. This link will not be active until the Council Meeting begins at 6:00pm. <https://www.facebook.com/233577357056186/live/>

City Council will have its third and final reading of four pieces of legislation relating to the Sherwin Williams Project at Valor Acres during the Regular Meeting of City Council on Tuesday, August 18th . They include the City's agreement with the Brecksville Broadview Heights City School District creating tax increment finance (TIF); a TIF fund for this project; a replacement TIF adding the Dalad -Crowland Property, which will become part of Valor Acres; and lastly creating a 401.40 (B) TIF. The City and Sherwin Williams, along with the Developer DiGeronimo Companies, continue to move forward in preparation of a plan submittal to the Planning Commission, and ultimately City Council. There will be public hearings regarding these plans that will be announced later this year. We appreciate the cooperation of both the DiGeronimo Companies and Sherwin Williams.



Muni Lot Movies will have its first showing Friday, August 21, 2020. There will be two movie showings. The first at 5:00 pm with a showing of Disney's Moana. This movie, ideal for our younger children and their families. The second movie at 8:00 will be Guardians of the Galaxy. If you are interested in attending you must make a reservation due to limited space for proper distancing. You may choose to remain in your vehicle or you may choose

to bring a chair and a blanket. We ask that those attending adhere to proper distancing. Please call [440-546-2300](tel:440-546-2300) for reservations. We hope you can enjoy this evening with your family.



We are sure by now that families with children attending the Brecksville Broadview Heights City School District have been updated regarding the schools plan for the 2020-2021 school year. If you have not, please visit the school website at <https://www.bbhcsc.org/>



The outdoor Aquatics at the Community Center should be completed in the next month, but will not open this year. The addition to the Community Center natatorium should be completed this fall and we will have a dedication grand opening yet this year. Both projects have been slowed by Covid and an inability to get certain construction materials timely.



The excavation for the Brecksville-Broadview Heights Elementary School and Blossom Hill Fieldhouse is nearing completion. The foundation for the buildings and the utility work is on schedule. We apologize for the extraordinary truck traffic in and out of the site as part of the ongoing site work. Recent circumstances have resulted in truck traffic being rerouted from the site down and up Oakes Road to Route 21, and at times trucks on Glenwood Trail. Soon the truck traffic will diminish to truck trips to and from the site bring construction materials, which will be remarkably less in number than the current truck traffic we are now experiencing due to the site work. Again we apologize for any inconvenience it is causing those who live in the immediate area.



On behalf of the City, we extend our deepest sympathies to the family of former Brecksville Teacher and Coach, Ralph DeSantis. Mr. DeSantis was inducted into the BBHCSD Hall of Fame as part of the most recent class of honorees. He was a remarkable coach and teacher who touched many lives, and in many, many, ways. He will be missed but his memory will certainly live on.



We would like to congratulate Father Walt Jenne, who celebrated his 50th anniversary of his ministry, and recently retired as minister of St. Basil the Great Catholic Church. Father Jenne served on the City's Human Services Advisory Board for many years. We appreciate his dedication and express our most sincere appreciation for his many accomplishments, his devout ministry, and most of all his devotion and friendship to this community and the parish.



On a final note, there is a vacancy on the Telecommunications Commission and the Human Services Advisory Board due to the retirement of Father Jenne from Human Services Board and Jim Steiger from Telecommunications. If interested, provide a resume to Council Clerk Tammy Tabor at City Hall. [tabor@brecksville.oh.us](mailto:tabor@brecksville.oh.us)

God Bless,

Jerry N. Hrubby  
Mayor