



The City of Seven Hills, Ohio



DEAR RESIDENTS,

Welcome to the 2023 State of the City Address. In this address, you will find great news about our city! We will cover many topics including community events and services, finances, safety forces, infrastructure (streets and sewers), parks and recreation, and more! 2023 will be a marquee year for our city. **Many of the seeds planted over the last handful of years are coming to fruition.** What we are about to share represents the hard work and dedication of many individuals. These accomplishments took vision, planning, financing and lastly, execution to deliver! We in the administration and those on council will try our best to keep you all informed of the progress. To give every department and project the coverage they deserve, we will handle this year's State of City Address in *three parts*. **In addition, we have scheduled an in-person State of the City for Thursday, May 25 at 6:30 PM at the Recreation Center community room.**



STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS - PART I:

Found within **this** mailer

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PARTNERSHIP & SPONSORS



Parma Chamber of Commerce, Mayor DeGeeter, Mayor Gallo, Mayor Biasiotta

Perhaps nothing personifies what we have been trying to accomplish more than our success with Grants, Awards & Partnerships! The chart shown on the following page, lists all our Grants, Awards & Partnerships achieved since 2020. We have created an environment where everyone is working together, not to say we agree on everything, but to foster an atmosphere where your leaders put aside politics and personal agendas to better the community. In doing so, numerous organizations are now comfortable working with Seven Hills. Unlike most cities our size, we have neither a grant writer nor an economic director. **These results have been achieved through the multiple contributions of many city directors. Morale is very good at city hall, and I can't say enough how so many people reach beyond their job descriptions to assist myself and council in achieving almost \$7,000,000 in Grants, Awards, Partnerships and Sponsorships in just three years!**

Partnership & Sponsors continued...

The chart below may be a long and dry read but I ask you to take the time. You will see that dollars achieved here have enhanced virtually every function and aspect of the city. They have enabled us to stretch your tax dollars and deliver more amenities to residents, improve our infrastructure (streets and sewers) and protect our employees. It is very important to note that most of the programs listed as grants and awards were competitively awarded. **Had we not been working together with the support of our residents; these dollars very easily could have gone to another community.**



Meijer Park Sponsorship

TOTAL: \$6,918,600

2020 Cuyahoga Country (E. Sprague Paving)	\$1,100,000
Clean Ohio (Nature Preserve)	\$660,000
Cuyahoga Land Bank (Demo of Old Rec Center, Calvin bathroom, Meijer Press box)	\$312,000
2021 Cuyahoga County (Chestnut Paving)	\$250,000
Cuyahoga County District 6 ARPA Phase 1 (North Park All Season Pavilion)	\$250,000
Cuyahoga County District 6 ARPA Phase 2 (Calvin Park Splash Pad)	\$186,000
Ohio Dept of Natural Resources Grant (Calvin Park Area Storm Water Improvements)	\$150,000
Firefighters Federal/County Grant (New Radios)	\$125,000
Mutliple Years NOPEC Grant (Valleywood Field Lights)	\$93,000
State of Ohio Capital Budget (Calvin Park New Restrooms)	\$75,000
Cuyahoga County Public Works Pavement Preventive Maintenance Program	\$65,949
Ohio Dept. of Public Safety's Office of Criminal Justice Services (Police Body Cameras)	\$54,121
2022 Cuyahoga County Supplemental Grant (Outdoor Exercise Equipment at North Park)	\$50,000
2021 Cuyahoga County Supplemental Grant (Commuter Bus)	\$50,000
2020 Cuyahoga County Supplemental Grant (Hillside Gazebo)	\$50,000
2022 NOPEC Energized Community Grant	\$26,427
University Hospitals Park Equipment Grant (Cricket Park)	\$25,000
2021 Cuyahoga County Board of Development Disabilities	\$15,000
Ohio Attorney General's Office (for Police Body Armor)	\$9,351
2020 NOPEC Grant (Holiday Lighting)	\$9,177
2022 Cuyahoga County Board of Development Disabilities	\$6,000
US Department of Justice (Bulletproof Vest Program)	\$1,916
GRANTS & AWARDS	\$3,563,941
American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (2022 Road Program)	\$1,216,488
Coronavirus Relief Fund-CARES Act	\$854,700
Cleveland Water Department (Skyview Drive Water Main)	\$369,395
NEORS Community Cost Share (Street Sweeper)	\$224,576
NEORS Community Cost Share (Calvin Park Area Storm Water Improvements)	\$198,000
NEORS Community Cost Share (Cheryl Ann)	\$175,000
NEORS Community Cost Share (Bayberry)	\$115,000
PARTNERSHIP	\$3,153,259
SPONSORSHIPS	\$201,500

Note: We try to partner with local businesses to bring you the nice-to-haves through the form of sponsorships. Our summer concert series, portions of home days, our annual fireworks displays, farmers market, and much more are produced through the relationships we have fostered with our business partners.

