



CITY OF PERRYSBURG

COVID-19 COMMUNICATIONS

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From the Mayor's Office:

I would like to start out by thanking and applauding the Perrysburg community for your cooperation and patience during this public health emergency. Your actions to stay home and practice social distancing when you do have to go out has had a tremendous positive impact. Thank you!

I would like to especially thank City of Perrysburg employees, all of whom have courageously stepped up and continue to serve this community with real commitment. I am eternally grateful for their dedication to this City and community.

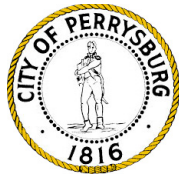
I want to thank all of the people in the private sector who continue to serve as essential employees. These individuals are on the front lines, keeping the economy and this community moving. Please remember to thank these individuals for their bravery and courage.

Thank you to everyone who has continued to support our local businesses. I appreciate your efforts to support local restaurants and shops. Please continue to support this community by ordering take out, delivery, and by shopping online. Thank you, likewise, to all of the local businesses who have stepped up during this public crisis to support the community and their employees. This sense of community has been instrumental in Perrysburg's past and it will continue to be crucial for our future success.

As spring continues to bloom all around us, we must stay vigilant in our efforts. It will be tempting to get out of the house and socialize with friends and family as the weather improves, but we must continue to be patient and practice staying at home and social distancing. This virus is very real, is among us, and has impacted the City and this community. My thoughts and prayers are with the families who have been impacted by this horrendous virus. Collaboration, cooperation, and personal responsibility are the key to continued success moving forward. Remember, we are all in this together.

The City is aware of the financial struggles many are experiencing during this difficult time. City Administration is recommending that City Council authorize the City to waive fees on utility bill payments for the months of May and June. This recommendation has been developed with the cooperation of City Council, and I look forward to its cooperation on this and other issues as we move forward to best serve our residents.

The City has also extended the deadline for filing tax returns until July. Consistent with that change, City Administration is reviewing the extent this public health emergency will have on financials and how best to proceed. The City does have a solid financial footing, pursuant to a long history of cooperation between City Council and City Administration to act in a fiscally conservative manner. This cooperation



is demonstrated by a record of City Administration's recommending and City Council approving budgets that fund the rainy day fund, as well as paying off long term debt as quickly as possible so as not to burden the City during a crisis such as this. I look forward to continuing to work with City Council to best plan for the future of Perrysburg during this crisis.

City Administration also continues to be in communication with federal, state, county and local governments and administrative agencies. Information exchange between these groups has been helpful to the overall success Ohio has achieved in flattening and extending the curve. We will continue these efforts and provide information to the community as quickly and as clearly as we can.

Finally, I want the community to know that the City Leadership is here for you. Contact members of City Council or the City Administration if you have any questions or concerns. We will continue to operate and will continue to be here and help those in need. If we all work together and do our part, I am confident we will continue to get through this challenging time. Stay well and stay positive Perrysburg.

Mayor Tom Mackin