

MAYOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL

December 12, 2019

I am pleased to welcome Aldi's Supermarket that opened on Bishop Road last week. They are a great addition to our community.

This past week, the City hosted Winterfest. Special thanks to Recreation Commission, chaired by Sandy Grubiss, and the Fire Department, and all attendees who made this a successful event. We were able to fill our ambulance with toys that were donated to Toys for Tots. This event also honored Bea and Tom Horwatt for their many years of service to the Recreation Department and the Boys League. "Horwatt Way" was officially dedicated to them and you will see it when you head to the Concession Stand parking area at Roemisch Fields. Congratulations!

I was also honored yesterday at the Residents' Farewell Ceremony. It was overwhelming for me to see all of the great residents we have and the amount of appreciation they conveyed to me. I am sure I will reflect on this as one of the best days in my office as Mayor.

I would urge Council to make a motion this evening to allow the incoming Mayor and Council members to utilize the City seal as they see fit during the transition. With a Codified ordinance in place governing the City seal, I think this is a wise action for this Council to take to allow these individuals the freedom to use the seal.

I support the appropriations ordinance on tonight's agenda and the ordinance to approve Bowen and Associates for the Zoning Administration duties until June. This action is necessary so that permits may continue to be issued in January.

Congratulations to Assistant City Engineer Kevin Trepal and his wife Christine on the birth of their baby boy, Calvin.

Sympathy to the families of the following individuals who passed away over the past few weeks:

Marilyn Leopardi of Bates Lane
Kimberly Kojan of Riviera Ridge
James Stankovich of the Senior Apartments
Frank Bolek, Jr. of Chardon Road
Gail Anderson of River Road
Anna Zorich of Emerald Lakes

Our thoughts and prayers remain with their families.

Upcoming events:

Saturday, December 14, 2019 8:30 a.m. to noon – Breakfast with Santa

Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. – First Covenant Church
Annual Christmas Concert featuring the musicians from the Cleveland
Institute of Music.

Best wishes, too, for a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and
Happy Holidays to all as you celebrate your holiday and traditions.

In conclusion, if this turns out to be Council's final meeting this year where I have
been privileged to give my Mayor's Report to our residents, let me re-state what I
said in my final newsletter to you:

I am happy for the time I have served the city as Mayor and
Thank everyone who served on my Boards and Commissions,
served the city as a public employee or public official, and
especially the residents, who made my time as Mayor so
enjoyable and rewarding. I will not be a stranger to
Willoughby Hills and look forward to participating in future
City events. I will work with Mayor-Elect Andy Gardner
and the incoming Council members to make for a smooth
transition. Thank you again for such a wonderful opportunity.
I will never forget it.