

Mayor's Message



On behalf of the Administration we congratulate Councilmember Michael Harwood on his re-election as City Council President and congratulations to long time Councilmember, Gerald Broski, for being elected Vice President of Council. Both were administered the oath of office on January 2. We look forward to working with City Council and its leadership and have pledged on behalf of the Administration our fullest cooperation as we enter a year which will certainly see the largest expansion of our community facilities in some time. These projects will provide better and more efficient services for our community. The new police station will be dedicated and work will begin on the new natatorium and outdoor aquatics facility at the Community Center. The design and planning of the field house will go forward in conjunction with the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District's elementary school on the Blossom Property. Other exciting things to look forward to will be planning for the redevelopment of Central School and Valor Acres (the former VA property.)

Financial Progress

In 2019 we begin the first of what will be three years that our income tax revenue will exceed 18 million dollars per year which will trigger at the end of year three the return to a 100% income tax credit. We are so very pleased that our prediction that the income tax credit reduction would not last the full ten years is becoming reality.

Important Meetings Coming Up

On Monday January 21st at 7:00 pm the City will hold a public meeting in the Ralph W. Biggs City Council Chambers at City Hall to discuss the future of the Central School property that will come under the ownership of the City as part of the Blossom Hill Elementary School property exchange. We encourage the residents of Old Town and residents interested in the future of the property to attend. Your input is important to our future planning. The City Planning Commission will also review the use of this property and also hold public meetings in determining their recommendation to City Council for the future use of this property which most probably will include a rezoning of the land.

On Tuesday January 22nd at 7:00 in the Ralph W. Biggs City Council Chambers at City Hall, the City will also hold a public meeting to discuss the new Blossom School and the concerns of residents in the area regarding the impact of the school on traffic in the Barr, Oakes, Glenwood and Avery areas. Representatives of the City School District, the Metroparks, and the City of Broadview Heights have also been invited to take part in this meeting and discussion. We encourage residents in that area also to attend what will be the first of a series of public meetings regarding the new Blossom School and City fieldhouse project.

My State of the City Address sponsored by the Brecksville Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Human Services Center Gathering Room on Wednesday, February 20th at 6:00 pm. The actual presentation will begin at approximately 7 pm following the meet and greet time and the Chamber's Business of the Year Award presentation. My Conversation with the Mayor program will be at the Human Services Center on Tuesday, February 19th at 2:00 pm. I will also present the State of the City address to civic organizations and neighborhood associations.

“My State of the City Address will be February 20 at 6 pm”

Democracy Day will be held on February 26th at 7:00 pm in the Gathering Room of the Human Services Center pursuant to City Ordinance. The purpose of the meeting is to examine the impact of political contributions by corporations, unions, PACS and Super-PACS on the City. It calls for a constitutional amendment overturning Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission. A representative of the Democracy Day Committee, the Council President and Mayor, and members of the public are welcome to voice their perspectives of this issue. This is the fourth Democracy Day. The Ordinance is to expire in February of 2023.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources will be conducting an open house to discuss what they believe to be an infestation of Gypsy moths in the Amber Lane and Bradford Village neighborhoods. They plan to have an aerial spraying this year. This open house will discuss their plans and answer questions from our residents. It will be on Tuesday, February 19th from 5 to 9 pm at the Community Center.



Landscape Change at Miller and 21

The Valor Acres environmental cleanup should be completed by the end of February and the demolition of the buildings will then begin. This spring there will be public meetings to discuss the future of this property. We will seek public input during meetings that will present the developer's preliminary design based upon the vision of the City.

Economic development will be a main focus of our administration during 2019 as there is much anticipation over plans to renovate and seek new tenants for the limited vacancy of down town, the development of further planning of the 82/77 properties in Brecksville as well as Valor Acres.

Thank you to those residents who serve on our Boards and Commissions and dedicate their time by volunteering their experience and talents toward the work of each board and commission.

Sooner or Later

Although as of this writing we have had no measurable snow, obviously we will see snow in the weeks and months to come. Please be sure to drive safely and adhere to the snow ban parking requirements and at the same time please use common sense if parking on City streets so as to not obstruct traffic. Please conform to the side of the street that vehicles are parked on rather than "your side" of the street. This applies to not only when it snows but at any time throughout the year.

Periodically during the year our office sends updates via e-mail to those residents who have provided their e-mail address to the City. If you would like to receive these e-mails please call the City Hall receptionist at 526-4351 with your e-mail address or go online at information@brecksville.oh.us .

On behalf of the Administration, the entire City Staff and City Council we wish you all a very Happy New Year. May it bring you good health, prosperity and happiness.

Mayor Jerry N. Hruby

Council President Report



As per the City Charter, under Section 7 Meetings; Council may call an executive session of its members for any regular or special Council meeting or committee meetings, or adjourn any regular or special Council meeting or committee meeting into executive session in any of the following circumstances:

1. In any matter involving personnel including the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of any employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee or official;
2. To consider the purchase, sale, lease or other disposition of real property;
3. Conferences with an attorney or attorneys for the City concerning issues of pending, imminent or potential litigation;

4. Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment;
5. Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or rules or state statutes;
6. Any situation where disclosure of the matters discussed might reveal information that could be used for the purpose of committing or avoiding prosecution for a violation of law.

City Council votes to move into executive session, and close executive sessions.

Sincerely,

Mike Harwood, *City Council President*