

City of BROOK PARK, Ohio

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A Message from Mayor Michael D. Gammella

I intended to start this newsletter with my 5-year plan for our city; however, there is one overriding issue which must be addressed...

COVID-19 Vaccinations

Recently I was on a conference call with Ohio Governor Mike DeWine. According to the Governor, there are two problems concerning vaccinating Ohio residents. Number one is a lack of the vaccine in Ohio (at the time of this writing), and number two is the locations to administer a vaccine from.

I cannot do anything about more vaccines. I can and have done something about vaccine locations in our city. As you know our city has recently acquired two schools. Brook Park Memorial and Brookview. I have offered BOTH of these locations to administer the vaccine to our residents and the surrounding communities.

COVID-19 is a war; we need to mobilize all of our resources throughout America including utilizing the Ohio National Guard. EVERYONE regardless of age or occupation should be vaccinated if they so choose to.



The 5 Year Plan for Brook Park

Over the next five years we will continue our plan and transform this city to its full potential and that potential is great. Here is how we are going about this plan...

Tax Base

A solid tax base is critical to a city's success. We

have Ford and NASA and we are leveraging these anchors to bring in more businesses, companies, jobs and revenue.

The Aerozone

On the far west end of our city is our Aerozone Parkway. We have already been successful in making this entire area an Enterprise Zone to lure in new jobs and high tech businesses.

We are also partnering with our neighboring communities such as Berea, Middleburg Heights and Fairview Park just to name a few to expand the political clout of this project. With NASA as the primary draw, we believe the future of this area is enormous.

The Ford Property

I have been working on this project diligently. There are 195 acres which can be transformed into a mega project. The hard work continues. Inside of this newsletter you will see some examples of how our hard work and diligence has paid off in bringing in new businesses and jobs.

Creating Greenspace

Most people outside of Brook Park identify our city through Brookpark Road. They do not realize we have miles of Metro Park frontage with bicycle and pedestrian access to it.

One of the finest views of the Metro Park is on Rupple Road in our city. We are going to improve and add to this greenspace with our Central Park right in the heart of our community. This is our town center.

We have already been successful in obtaining a \$100,000.00 grant from the state of Ohio for our new amphitheater (Special thanks to State Rep. Bride Rose Sweeney).



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This amphitheater will be built on the site of our old city hall. Once it goes through planning and city council, this project will start construction

later this year. This is only the start...a walking path, landscape mounds and screening, more trees, a geese proof water feature, playground equipment and outside exercise equipment (we have applied for a grant for all of this).

My intention is to utilize as much grant money and donations as possible. **WE WILL NOT RAISE TAXES TO DO IT!** This project will enhance quality of life and improve your property values. It will also enhance our community's image.

The Future

This is a critical time for communities in America. Those that embrace and utilize new technologies will prosper. That is why we started a new Technology Committee to put our city on the cutting edge of advancement. Our committee was featured in the magazine, "The Municipal Magazine" (November 2020 pages 34 & 35) as an idea for others to emulate (see our city website and Facebook page for the article).



The goal over the next five years is to upscale this community for its residents, to keep it safe, continue and improve upon senior services and to expand our youth programs. Your continued support will be a major part of our ongoing success. Thanks for being a resident here. It's an exciting time to live in Brook Park!

Senior service and transportation has and will continue through the pandemic.

Stay Healthy,

Mayor Mike Gammella

RECREATION CENTER

Walk in today and sign up for one of the many fitness programs that we offer at the Recreation Center!



FITNESS CLASS PROGRAM SCHEDULE

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DAYS</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ROOM</u>
Silver Sneakers	M,W,F	9:30-10:15am	Mini Gym
Silver Sneakers Chair Yoga	THR	10:30-11:15am	Mini Gym
Zumba	MON	6:00-7:00pm	BP Room
Zumba	SAT	9:15-10:15am	
Pound	WED	6:00-7:00pm	BP Room
Body Sculpting	T,THR	7:00-8:00pm	BP Room
Extreme Hip Hop Step	THR	6:00-7:00pm	BP Room
Vinyassa Yoga	TUE	6:00-7:00pm	BP Room



GET READY!

