

## Message from Mayor Hruby - 11-5-2021

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

Congratulations to the Brecksville City Council members elect. Thank you to the citizens of our fine city who voted in this election. I look forward to working with our next City Council as we face the many challenges as well as wonderful opportunities to continue “building our future with respect for our past”. It is an exciting time in our history. All of you who ran for a City Council seat worked hard in presenting your campaign to the residents and dedicated your time toward presenting your position on the issues presented to you throughout the campaign. The voter, in my opinion, appreciated your efforts and the professional manner in which you conducted your campaign.

Two candidates were not elected, Merri Gunzler and Steve Schadler. They were part of many discussions and dialog regarding our City government. They campaigned feverishly. Thank you for your willingness to serve our City as a member of City Council. I know your efforts were recognized by those who voted for you and honored you with their vote. You worked hard. I wish you well.

And so another City election has passed. We should always pay attention to the issues raised during the campaigns and realize that reasonable people can disagree reasonably. All opinions should be treated with respect. Those elected should remember who elected them. Accept the trust of the voters and that you will represent the best interests of the community. Do so with great pride and dignity in and for our City. I truly look forward to furthering the excellent governance of the city by sharing those tasks jointly and with my full support.



As part of the first order of business for City Council beginning in January, City Council will appoint members to the various Boards and Commissions. Current members whose terms will expire often ask to be reappointed and that is at the

discretion of City Council. For the Mayoral appointments, the Mayor recommends to City Council and City Council decides whether or not they will agree with the Mayor's appointment. If they disagree, the Mayor is to submit another name until there is consensus. Some Board and Commission appointments are Council Representatives. They are determined by the Council President with concurrence of the majority of City Council. The following appointments will expire at the end of the year:

Human Services Advisory Board – recommended by the Mayor, appointed by City Council. There is one term expiring January 1, 2022.

Board of Construction Design and Review – recommended by the Mayor, appointed by City Council. There is one appointment expiring January 1, 2022. This appointee must be a licensed real estate broker, real estate appraiser, architect or engineer.

Board of Zoning Appeals – City Council appointment, one seat will expire January 1, 2022.

Planning Commission – City Council appointment, one term expires January 1, 2022.

Recreation Commission – recommended by the Mayor, appointed by City Council. Two positions will expire on January 1, 2022.

Telecommunications Commission – City Council appointment, two positions will expire January 1, 2022.

Anyone wishing to apply may do so by submitting their resume to City Hall to the attention of City Council Clerk Tammy Tabor. They may submit them electronically at [information@brecksville.oh.us](mailto:information@brecksville.oh.us). Any questions regarding appointments should be made to Clerk Tabor for Council appointments and the Mayor's office for mayoral appointments.



Ellen Kramer and Tish Kwiatkowski were elected on November 2nd to the Brecksville-Broadview Heights School Board. Tish Kwiatkowski will be the new member of the School Board and we wish her and reelected member Ellen Kramer the very best and I offer the full support of our City government during their tenure in office. The third candidate, current School Board President Fred Pedersen, fell short in the vote count and was not reelected. We thank Fred for the contributions he made toward improving the educational opportunities and facilities of our school district. We thank him for his tenure and leadership.



Legislation will be introduced at the November 16 City Council meeting considering the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Rachele Kay Fitz Engle, as the City's Recreation Director, which includes management and oversight of the Recreation Department, Community Center and all related personnel and facilities. Rachele is a graduate of Marist College, where she graduated Cum Laude. She was a 3-time MAAC All-Academic team member and achieved ESPN the Magazine honors twice. She was also a 3-time MAAC Player of the Year, as she captained their basketball team for three years. Rachele was the first woman basketball player in Marist College history to have her jersey retired. She received the Marist Sportsperson of the Year Award and she was inducted into the Marist College Hall of Fame. She was the design person of the 2010 Breast Cancer Awareness brand for the MAAC Basketball Association. She has overseen many national tournaments, as well as being Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer of Ohio Basketball / TFN Camps & Clinics, Inc. She is married and recently a new mother. Her expertise has been in multi-complex events, marketing and brand management, as well as project and personnel management. We are excited in bringing Rachele to our City family as our new Recreation Director. In the days prior to beginning as Director, she will be meeting and greeting City staff, City Council, and familiarizing herself with our facilities. We wish her the very best and look forward to her employment with the City.



Please be careful and exercise caution when driving or walking on the west side of Brecksville Road in our business district, just south of Rt. 82, due to ongoing construction at the former bank building on the southwest corner and the Masonic Temple building midway down the west side of the business district. Both buildings are receiving some upgrades and at times are blocking the sidewalk, or construction workers are engaged in their work that may interfere or delay your ability to walk or drive through this area.





Be sure to “fall back” your clocks one hour as we change to Standard time. Clocks should be turned back one hour at 2:00 am Sunday, November 7.



A reminder that City Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 11 as we observe Veterans Day.



Due to the holiday, the Job Fair at the Human Services Center Gathering Room will be conducted on Friday, November 12 from 9:00am to 1:30pm. If you are looking for employment, please visit this Job Fair sponsored by the City and will include the House of LaRose, Applied Medical Technology, Caruso Coffee, Lubrizol, City of Brecksville, and Creekside Restaurant.

God Bless,  
Jerry N. Hruby  
Mayor