EVENTS: MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Please join us for our annual Memorial Day Parade. The parade will start at 10:30 AM with the route beginning at St. Columbkille and proceeding down Broadview Rd to City Hall. The parade is immediately followed by a ceremony outside City Hall to honor and remember those that made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. This year, our parade will include **40+ participants**, all listed within our Memorial Day Program! *Please see below for an overview of this year's ceremony:*



MASTER OF CEREMONIES:

Tony Terry

BENEDICTION:

Father Anthony Suso, St. Columbkille Parish

FLAG RISING AND PLEDGE:

Cub Scout Pack 470

INVOCATION:

Father Anthony Suso, St. Columbkille Parish

NATIONAL ANTHEM:

Julie Anna Gulenko

GRAND MARSHAL:

Ashley McTaggart, US Air Force Reserves

MEMORIAL DAY MESSAGE:

Honorable Mayor Anthony D. Biasiotta

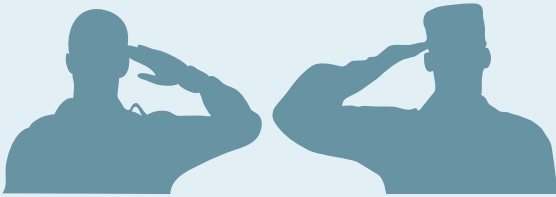
AMERICAN LEGION POST 572 HONOREE:

Shane Sadlowski

DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL WALL:

Mr. George Glagola Jr. (US ARMY 1942-45), Mr. Edmund J.

Kazmierczak (US ARMY 1951-53), Mr. Milan Milosovich (US ARMY AIR FORCE 1940-45), Richard R. Nugent (US NAVY 1959-64), Edward E. Paulson (US ARMY 1942-45), Joseph W. Srp (US Air Force 1967-71), Robert E. Wootten (US ARMY 1945-47)



PLAYING OF TAPS

NORMANDY HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR:

Directed by Sara Shonk

NORMANDY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND:

Directed by Pete Zaremba; The Dazzlers & Cheerleaders

CONCLUSION:

Tony Terry



Photos from our 2022 Memorial Day Parade



EVENTS: SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

This year's theme for our **SUMMER CONCERT SERIES** is *Nights in the Heights* and *Thrills in the Hills*. We are very pleased to announce we formed a partnership with the City of Broadview Hts. to expand our concert series to *seven* events this year (four in Seven Hills and three in Broadview Hts)! Check out the flyer to the right for band schedules and location of each event. For the concerts in Seven Hills, we look forward to seeing everyone once again at the City Hall Pavilion for relaxing Friday evenings. Come enjoy the music, try one of the food trucks and meet new friends. Further, Saber Health Care will sponsor the Seven Hills portion of the series. *A big thank you to Saber Health Care's sponsorship as they will completely cover the cost of all four bands!*



2022 Summer Concert Series

CONCERT SERIES SCHEDULE

MAY 26:	Brian Papish Party Band @ Summitview Pavilion
JUNE 2:	Ace Molar @ Broadview Hts. Amphitheater
JUNE 16:	Funkology @ Summitview Pavilion
AUGUST 4:	Key West Express @ Broadview Hts. Amphitheater
AUGUST 18:	Out of Eden @ Summitview Pavilion
SEPTEMBER 1:	Grunge DNA @ Broadview Hts. Amphitheater
SEPTEMBER 15:	Frank & Dean @ Summitview Pavilion

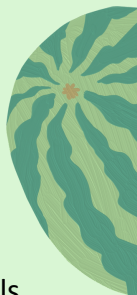
Concerts located @**Summitview Pavilion** will be from **6-8PM**; concerts located @**Broadview Hts. Amphitheater** will be from **7-10PM**




EVENTS: FARMERS MARKET

FOOD TRUCK SCHEDULE:

