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Tomorrow, Tuesday June 9th, at 4:00 pm, a demonstration in support of “Black Lives Matter” will be held within the City of Brecksville Municipal Parking Lot. The organizer, a Brecksville resident, obtained the necessary permit.

We have been receiving calls regarding this event, and believe notice should be given to our residents in an effort to answer some of the rumors that certainly are circulating throughout social media and by word of mouth.

The City acknowledges its responsibilities in upholding the United States Constitution, and the Constitution of the State of Ohio. The right to assemble and the right to free speech are certainly at issue, and are protected. The organizer is calling for a peaceful demonstration. A peaceful gathering is expected, and its purpose is to demonstrate support for the “Black Lives Matter” movement and against social injustices. Some have raised other issues and may speak to those issues and other matters.

There have been some who believe this is an opportunity to teach their children about these issues, and have asked whether or not families with children are welcome. Whether you, your family, friends or whomever attend, it is an individual decision and no one has indicated this demonstration rally is for any specific group of people.

Some are troubled that this event is being permitted within our City, and others, of course, support this demonstration. Brecksville City Officials have taken an oath to uphold the Constitution, and therefore, to deny this request would be to deny one’s rights to assemble and one’s right to free speech. Our local Law Enforcement and City Safety Services have a history and reputation for their professionalism. Many of you strongly support our Police and Safety Forces. Please know this protest /demonstration is not aimed towards our City Police Department, but seeks to bring awareness to the current national issue. Our Police Department has been offering mutual aid to other cities to ensure the safety of those that wish to demonstrate, as well as protect the persons and the property of those not involved in the demonstration in the various surrounding suburbs. The City has assured the organizer we will do everything in our power to keep the peace,

and to protect the safety and welfare of all. That is our responsibility, and we take it very seriously.

We hope that any resident in attendance will be respectful, and help to maintain that this demonstration will remain peaceful. We remind the public of the continued concern of the COVID-19 virus, and ask that you be safe and continue to acknowledge the risk of this virus to your health. Please be respectful of each other's opinions and understand that reasonable people can disagree.



The Community Center has reopened, and I want to thank our members and our visitors for their assistance in helping us maintain the current Board of Health / State of Ohio requirements. Soon we will be opening Kids Quarters, our city playground. We will also be opening up the Field House at the Community Center with certain restrictions. Every week it appears more and more restrictions or limitations are being discontinued or revised. We will keep you advised by placing notices almost daily on our web page.

Congratulations to those who are Graduate Members of this 2020 class. We wish you the very best in your future endeavors, and we recognize your final months of school and your graduations were not to your expectations. Your futures are about to unfold... make the most of it!

God Bless,

Jerry N. Hruby
Mayor



