

## The latest news for you

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*From the Office of the Mayor*  
*Jerry N. Fruby*

Tonight's Planning Commission meeting has been cancelled.

The legislation authorizing the agreements between the City and the Sherwin Williams Company have now been read three times and unanimously approved by City Council. The City has ongoing discussions with Sherwin Williams and the developer will be, in the next several months, working on the design plans for the new facility at Valor Acres.

In compliance with EPA and the April 15th Indiana Bat regulations deadline, the site clearing at Blossom Hill for the new Elementary School and Fieldhouse Project is underway. The trees to be removed have been cut down, and in the days to come the logs will be removed from the site.

We have had the opportunity to communicate with many of you, via e-mail, who have concerns regarding continuation of city programs and the use of city facilities for the immediate future. Our programs and use of or facilities are temporarily suspended. Our employees obviously are continuing to provide city services and we are taking this opportunity to attend to some maintenance issues taking advantage of our closed recreation facilities. We encourage our older residents to contact the Human Services Department if they have questions, concerns, or special needs. We too, extend this offer to any resident who wishes information for special assistance.

City Hall remains open, however, we are strongly recommending contacting city staff via telephone or e-mail and, following County Board of Health recommendations, limiting personal contact. If it is essential that you require a personal visit please feel free to do so as we believe in our obligations to serve our public.

Our local restaurants that remain open for carry-out business are doing their best in an attempt to serve their customers. We ask that you understand the impact upon our local businesses and consider buying locally.

We continue to recommend you visit the Cuyahoga County Board of Health site at <https://www.ccbh.net/>, as well as the State of Ohio webpage at <https://governor.ohio.gov/> to receive daily updates of the coronavirus.

Protocol to question those seeking the services of the Brecksville Fire/Ambulance, resulting in a few questions regarding patient's symptoms, has been very well received and has been determined to be very helpful. Questions regarding the patient's symptoms pre alert our staff and medical staff at the various medical facilities so they can prepare and take special precautions if the symptoms meet the criteria of the coronavirus or flu. We continue to encourage our citizens to follow the recommendation of limited contact, proper hygiene, and we ask you recognize that all levels of government, with the medical professionals, each day are bringing us closer to various resolutions in dealing with this coronavirus. Extraordinary measures being taken is an attempt to limit the spread of this virus.

Our Police Chief, William Goodrich, and his staff, and I have prepared an informative set of guidelines and information as a result of our safety forces responsibility for your safety and welfare. It can be read below. Please review its content closely and if you have any questions please feel free to contact your Police Department.

We will continue to update you, via these e-mails, and again also pay close attention to the daily press conferences held by Governor DeWine and his staff, as well as the daily release of information from the Cuyahoga Board of Health. We thank you all for your cooperation knowing that we are all inconvenienced in some way.

Lastly, I remind you how resilient we are with excellent medical facilities in this region and the reassurance that we are all working together, in a quite positive way, and looking forward to the day when this is all behind us.

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### **From the Department of Public Safety**

Dear Resident:

The Brecksville Police Department would like to advise the Community of the precautions we have taken or will be putting in place to ensure that we will be able to continue to serve your needs as we navigate our way through the COVID-19 pandemic together. These actions are based on the guidelines set forth by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), The Ohio Department of Health, The Cuyahoga County Board of Health. The actions follow the orders of the Governor of the State of Ohio and are in accordance with the recommendation of national and international police organizations.

First and foremost, it is important to recognize that we must do everything that we can to try to keep our officers healthy so that they can continue to respond to the needs of the Community. As police officers, we, just like you, are not immune to any illness including COVID-19. Officers must also practice the same health precautions outlined by the above mentioned health organizations to include social distancing, avoiding unnecessary contact with others and only performing those tasks deemed essential. These precautions will not only keep the officer healthy, but just as importantly, the general public as well.

Effective immediately and until further notice, the following necessary precautions will be added to the daily operations of the Brecksville Police Department:

All Emergency calls for service and the response to all essential calls for assistance will be handled as usual. If you have an emergency, please dial 911 for assistance immediately.

When calling Dispatch for a medical emergency, a series of screening questions will be asked in order to help first responders better prepare and respond to your emergency. These are standard questions asked of all needing medical attention. Please be patient and answer as honestly as you can.

Unless it is an emergency or urgent matter, the Brecksville Police Department would like all visitors to first call the Department and/or CVD Dispatch before coming to the police station. Your information will be taken and the call given to an officer immediately. You will be called back as soon as possible and given instructions on how to proceed with the matter. A report may be taken over the telephone, the officer may instruct you to come to the station or the information may be logged.

If you need to or are directed to go to the police station, please limit the number of people entering the station to only those necessary.

The Department will temporarily be suspending some non-essential services such as performing lock

outs not involving urgency and civilian fingerprinting.

It is times like these that make us aware of the strong character of our Community. Neighbors helping and looking out for other neighbors. Strangers volunteering to help those in need. That Community spirit shines bright in this wonderful City of Brecksville. Unfortunately, times like these also bring out the worst and darkest part of humanity. There are individuals who will try to take advantage of the situation for their own gain by preying on others who are vulnerable or may become vulnerable due to the increasingly stressful situation we are all dealing with.

There are two types of despicable individuals/groups that I would like to bring to your attention. Scammers and outright thieves. Please be aware that phone and computer scams rise, especially with the elderly, during situations like the one we are in now. As always, hang up, do not respond back and definitely do not give out any personal information. If you are unsure if it is legitimate or not, do not hesitate to contact the police or seek the advice of trusted loved ones. There are also those that may find every opportunity they can to try and take something that is not theirs. Secure your houses and cars. Report any suspicious activity or individuals to the police and please look out for one another in your neighborhood. You are an extension of our eyes and ears. The Police Department will be giving special attention and patrols to the neighborhoods and to businesses that may be effected by the COVID-19 pandemic in some way.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me. We are all in this together, and we will get through this together. We appreciate your patience and understanding and ask that you continue to be our valued partner as we do our best to keep the City of Brecksville as safe and healthy as possible.

Sincerely,

Jerry N. Hruby  
Mayor

and

William P. Goodrich  
Chief of Police