JULY 6:	Barrio
JULY 13:	Cheesy Dave's
JULY 20:	Smash Time
JULY 27:	Boss Chick'n'Beer
AUGUST 3:	Cedar Grille
AUGUST 10:	Manna Truck
AUGUST 17:	Pork in the Road
AUGUST 24:	Empanadas on Wheels
AUGUST 31:	Blasian Fusion
SEPTEMBER 7:	Cheezylicious
SEPTEMBER 14:	Bearden's
SEPTEMBER 21:	Barrio
SEPTEMBER 28:	Slyman's



 There will also be entertainment each week under the gazebo

7221 BROADVIEW RD
4:00 - 7:00 PM

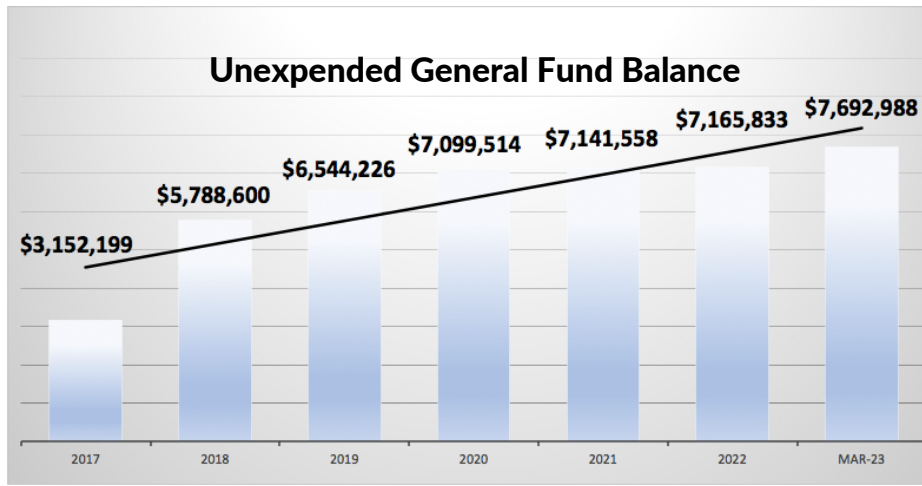


The **FARMERS MARKET** is a producers-only market providing another outlet of economic opportunity to our nearby farmers and entrepreneurs. Products sold at the market must be grown, raised, or produced by the business selling the products. Now entering its ninth season, the market has become a community gathering place, continuing to provide neighbors with the opportunity to visit together in the fresh air, buy a meal from the featured food truck of the week, and listen to live music, all while browsing through vendor tents featuring: fresh produce, herbs, meats, honey, bread, pierogis, baked goods, kettle corn, handmade soaps, and so much more! Stop by and get a taste of small-town life in the middle of our wonderful city. *We are beyond grateful for our sponsors; The Loan Gals at Cross Country Mortgage, Taleris Credit Union, Inc. and Vince Hrobat Insurance Agency, Inc., who provide the funds for advertising and upgrades.*



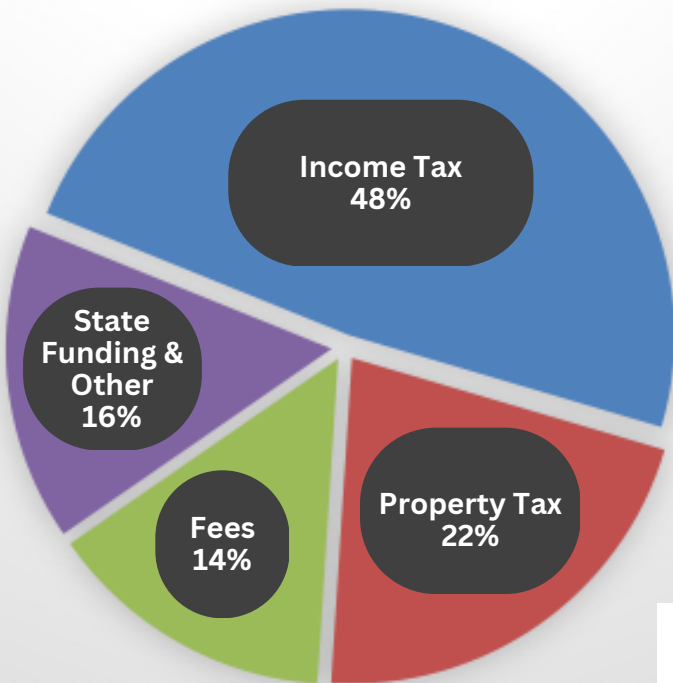
The City of Seven Hills' general fund ended fiscal year 2022 with a \$1.1 million surplus (revenue exceeded expenditures). The 2022 surplus continues a five-year trend of building cash reserves and carefully setting aside funds for our upcoming infrastructure projects. For example, the 2022 surplus was transferred to the capital improvement fund to help pay for the 2023 road program and various

