



City of Seven Hills, Ohio

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I hope this newsletter finds everyone safe and healthy. These last several weeks have been very trying times for us as a society. The world definitely looks very different and our priorities as a community have changed dramatically. As Mayor, my focus has quickly changed to protecting our residents and employees from COVID-19. I have instituted numerous emergency measures to navigate these uncharted waters. Some of the measures were detailed in 2 letters that have been mailed to every household.

I'm proud of how fast our residents and employees have adjusted to these emergency measures. In fact, the Cuyahoga County Board of Health recently visited City Hall to review our policy and procedures related to protecting our employees and the agent described our work place as a model for all essential businesses.

Our grandparents and parents have all met significant challenges during the course of their lives. Without fail they rose to the test each and every time. Today, our generation is confronted with the spread of a deadly virus. We, in your local government, take confidence and a measure of courage in knowing that those before us conquered their foes and we too will rise up to "flatten the curve". The sacrifices we make today will benefit all of us in the near future. Longer term, I believe that American resolve and ingenuity will untimely prevail over this faceless enemy.

I want to insure you that our fire and police protection have remained at full operational strength during this crisis.

Many residents have reached out wanting to help. For now, the best way one can contribute to the cause is by staying at home as much as possible, increasing your sanitization practices, and checking in on loved ones, friends and neighbors over the phone, electronically, or across the yard (while observing social distancing of 6 ft. or more). Please call Community Services at (216) 525-6230, if you find a resident to be in need.

I would like to take an additional moment to remind everyone that one of the best ways to combat fear is knowledge. Sadly, I come across so much false information, some regarding COVID-19 and much regarding the happenings within the City (unrelated to COVID-19). The internet is a wonderful tool (especially this year with social distancing) but also can be a place to share inaccurate information. I ask that you first consider the source of what you read on the internet. Second, if there is ever a question or concern that may arise regarding City operations, please feel free to reach out to either myself personally, or anyone on my administration.

Note: the best place to check for frequent updates are the official city Website www.sevenhillsohio.org, the official Facebook/CityofSevenHills page and [https:// www.cdc.gov/](https://www.cdc.gov/) for additional updates for COVID-19.

Despite all the negative news, I'm happy to report that we welcomed Konica Minolta to Seven Hills on March 2nd. That same day, we watched the razing of the old K-Mart begin. I am pleased to share that the demolition is now complete and the Meijer project is still on schedule for a spring 2021 opening!

I have been in frequent contact with Fairmont Properties regarding the mixed-use project planned for Rockside. The impact (if any) of the pandemic and resulting economic crisis on the project has yet to be determined.

On March 26th, we were notified that the Cuyahoga County Council has approved the City of Seven Hills for a Community Development Supplemental Grant of \$50,000. Winning this grant will allow us to build a large gazebo on the empty lot at the corner of Hillside and Broadview Rd. for all to enjoy.

At NO COST TO SEVEN HILLS, our Firefighters will take delivery of \$125,000 of new state-of-the-art portable radios. This was made possible by a grant from Cuyahoga County for \$42,136 and \$77,864 from the Federal Government. I would like to thank Parma Fire Chief Mike Lasky for his partnership during the grant process.

Last but not least, please be on the lookout for 2 new programs that will be run by our dedicated Recreation Center staff while the center is closed and the Stay at Home Order remains in effect: #SevenHillsStaysHome and #SevenHillsStaysHealthy. The first program will focus on resident outreach and the latter will feature fitness videos and tips posted to our City's social media.

Even in dark times, my motto of "Partnerships and Progress" continues to be a bright light for our City. I look forward to the days ahead, and I'm committed to sustaining my engagement with the most important partners of all - the residents of Seven Hills.

Sincerely,

Mayor Tony Biasiotta