

# Mayor's Update to City Council April 14, 2020

## Upcoming on the Calendar:

**April 20** Bexley Board of Health

**April 20, 7:00 pm** Charter Review Committee Meeting

Arbor Day 🦃

April 21, 600 pm: ESAC Meeting
April 23, 6:00 pm BZAP Meeting

**April 28** City Council Meeting

#### Financial Update

April 24

Pending anticipated drops in revenue due to economic conditions, we've made the following preemptive actions:

- Freeze on capital budget items that hadn't already been started
- Hiring freeze for in-fill positions

Additionally, we've been paying close attention to income tax receipts and indicators. So far we are on track through April collections, but we are bracing for a decrease in income and are watching budget carefully in order to be better positioned going into the 2021 budget process.

# Operations Update

- Service department is split into two teams to ensure proper distancing between staff and continuity of service
- Many of our employees in the Rec Department and City Hall are working remotely
- Police department is outfitted with appropriate PPE and policies are in place to ensure protection of officers and continuity of service

#### Volunteer Coordinator Update

- 30 quarantine care packages delivered
- 15 needs connected to volunteer network

# COVID-19 Statistics Update

- 17 confirmed cases in Bexley / 1 confirmed death
- Of the 17 confirmed cases, 5 are currently active as of Monday

# **COVID-19 Quick Stats**

Confirmed cases in Ohio: 7,135

Confirmed cases Franklin County: 1,053 Confirmed cases in Bexley:

17

Quar. Care Packages Delivered: 30 Resident Needs Requests Filled:

15

Based on information from Frankin County Public Health, Columbus Public Health, and the Ohio Department of Health.
Updated 4/14/2020

## **Emergency Orders Update**

We have been periodically updating our orders as new information and best practices emerge, in consultation with the Bexley COVID-19 task force. The most current orders are attached.

Over the past week or two, the following orders have been added:

- Water bill late fees are effectively suspended by extending the due date until the end of June (water shut offs due to non-payment of bills had already been suspended through the duration of the orders). This is intended to provide additional financial relief to residents impacted economically by COVID-19. Income tax deadline has also been moved to July 15th.
- No new permits will be issued for food trucks or food carts
- Residents are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings in enclosed public spaces and any outdoor areas where there is a risk of inadequate social distancing. (photo attached)
- Garage sale licenses will not be issued during the duration of the order.
- Public tennis and basketball courts are ordered to be closed.
- Additional guidance for landscape professionals and best management practices for landscape professionals.

Additionally, we have taken off orders based upon changes in policy at the state and federal level. For example, the most recent order no longer has a suggestion regarding residents returning from out of state or an order regarding self-quarantine for residents returning from out of country travel to high risk countries, since the Governor's orders now require a self-quarantine period of 14 days for out-of-state travelers returning to or entering Ohio.