sewer projects. Having an adequate general fund balance is critical to a municipality's financial health and maintaining a high-quality bond rating. **Our total cash balance is \$19.0 million. \$8.7 million of our total cash balance is invested in the STAR Ohio fund managed by the Ohio Treasurer of the State, earning 4.76% interest.** The unexpanded general fund provides liquidity in the event of a recession, it also represents funds that we have been setting aside to meet some long-term needs, such as an indoor climate-controlled storage facility to protect our multi-million-dollar investment in Service Department vehicles and equipment.



City's Bond Rating: In December 2022, Moody's Investors Service affirmed the City's Aa3 rating relating to our general obligation debt. The higher rating (think of your personal credit score) allows the City to borrow funds at a lower interest rate, which helps save taxpayer dollars. Moody's cited that the City benefits from a healthy financial position, strong resident income profile, and modestly-sized but growing tax base located near Cleveland.

Revenue Source (2022)



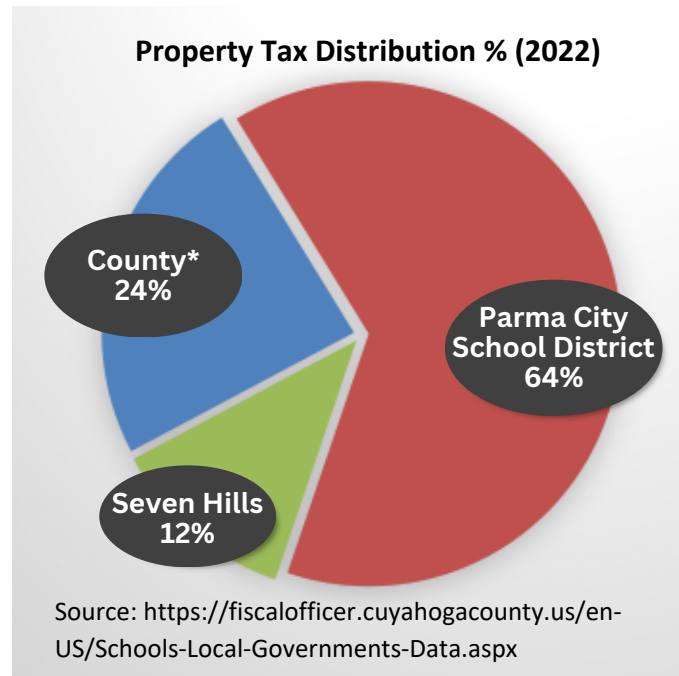
Excludes one-time revenues, such as bonds, notes, leases, transfers, and grants.

How we fund operations: Income taxes are the main source of revenue for the city, which account for 48% of overall funds and 76% of general fund revenues. **Approximately 59% of our income tax is from employees of businesses located in Seven Hills.** Another 6% is from net profits from Seven Hills' businesses. **Therefore, it is critical that we retain and attract new businesses. #shoplocal.** The remaining 35% is derived from individuals who live in Seven Hills and work outside the city. Note: The City's income tax rate is 2.5%. However, there is a 100% credit for income taxes paid to another community up to 1.65%. As indicated in the chart below, our revenue stream stabilized around \$19 million in 2021 and 2022 after the COVID impacts on 2020.