**BASEBALL, SOFTBALL,
AND TENNIS SIGNUPS
ARE GOING ON NOW.**



**YOU CAN REGISTER ONLINE OR
AT THE RECREATION CENTER.**

*Call the Recreation Center at
216-433-1545 with any questions.*



*Don't forget to set
your clocks forward!*

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
BEGINS MARCH 14, 2021**



DO NOT KNOCK

With everything going on as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic NOPEC is offering DO NOT KNOCK (stickers) for your front door.

If you are interested call (216) 433-1300, leave your name and address and we will send you one. Or email us the information at info@cityofbrookpark.com

The city of Brook Park welcomes the following news businesses to our city!

Combined this is a \$14 million dollar investment in our community and over 250 new jobs!



Company Wrench // 16400 Brook Park Rd.



Federal Aviation Admin. // 2000 Aerospace Pkwy.



Conlan Tire // 5281 Engle Rd.



Corrigan Movers // 13900 Keystone Pkwy.



EGI Envirogroup // 14800 Brookpark Rd.



Excel Fluid Group // 5350 West 137th. Street



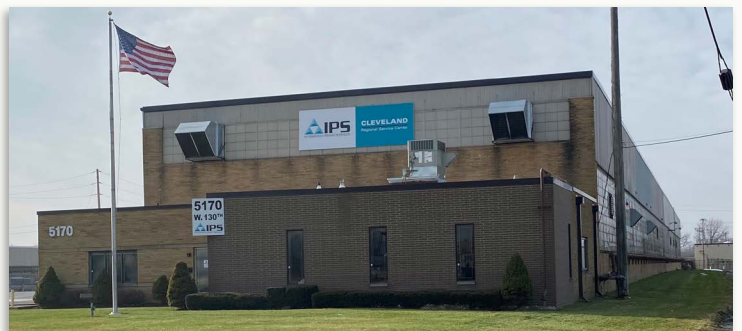
Common Threads // BrookGate Shopping Center



Classic Westside Mazda // 13930 Brookpark Rd.



ZOOM Car Wash // 14755 Snow Rd.



Integrated Power Services // 5170 W.130th Street

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SERVICE DEPARTMENT NEWS



Rumpke Waste & Recycling received a grant from The Recycling Partnership to sort for tubs (Polypropylene or PP) and has a market for the material. They now accept "Plastic bottles, jugs and tubs. Yogurt and fruit cups are OK." The image shows a butter tub, a sour cream tub and a yogurt cup.

In addition, the district has learned that Republic Services and Waste Management are also accepting tubs. This is exciting news, because it indicates an expansion of material markets.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

- The District has updated its website to reflect the addition of tubs: www.cuyahogarecycles.org/recycling_in_your_community
- The plastics page was updated to include the new information: www.cuyahogarecycles.org/plastic_bottles
- A page for tubs has been added to the District's website to clarify what a tub is and who can include it in curbside recycling: www.cuyahogarecycles.org/plastic_tubs
- New icons are being designed to show the updated plastics (bottles, jugs and tubs), for the communities that will need it.
- Updated recycling info cards and floor/tabletop banners are being designed for inclusion in the toolkit, for the communities that will need the new messaging.
- We are getting the word out to our partners, including you in the 59 communities and the members of our Master Recycler/Recycling Ambassador programs.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT NEWS

Stay updated on Building Department information by visiting www.cityofbrookpark.com and clicking on the Building Department tab. This site is set up to assist the building community with applications, forms, building permit fees, and inspection information. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Building Department at buildingdept@cityofbrookpark.com or 216-433-7412.

RESIDENTIAL RENTAL REGISTRATION PROGRAM

WHAT IS A RENTAL REGISTRATION?

All residential rental properties within the City of Brook Park are required to be registered with the City. In 2014 the City of Brook Park enacted a Residential Rental Registration Program which requires that each owner of a rental unit within the City shall register each such rental unit with the designated City official within 30 days of the effective date of Chapter 1414 and shall renew such registration annually. Each new owner of a rental unit within the City shall make application of registration with the designated City Official within 30 days after the date of acquiring ownership of a rental unit. A separate registration shall be required for each rental unit. Please be aware that this ordinance does not apply to owner's immediate family members which are limited to: father, mother, daughter and son of owner, or spouse of owner.

RENTAL REGISTRATION FEES

A \$100.00 fee per rental unit is required to register your rental property. Annual rental registration fees are due no later than March 1st.