

Message from Mayor Hruby 01-15-21

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From the Office of the Mayor
Jerry N. Hruby

The current round of stimulus checks are being sent to many people as debit cards instead of a Treasury check. This is causing some confusion; and, therefore, please refer to the following link that explains the current status of these payments. Go to: <https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/info-2020/stimulus-payment-debit-cards/>. You will receive an article entitled “Don’t Toss Out Your Stimulus Payment with the Junk Mail”.



There is much activity and discussion as a result of the major hospitals offering information regarding the opportunity to participate in the upcoming Covid-19 anti-virus inoculations. Dr. Steve Paciorek, our Director of Human Services, has placed information on the City Webpage that I certainly suggest you review. Although information changes daily, as of January 15, 2021 the City of Brecksville has received the public health information as follows. We are pleased to share information, as released to date, about the next phase of the vaccination plan. Governor DeWine has announced that local health agencies will begin vaccinating people age 80 and over – some of our most vulnerable residents – on Tuesday January 19, 2021.

Here is a full list of locations that are administering the COVID vaccine. <https://www.ccbh.net/covid-19-phase-1b-provider-list/>

The tentative timeline for January and February, as approved by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) is:

- People age 80 and older (week of January 19)
- People age 75 and older; Younger people with severe congenital, developmental or early-onset medical disorders (week of January 25)
- People age 70 and older; Employees of K-12 schools who wish to remain or return to in-person or hybrid models (week of February 1)
- People age 65 and older (week of February 8)

Please note that beyond these groups, ODH's vaccine distribution plan is still under development.

We are recommending that our residents do the following:

1. Click on this link from the Cuyahoga County Board of Health to find the closest vaccination location: <https://www.ccbh.net/covid-19-phase-1b-provider-list/>
2. Contact your Doctor/General Practitioner/Hospital/Pharmacy to see if they are administering the vaccine. If so, ask to register.
3. Please contact the Human Services Department at 440-526-2499 if you need help doing the above.

Please keep a close eye on the City's Webpage, as vaccines are going to become available in the near future. www.brecksville.oh.us



As Covid continues and retail marketing, purchasing and product distribution is at an all-time high in our nation, our Service Department continues to deal with the thousands of cardboard items that are submitted by our residents not only at our curbside program but also at our Saturday drop-off recycling program. We continue our plea and instructions asking our residents to break down the cardboard boxes as part of your regular recycling preparation. You certainly can understand our crews cannot take the time while stopped on the roadway to breakdown your cardboard boxes. They therefore pick them up and must make added trips to our recycling center due to the fact that the space required for each box greatly limits the numbers that will fit in our trailers and truck beds. We have on countless occasions asked our residents to help us by making this part of your recycling routine. I would hope your voluntary compliance will take place. Please help us and understand the importance of this request. We have been asking for your compliance annually in the City Calendar and in various points of City information, including our Webpage and this email. We appreciate your attention to this matter.



Reminder that the City Calendar for 2021 is available at City Hall. Please enter the front door during business hours, of course wearing your mask, where the calendars are located on a table by the entrance doorway and to your left on the south side of the lobby. Feel free to help yourself. There seems to be a limited number still available, so I encourage you to do so as soon as possible.



On Monday, City Council will hold a legislative council meeting at 5:00 p.m. It will be a virtual meeting. <https://www.facebook.com/233577357056186/live>. It is a one item agenda. The Committee will hear the recommendations of the Building Department, Law Department and the Mayor-Administration for revisions to our sign ordinance to be submitted to our Planning Commission for comments and then legislation to be considered by City Council amending our current ordinance.



Lastly, as our major cities, including Columbus, Ohio, are taking extraordinary precautions due to the fact that threats are being made nationally and that protests may take place resulting in acts of violence, property destruction, theft and other elements of civil disturbance and disobedience, violations of the law. Your City safety forces are aware of these threats although no threats have been made in and around our specific locality. We will continue to monitor information referred to us by county, state and federal law enforcement organizations.

I certainly disagree with the unlawful acts that we have witnessed throughout this nation. The attack on federal, state and local facilities, the damage to private properties, the physical harm and loss of life must be stopped and those who continue to commit these criminal acts must be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. This City government strongly affirms one's right to gather under the First Amendment but to commit these acts in the name of the freedoms of our Constitution is completely dangerous and erodes the rights of our citizens. We will continue as a City to respect individual rights and liberties within the limits of our Constitution both state and federal, state statute and city ordinances. Persons committing such criminal acts should be prosecuted in accordance with the law and not be excused, overlooked or condoned because it is as a result of their actions in the name of freedom of speech and protest demonstrations. Freedom of speech and protest demonstrations are not illegal. To cloak one's criminal actions in the name of freedom of speech or protest is unconscionable excuse or justification. It's time to move on. It's time to heal. It's time to show respect for one another and compliance with the law. My best to you.

God Bless,
Jerry N. Hruby
Mayor