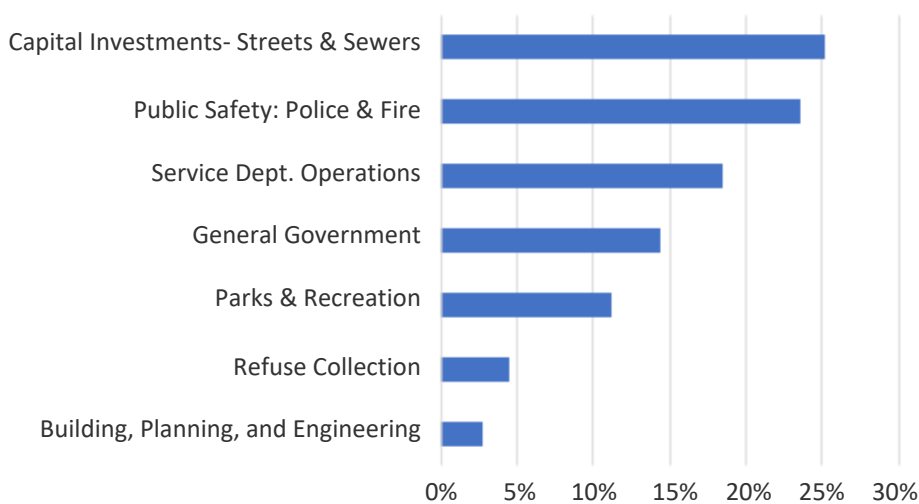
Source \$'s (0000's)	2020	2021	2022
Income Tax	\$8,123	\$8,934	\$9,400
Property Tax	\$3,864	\$3,920	\$4,165
Fees	\$2,205	\$2,782	\$2,786
State /Other	\$3,294	\$3,432	\$3,052
GRAND TOTAL:	\$17,486	\$19,067	\$19,403

FINANCE

Property Tax Distribution Percentage (Tax Year 2022): The chart to the right depicts where property taxes are allocated. The chart shows that only 12% of total property taxes collected are distributed to Seven Hills. As noted, 24% of property taxes distributed to the County* are used to fund Cuyahoga County government, plus several county-level agencies such as Health and Human Services, Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland Metroparks, Board of Developmental Disabilities, Cuyahoga County Public Library and the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority. The remaining 64%, representing \$18.6 million a year, goes to the Parma City School District. The 12% depicted in the pie chart for Seven Hills represents approximately \$4.2 million on an annual basis. **It is important to note that we have not had a municipal property tax increase since November 2016 nor do we forecast the need for one for the next 5 years!!**



Percent of Funding By Function*



*Excludes Transfers, Bonds, and Misc. Non-Recurring Items

capabilities. These expenses added to the historical levels of funding of the department. General government includes council office, mayor's office, finance, law, mayor's court, custodial, elected officials and other general city hall activities.

Your Tax Dollars at Work: The chart to the left shows how the city funds the various operations of government. The largest expenditure category relates to our recent investment in streets and sewers. As we turn the corner on these long-awaited improvements this year, look to see this category decrease. Public Safety historically consumes the largest portion of our annual budget. Public Safety in the years ahead will continue to lead this chart as our planned infrastructure projects roll off and we make anticipated fire and police vehicle purchases. The city's service department encompasses our enhanced sewer preventive maintenance program and has made investments in our snow removal

YOUR CITY LEADERS

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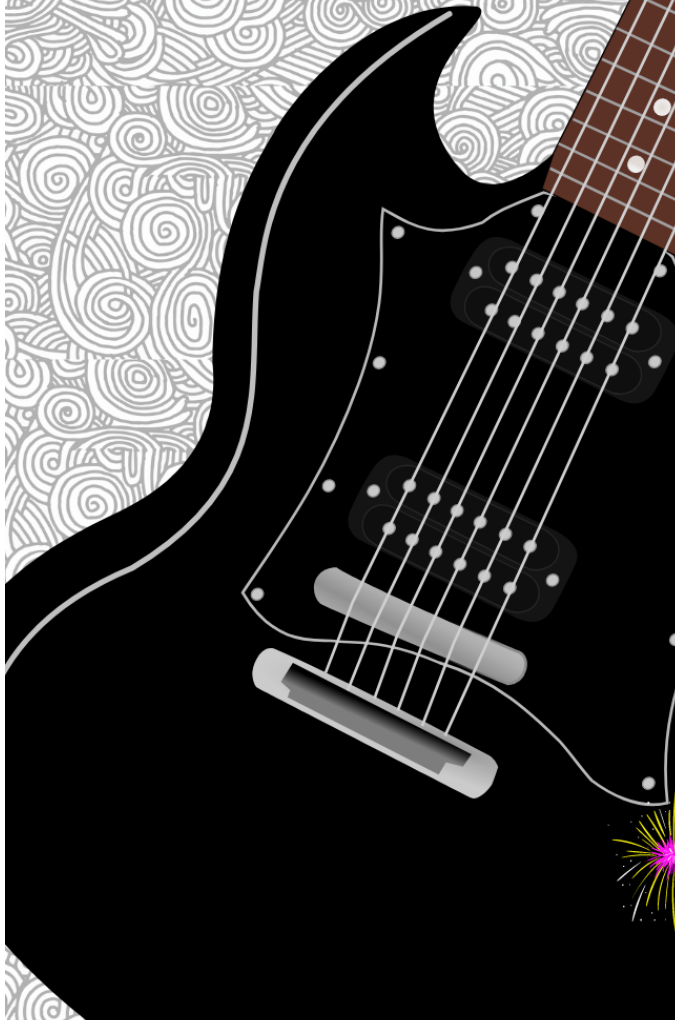
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The Cities of Broadview Heights & Seven Hills
 The Nights in the Heights & Thrills in the Hills

