



City of Seven Hills, Ohio

7325 Summitview Drive Seven Hills, OH 44131

Dear Residents,

Isn't it amazing how time flies? This time of year, we often take pause to give thanks. We as a community, and me personally as your mayor, have so much to be thankful for. Over the summer we enjoyed a summer concert series, farmer's market and an extremely well-attended Home Days.

None of these would be possible without a very dedicated staff, a long list of loyal resident volunteers, and sponsors that help keep the cost of all these events at a minimum. We have witnessed the soft opening of a 20-acre nature preserve and the start of many park improvements. Most notable this year was the improvements to our ball fields, but this is just the tip of what is to come over the next 3 years.

We have welcomed back our various senior groups to our renovated City Hall Community Room and watched our community/recreation center fully rebound from last year's state-mandated closure. In fact, our community center has already surpassed 2020 revenue \$610,824.71 vs 2021 August YTD \$789,410.85.

Several roads have been resurfaced and many projects related to water management and sewers were completed.

I give thanks to all the staff and volunteers that contributed to these projects and more. I give thanks to our residents who have repeatedly had faith in myself and our administration.

Finance

Our city finances continue to improve. Our General Fund Unexpended (Cash) Balance is \$8.8 million (see the chart below.)

| Aug '21 | Aug '20 | Inc. / (Dec.) | % Change |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------|
| \$8,810,470.75 | \$7,110,379.58 | \$1,700,091.17 | 23.9% |

A quick look at how revenue and expenses are shaping up as of August month-end financial statements (adjusted for accounting entries).

| | Aug 2021 | Aug 2020 | Inc. / (Dec.) | % Change |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------|
| General Fund Revenue | \$9,016,735.44 | \$7,691,991.93 | \$1,324,743.51 | 17.2% |
| General Fund Expenditures | \$7,305,778.60 | \$7,125,838.33 | \$179,940.27 | 2.5% |

We are projecting a year-end surplus of around \$1.5 million. I will ask council that this year's surplus be transferred into our capital fund for future use on roads, sewers, and potential upgrades to our service garage facility.

Economic Development

I'm pleased to report the new Erie Bank Regional Headquarters is on schedule to open this year. Construction on the new Dairy Queen is underway and is set for a Spring of 2022 opening.



Construction of the new Dairy Queen

Late this summer Raising Cane's Corporate purchased all the parcels they required to build on Rockside Rd just East of the new Lombardo extension. We expect plans for construction of Raising Cane's to be submitted to planning in October or November of this year. LSB Seven Hills LLC, the owners of the private property development on Rockside Rd. west of the Lombardo Extension, remain fully committed to developing the property. They recently have taken on a new development partner, Industrial Commercial Properties (ICP) in hopes of spurring activity. Check them out at <https://icpllc.com/>. The city is ready to work with ICP and LSB Seven Hills LLC.

Partnerships and Progress

One of the fields that the city utilizes and is less spoke about is Hillside #2. This field is owned by Parma City Schools. Working as partners with the school district, we significantly improved this asset over the year. The PCSD replaced the fence, and our park crew took over maintenance and field prep. Check out the before and after pictures so you can see for yourself the dramatic difference.



Before photo of Hillside 2



After photo of Hillside 2

Another important partner is Cuyahoga County. Construction on our new Community Gazebo at the corner of Hillside and Broadview Rd. is underway. This amenity was made possible in part by a \$50,000 County supplemental grant.



Construction of the new gazebo

I sincerely hope you are pleased with the progress to date. As always, please feel free to reach out. Having your feedback is paramount to creating the community we all desire.

Sincerely,

— ***Mayor Tony Biasiotta***