



City of Seven Hills, Ohio

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Happy New Year!

It's hard to believe that we are here in 2020. I want to personally take a moment to thank you for the overwhelming support shown for me this past November at the election polls. I am honored to serve the residents of Seven Hills and will not let you down!

As ever, I plan to dive right into business. Right out of the gate, we are working on the 2020 budget. This has been the key fiscal tool for us in recent years – starting with reasonable goals and actively managing the budget throughout the year have been key factors in our improved financial condition. After several years of significant street and sewer improvements, I hope to dedicate more of this year's budget to our city's parks. Once we plot out short term goals during the 2020 budget process, we will turn our attention to developing a five-year plan to address our capital needs. For example, our recreation center is 16 years old and, just like our homes, will need investment going forward; our service garage is need of repair, and many other long-term projects approach.

Throughout my first term, you can expect more **“Partnerships and Progress”** updates. With that being said, we have already applied for several grants. The first being the Cuyahoga County Supplemental Grant, in hopes of putting a gazebo for the community to enjoy at the corner of Hillside and Broadview Roads. At the state level, we submitted requests for three projects for 2020 Capital – the first being a total rebuild of North Park, the second being new restrooms and a concession stand for Calvin Park, followed by our third request of playground equipment for the Cricket Park Area. These are competitive requests that most cities chase, and we won't know the outcome until later in the year. Having leaders and staff properly in place will improve our chances of developing even more partnerships and winning grants in the future.

The Inaugural Ceremony on January 4th was a truly historic evening – having so many dignitaries in the audience of almost 300 guests was truly an honor. Amongst the dignitaries who graciously spoke were Cuyahoga County Executive, Armond Budish, and State Senator, Matt Dolan. They both spoke to the importance of the continued partnership with Seven Hills in 2020 and beyond.

I was fortunate to be surrounded by family and supportive residents that evening. Having my father, Anthony C. Biasiotta, administer the oath of office is a moment in my life for which I will be forever grateful. Family is everything to me. I am the person I am today because of the constant love, support, and guidance given to me by my parents.

I look forward to a very productive beginning of 2020 and will continue to engage with the most important partners of all – the residents of Seven Hills.

Respectfully,

Mayor Tony Biasiotta