SUMMER CONCERT Series



5/26 BRIAN PAPESH BAND
 Slovenian Polka, Classic Rock, Today's Hits
 6-8 PM
 Seven Hills Summitview Pavilion
 Food Trucks

6/2 ACE MOLAR
 High Octane hits from the 60's-90's!
 7-10 PM
 Broadview Hts. Amphitheater
 Cruise-in / Food Trucks / Adult Beverages

6/16 FUNKOLOGY
 Funk, Pop, & Motown from 60's to today!
 6-8 PM
 Seven Hills Summitview Pavilion
 Food Trucks

8/4 KEY WEST EXPRESS
 Jimmy Buffett Tribute Band
 7-10 PM
 Broadview Hts. Amphitheater
 Cruise-in / Food Trucks / Adult Beverages

8/15 OUT OF EDEN
 Eagles Tribute Band
 6-8 PM
 Seven Hills Summitview Pavilion
 Food Trucks

9/1 GRUNGE DNA FIREWORKS!
 90's Alternative Rock & Grunge cover band
 7-10 PM
 Broadview Hts. Amphitheater
 Cruise-in / Food Trucks / Adult Beverages

9/15 FRANK & DEAN
 Great music and comedy of the Rat Pack
 6-8 PM
 Seven Hills Summitview Pavilion
 Food Trucks

Seven Hills Summitview Pavilion
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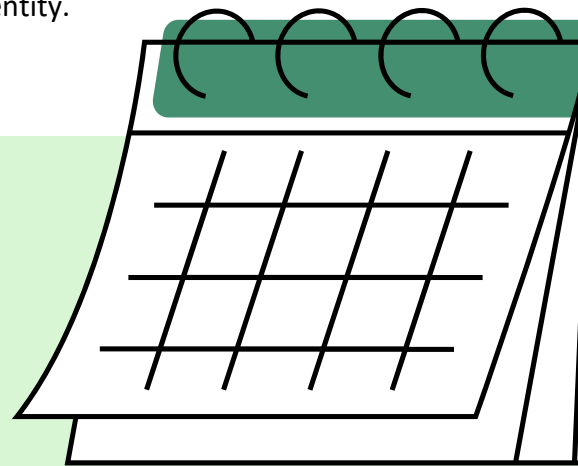
Broadview Hts. Amphitheater / 9543 Broadview Rd.
broadview-heights.org



SAVE THE DATES

Please save the dates listed below as we'd love to see you there! Through these events, we hope to facilitate an environment that brings people together and strengthens our community identity. Additional information regarding time, location, and details can be found on event-specific flyers posted around the city and on our city website.

- **SUMMER CONCERT SERIES:** May 26 - September 15 (selective dates)
- **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE:** May 29
- **OPENING DAY:** June 3
- **FARMERS MARKET:** July 6 - September 28 (Thursdays)
- **HOME DAYS:** July 21 - 23
- **SAFETY FAIR:** July 22
- **OKTOBERFEST:** September 23
- **CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION:** December 2



*St. Patrick's Day
Senior Luncheon*



2022 Opening Day



*City Easter
Egg Hunt*

I hope you enjoyed reading Part I of our State of the City Address. We have now entered the 4th year of the current mayoral term and I have been honored to serve as your mayor. This address represents only a portion of the progress over this time frame, and I encourage everyone to stay in touch and check out one of our upcoming events! **Be on the lookout for Part II and Part III of our address to be sent out shortly. These will cover safety, infrastructure, parks, and much more!**



Sincerely,

Anthony D. Biasiotta

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Mayor of Seven Hills