

Message from Mayor Hruby December 17, 2020

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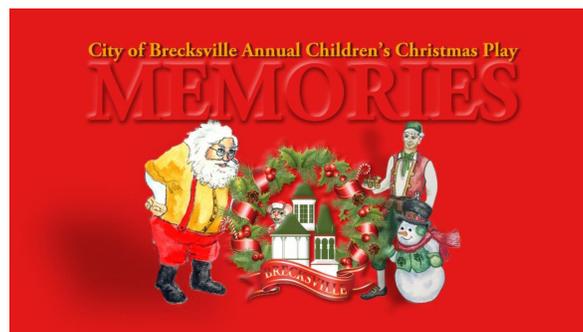
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From the Office of the Mayor
Jerry N. Hruby

The Brecksville Annual Children's Christmas Play produced at the Old Town Hall was cancelled this year. In its place, we are highlighting fourteen previous productions beginning Sunday, December 20th. This is the 49th consecutive year and we have 37 of the shows on video. Any plays that were made before video are on audio only. We hope you will enjoy the memories of these productions that are a gift of our City family featuring our employees, elected officials and their families. It is heartwarming to see so many young cast members who are now raising their own families and their children are part of our cast. To view the shows, go to the City's webpage, which will direct you to the City of Brecksville YouTube Account. You can also see the shows at the City's Facebook page. Most of the productions are between 25 and 50 minutes in length and they are certainly G-rated. The oldest play we are showing dates back to 1981 and the most recent is last year's 2019 production. Please enjoy the shows, which will be aired for 15 consecutive days.

I want to acknowledge and thank the City's video elf, Myles Rapkin. I would also like to express my appreciation to all the many members of our City family who have been part of this 49-year tradition, started in 1971 by then Mayor Jack Hruby and Brecksville resident Larry Dailey.



City Hall will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Community Center will be open from 5:30 am until NOON on both Christmas Eve and on New Year's Eve.

Recycling Center will be open from 8:00 am until NOON on Saturday, December 26th and Saturday, January 2nd.

There are Board and Commission openings effective January 1, 2021. If you are interested in serving on the Human Services Advisory Board, Board of Zoning, Civil Service Commission, Telecommunications, Board of Tax Review or Planning Commission, please submit your resume online to information@brecksville.oh.us by Monday, December 21st. Some current members are seeking reappointment and will be considered with all applicants.

I am pleased to report that this year's leaf recycling curbside pick-up resulted in a record number - in excess of just over 10,000 cubic yards. We thank our residents for their cooperation and being part of this recycling effort.

We also thank you for your cooperation with our special pick-up and chipping of the hundreds and hundreds of tree branches that were broken during the recent 12-inches of wet snowfall. Thank you to our Service Department, Police Department and Fire Department for their extraordinary efforts. Also, I thank our residents for the many compliments we received, and for the patience and cooperation demonstrated.

Thank you for all of the generous donations to our Yuletide Hunger program, which will provide food for some of our neighbors during this holiday season.

The holiday season brings a concern for yet another major increase in Covid-19 cases. The good news is that the vaccines are on the way. I cannot encourage you enough to abide by the policies and procedures that have been set forth by the State and County. Wearing of masks is absolutely necessary, as is your personal hygiene of washing your hands frequently and avoiding any gatherings above the limits set forth in the current recommendations. It is very important to your health, safety and welfare. We recognize this is a season when we normally gather with family and friends and you can do so certainly within the guidelines. Again, please check the information on the City webpage.

'Tis the Season. There are many scams in an attempt to get you to believe one of your typical email friends is seeking gift cards. Any email request should never be agreed to without personal contact with the person you believe you are communicating. A new scam, a sign of the times, is related to Covid-19. We have provided the following link to the Cuyahoga County Consumer Affairs for your review of the information entitled, "Protect Yourself from Coronavirus Scams." Please report any suspicious activity relating to these scams to our Police Department at 440-526-8900. Always use extreme caution to any and all requests for your private information or your hard-earned money.

https://consumeraffairs.cuyahogacounty.us/pdf_consumeraffairs/en-US/Consumer_Affairs_Covid19.pdf

A reminder, the City through the Regional Income Tax Agency, will no longer be collecting .25% of 1% in income tax for those residents who work outside of our City. We appreciate the revenues afforded the City these past six years and are very happy to see this tax sunset four years earlier than the Ordinance originally provided. This will take effect beginning January 1, 2021.

City calendars for 2021 may be picked up at City Hall, Community Center or Human Services Center. You must wear your mask upon entering all City

buildings until further notice.

God Bless,
Jerry N. Hruby
Mayor