

Message from Mayor Hruby - 09/09/21

City of Brecksville

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From the Office of the Mayor
Jerry N. Hruby

I will begin with a reminder that school is back in session and we need to be mindful of the fact that children, school buses, and parents transporting their children back and forth to school are taking place and we need to be very cautious not only in the school zones and on school property but as you drive about the community.



In that same vein, we have recommended City Council to amend the penalty section of our traffic laws, which will increase the fine to those speeding in excess of 20 miles over the limit and greater. Over the past several months, vehicular traffic has increased in speed and quite frankly in some instances resulting in accidents involving property damage and personal injuries. We ask you to please slow down. Often times when we monitor speeds in specific neighborhoods, of course, we find that it is the residents themselves who are not complying with the speed limits designated for their area.





This Saturday, September 11 – 9/11 – is the 20th Anniversary of the tragedies that took place in this nation on that fateful day. As Brecksville residents, we remember one of our own William Moskal, who perished in the Twin Towers. We remember all who perished and acknowledge the fact that many lives were lost as a result of injuries and illnesses that resulted from the tragedies in New York, Washington DC and Shanksville, PA. One day after 9/11, a sign was erected on Public Square simply reciting the words of the Irving Berlin song, “God Bless America.” It has become a symbol of our communities’ respect and our constant remembrance of those victims.

Please be a part of our community who takes the time in some way to acknowledge and remember all of those lives lost as a result of 9/11. We must also not forget all of those brave men and women heroes of our military who were deployed for many years in the Middle East. May God bless each and every one of them. Our City remembers faithfully the loss of one our hometown boys, Marine Sgt. Dennis Kancler, USMC, who gave his life while defending this Country’s interests in Afghanistan.



On Saturday, September 11th, the Brecksville Firefighters Association is holding its Annual Clambake. There will be a brief ceremony in honor of this 20th Anniversary of 9/11. For those who wish to support our local Firefighters Association, you may purchase tickets and attend the event in person, drive up and pick up your ‘bakes or there will be outside seating provided on a first-come, first-served basis. We recognize the increase in Covid cases and wish to keep those in attendance safe at a level that those attending may select of these three ways to enjoy your clambake and support the Brecksville Firefighters Assn. Tickets may be obtained by visiting the Fire Station, north of City Hall.



It was the first anniversary of the death Cleveland Police Detective and Brecksville resident James Skernivitz, who was murdered while performing his

duties. Our prayers go out to the Skernivitz family.



On Saturday, September 18th from 9:00am to 12:00 noon will be our Document Shred Day at the Service Garage – Muni Lot. The service is free, of course, but we do ask you to bring a nonperishable food item with you that will be donated to the Human Services Pantry. Our Human Services Department provides food for those who are in need and twice a year when we hold these Shred Days, our generous residents provide food that helps fill the shelves and make life better for those who benefit. Thank you in advance for your support.



The Sherwin-Williams project has received preliminary approval of the Brecksville Planning Commission and City Council. The DiGeronimo Company continues to work with the Planning Commission for the design of their residential development and the VA Monument, both part of the residential phase of Valor Acres. The design for the reconstruction and improvements to Miller Road – the intersection itself, Southpointe Parkway and the Interchange at I-77 and Miller Road, are underway. The City has received two grants for the Miller Road improvement portion from the Ohio Department of Transportation. One in the amount of \$600,000 and the other in the amount of \$150,000. The City has been notified that we have been placed on the draft list of the Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC), which will award funds for the I-77 Miller Interchange Project. It awaits final approval and will be announced at that time.



On Saturday, September 25th, the City has announced a City-Wide Garage Sale for those residents who wish to participate. We ask that you prepare your own sign to be displayed beginning on the Thursday before the event and if you wish your address and items you are offering for sale will be posed online on the City's Webpage where we are promoting this event. This event is also being promoted on other social media. Although this is our first City-Wide Garage Sale, we hope to make this an annual event and refine the way it is conducted

based on the previous year's experience. There is no fee and no registration required. We ask our residents to have patience with those parking on the street and visiting the various sales. Please observe the No Parking Zones and parking is permitted on only one side of the street. Please be sure to secure your house during the sale and all monies collected kept on your person, rather than in a cash box. Unfortunately, from time to time, people take advantage of the opportunity to steal and are bold enough to enter your unlocked home or steal your cash box. Please report any suspicious activity to our Police Department.



The City received \$1,111,175 from the North East Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) towards the improvements to be made on Glenwood Trail. These funds come from MCIP Program. These improvements are to take place in 2022.



There will be a Public Hearing regarding the proposed rezoning and development of the Central School property on September 28th at 6:30 p.m. Anyone wishing to make their comments known should be in attendance or you can submit your comments to information@brecksville.oh.us.

City Council, based upon the recommendation of the Administration, has rejected the two proposals for development of this property. Therefore, we are starting the process again to determine what zoning and development should be recommended to the electorate.



In this fall's General Election, four members of City Council will be elected and two members of the Brecksville-Broadview Heights School Board will be elected. Voting will take place on Tuesday, November 2nd. The candidates for City Council are AJ Ganim, Merri Gunzler, Daryl Kingston, Beth Savage, Steve Schadler and Brian Stucky. The candidates for School Board candidates are Ellen Kramer, Tish Kwiatkowski and Fred Pederson.

Early voting begins on October 5. Please check the Cuyahoga County Board of

Elections website for instructions and hours of operation. We encourage you to make yourself familiar with the candidates and their qualifications so you will be, as I hope you always are, an informed voting public.

Three members of City Council, totaling 50 years of service, are not running for reelection. Therefore for the first time in the past 34 years, we will have three members of City Council who have not served as members of Council before. We have one candidate with roughly one year on City Council, who is an incumbent seeking election, along with the other three incumbents, two of whom have served only two years. This is a very important election. We wish our candidates well and we thank them for their willingness to serve both City Council and the Brecksville-Broadview Heights School Board.



September 9, 2021 is the 245th Anniversary of the Second Continental Congress formally adopting the name of the new nation to be the United States of America, replacing the term United Colonies of America. Let our history be a reminder of our nation's patriotism and love of country.

God Bless,
Jerry N. Hruby
Mayor

