



City of Seven Hills, Ohio

7325 Summitview Drive Seven Hills, OH 44131

Dear Seven Hills Residents,

I am grateful and proud to have received your support in electing me mayor of our wonderful city. I knew the challenges of the office and thought the social media vitriol and lies would be the toughest part. Early on I decided the best course of action is to ignore such childish behavior and to instead put all my energy into to delivering results for the city, some of which I will highlight below.

Actually, the most difficult aspect I didn't see coming at all has been the passing of so many friends, friends I would never have met had I not stepped into the arena. Many of whom were retired. They had the time to devote to various campaigns and volunteer in the community. In doing so, they became extended family. With the demands of position, I often spent more time with them than my own family. In their honor and in honor to all our friends, family and neighbors who have passed away, I would like to initiate an "*In-Memoriam*" section in our quarterly newsletters. If you wish to honor the memory of a loved one or friend who was a Seven Hills resident, I would like their name noted in future newsletters, please email kholland@sevenhillsohio.org.

Looking ahead, the outlook for 2022 is bright.

We finished 2021 strong. Our general fund revenue exceeded expenses by \$1.4 million. We transferred this savings to the city's Capital Fund where it will be set aside for projects in Seven Hills.

Infrastructure will once again be of the utmost importance. We are looking to add a streets program for 2022 that will be paid for with ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds and the transfer of our General Fund surplus noted above. This program will include the following streets: East Dartmoor from Northview Dr. to Voyager Circle, Mayfair Dr., Meadowlane Rd., Hickory Lane, and in a partnership with Brooklyn Hts., Belmont Dr.

This is particularly exciting because at the completion of this program, we will have completed one of our goals that we started in 2018, which was to resurface all city streets which the City Engineer has advised are most in need of improvement. In 2022, we will continue to administer our water management task force's comprehensive plan to solve ongoing issues. This plan, of course, includes preventative measures such as increased cleaning through our contract with Cuyahoga County Public Works, and targeted projects around Calvin Park and the Cricket Lane area.

We are also excited about the many city events planned for 2022. To name a few:

- Memorial Day Parade Monday, May 30th, 10am
- Summer Concert Series beginning June 24th
- Seven Hills Home Days July 22nd -July 24th
- Farmers' Market each Thursday beginning July 7th – September 29th
- Oktoberfest Saturday, October 1st
- 2022 will include a traditional Santa Parade along Broadview Rd., finishing with a holiday celebration at the City's new gazebo on December 3rd

We are also looking forward to the first phase of the park's improvement project, which will see new structures added to North Park, Calvin Park, and Meijer Park. My next communication will have more information on this topic. As in all other cities, responding to the COVID pandemic remains a challenge.

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Nonetheless, our Recreation Center has fully recovered from the state mandated closure of 2020. In fact, the leadership team there has posted a tremendous year from both an operating standpoint and number of programs offered.

Economic Development

I am pleased also to report that the new Erie Bank regional headquarters is on schedule to open January 27, 2022. Construction on the new Dairy Queen is well underway and will be completed this spring. Raising Cane's has received the required approvals and permits to get started as soon as the weather permits. In addition, they agreed to install a marquee similar to the rendering at the entrance to our city along Rockside Rd.



LSB Seven Hills LLC, the owner of the private property development on Rockside Rd. west of the Lombardo Extension continues to work with Industrial Commercial Properties (ICP) <https://icpllc.com/> on the approximate 9 acres fronting Rockside.

Further, LSB Seven Hills LLC, is working with Pulte Homes toward the development of the back portion of the PUD area there.

Partnerships and Progress

As the result of our continuing efforts, we were awarded another NOPEC grant, this time in the amount of \$26,427.00. These funds can be used for any electric energy project the city selects. We are considering several alternative projects to apply this grant money to. We have also applied for a \$50,000.00 county supplemental grant to be applied toward outdoor exercise equipment. If successful, this equipment will be installed in one of our parks and free for everyone to use.

Once again, we have been able to report progress on all fronts, but to quote one of my favorite singers, Frank Sinatra the “best is yet to come.” I hope you are pleased with the progress to date.

As always please feel free to reach out with any questions or comments. Your feedback is always welcome.

Sincerely,

Mayor Tony Biasiotta