

## Message from Mayor Hruby - 03-23-21

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

### **Ohio's Severe Weather Awareness Week (March 21 – 27, 2021)**

**Tomorrow at 9:50 am, Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**, our community will participate in the Statewide Tornado Drill **testing** our Emergency Alert System. We encourage our households to discuss and prepare their emergency plans should there be a severe weather or tornado alert. Discussions should be held with your family as to your individual household emergency plans. Information regarding this preparedness can be found on the City's webpage. Below is a direct link to our City Emergency Preparedness Manual.

[https://brecksville.oh.us/Fire/fire\\_pdfs/EmergencyPreparedness.pdf](https://brecksville.oh.us/Fire/fire_pdfs/EmergencyPreparedness.pdf)



On Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, the Brecksville Planning Commission will hold its next meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Ralph W. Biggs City Council Chambers of City Hall. In doing our part to prevent the spread of Covid-19, you may listen to the live stream of the Planning Commission Meeting, at

<https://www.facebook.com/233577357056186>

or the City's website under the City Hall, Planning Commission section. Of special interest at this meeting will be the Commission's consideration of the DiGeronimo Companies' Valor Acres Residential Phase of their development.



Discussions are ongoing with staff regarding our Memorial Day Celebration (May 31<sup>st</sup>) and our Annual Home Days Celebration, which is currently

scheduled for June 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Due to the uncertainty of the future directives of the Governor's office regarding Covid-19, we are making plans to reschedule Home Days to a weekend in July or August. That announcement should be forthcoming soon. Our Memorial Day plans will be announced in the immediate weeks to come.



Although no date has been set, Blue Habanero will open its restaurant in the downtown Brecksville business district in the space that was once occupied by the Waterfall Brewery. Also, Farinacci Pizza will be opening soon at the southeast corner of Rt. 21 and Fitzwater Road. Watch for those announcements.

Our local restaurants and downtown businesses extend their gratitude to our residents for their support during this pandemic. Our local businesses have worked tirelessly to protect their customers and staff from the threat of Covid-19. As the vaccinations continue, we are all encouraged to practice the wearing of masks, distancing and personal hygiene. As the numbers of Covid-19 cases and deaths decline, please remember that this is by no means over but the positive progress in dealing with this pandemic is mounting.



Our Spring and Summer Recreation Programs have experienced near maximum registrations. We look forward to a full spring and summer of programs - knowing our participants will cooperate with all local and State Covid-19 guidelines for these programs.



We look forward to the opening of the expansion of our Jack A. Hruby Natatorium and the new outdoor pool facility. Please take an opportunity to visit the Community Center and take sneak preview of these new facilities. Once the season is open and need for expanded parking begins, we will be sharing a portion of the Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church parking lot immediately adjacent to Kids' Quarters. Access will be from the south drive of the Community Center. Do not utilize the main driveway of the Church. Further information regarding the grand openings will be coming soon.



Sherwin-Williams has been granted a tree clearing permit as has the Residential Phase of Valor Acres. The City's Arborist supervised these projects and made sure no tree cutting took place outside the boundaries of the tree clearing permit.



Design is ongoing for the I-77 Miller Road ramps and Miller Road Bridge over I-77 widening.



Reminder, the City's Income Tax Credit of 100% was reinstated effective January 1, 2021. The Income Tax Credit was reinstated four years earlier than anticipated and came about as a result of the three consecutive years of \$18+ million in income tax revues. One of the criteria for the sunset to take place. The City's financial plan in dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic resulted in income tax revenues exceeding \$18 million during this past Covid-19 pandemic 2020 year. No layoffs. No salary reductions. No City Services were eliminated. The programs that were cancelled came as a result of either State mandates or lack of participation. Our initial review of budgetary expenditures for 2021 look quite promising.



The Cuyahoga County Board of Health and our local and immediate surrounding Fire Departments are working together in anticipation of providing a vaccination center sometime in late April. At that point, those 16 and older who have not been vaccinated will be encouraged to do so. More information will be forthcoming as the plans are finalized.



Council President Michael Harwood is continuing his healthy recovery and is expected to return to Council meetings beginning in April. Currently, he is

working from home and has asked me to pass along to those of you who have expressed your well wishes for his speedy recovery that he is extremely grateful and appreciative.

God Bless,  
Jerry N. Hruby  
Mayor

