



From the Office of the Mayor
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Governor DeWine announced last Thursday the scheduled restart to barbershops, hair salons, day spas, nail salons and other services. This date will be this Friday, May 15. That day we will also be able to restart our outdoor dining for restaurants and bars. Ohio is only one of a few states who are not distinguishing between a restaurant and a bar. Indoor dining is to reopen a week later on May 21. During this next week, these services are going to be working hard to figure out how to best serve you and keep their customers safe as well as their employees and follow all mandates in place as far as distancing. I recommend calling to schedule appointments as opposed to showing up and waiting. This protects you and others and will give you the opportunity to learn these individual services' new and temporary rules.

As a reminder, retail is restarting tomorrow, May 12th. Please remain diligent while supporting our local businesses. I encourage you all to continue to be exceedingly cautious, wash your hands, practice distancing, and wear face coverings if you can. We must work together to personally, and collectively, watch out for our friends, family, and neighbors. We have been told that this is going to be a slow restart as we monitor outcomes of opening different sectors. I want to thank you all for your patience and understanding

The most recent information from the Governor's Office are below for your review.

Memorial Day

With the current "Stay at Home" Order of Governor DeWine, we are not able to have our normal Memorial Day Parade from City Hall to the Highland Drive Cemetery, and Memorial Service at Highland Cemetery. Therefore, we are preparing a Memorial Day Remembrance that will include a video to be aired on YouTube and the City's webpage and Facebook. Included in this video will be a memorial remembrance of past Memorial Day ceremonies. It will highlight speakers who have addressed our community on this day, a day that we

remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation and our freedoms. We are asking our residents who wish to honor a loved one who served by providing us an image of that person including their name, military branch, years of service, and any message you may wish to include. We are also asking from your family and children who would like to create an image honoring our fallen veterans, send us an image and they will be made part of this video. Please visit the City webpage for instructions. The City will be placing a display on Public Square and we will decorate Highland Cemetery as we always do, if you wish to drive through and pay your respects. We are also considering a caravan of city vehicles driving throughout the community. More information about Memorial Day will be sent to you and also be placed on our webpage and Facebook so that you can be part of the celebration either by watching, driving through the cemetery, or whatever final program will be.

Around Town

To date, no decision has been made as to whether or not Home Days will take place. That decision will be made in the next two weeks. We are also uncertain of a time when we will be able to reopen our Community Center. Although we do not have a specific date, we are planning certain measures to make our members as safe as possible once the center does reopen. Construction continues on the outdoor pool and Natatorium expansion, here to, we cannot even suggest an opening date.

Our Service Department continues all services except the Saturday Recycling Drop-off. We have separated our staff amongst various buildings to meet the distancing requirements. All our staff are wearing masks unless they are alone in their office, or unless a certain criteria is met exempting one from wearing a mask.

The Road Program is continuing. Please be careful when driving in these areas. Please also refrain from entering any construction work areas. The conditions are quite dangerous in these areas and we ask that you speak to your children, explain these dangers, and make sure they stay away during day and off times.

City Council meetings will continue to be teleconferenced until further notice. We will be sending out information for the May 19th meeting by Friday, May 15th. Any questions, please contact City Hall at 440-526-4351.

Many communities in Cuyahoga County have suspended or terminated programs for this year, some have announced certain facilities will be closed for the remainder of the year. We are deciding those issues almost weekly, and are dedicated to ensuring the safety of our residents, visitors, and staff, if any programs are resumed or facilities reopen. Therefore, please note, there may be certain restrictions on their use and participation.

Blue ribbons will appear around the city in honor and support of Law Enforcement. You will also see red ribbons being displaced in support of the Senior Class of 2020.

We thank the community, quite sincerely, for the many donations to the food pantry. Some of you have been so very generous, and we thank you for helping those who are truly in need. We are so very proud of the generosity of our community and willingness to help each other. It truly is remarkable to see.

Please feel free to call upon our Department Heads if you have any questions or comments regarding city programs. I welcome your questions, and always welcome your input I have had the opportunity to speak to many of you, and appreciate your support as we continue to keep safe and continue essential services you require. Each day seems we are moving towards a decrease in the restrictions of the “Stay at Home” Order. Let us not drop our guard now. We must continue to be diligent and again because we have been diligent a calendar towards the end of the restrictions is in the near future. We thank you all for your cooperation and support.

As always, if I can be of assistance to any of you please feel free to contact my cellphone 216-316-6666.

God Bless,

Jerry N. Hruby
Mayor

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