

Mayor's Report & Comments
COVID-19 Report & Update
Mayor Laurie A. Jadwin
April 20, 2020

The following are comments from the Mayor's Office for Monday, April 20, 2020

- As of today, there are:
 - 12,919 cases of COVID-19 in Ohio
 - 509 Deaths
- Gov. DeWine announced that schools will be closed for the remainder of the year. He further indicated that "no decision" had yet been made as to whether schools will resume as usual in the Fall.
- It is expected that, later this week, the Governor will announce his plans to begin reopening the economy as of May 1. He has indicated that the reopening process will be a slow and measured approach.
- Based on Gov. DeWine's comments and an anticipated delay in resuming regular activities, we have announced today that all Parks & Rec programming from May 1 through May 20 will be cancelled. Decisions on activities after May 20 – such as pools and camps – will be made once further information and direction is received from the Governor's office.
- Given the announced limited reopening of certain businesses on May 1 that can accommodate social distancing and restrictions, we are planning to reopen the Gahanna Golf Course on May 1. Operations will be with restrictions, including required reservations for tee times to control number of people and social distancing. Details will be available on the Parks & Rec page of gahanna.gov. In the meantime, the course is closed, as it is not yet ready for use by the public.
- In anticipation of May 1, we are working on the policy and procedures that we will implement to reintegrate our workers back into City Hall. Again, we will follow guidelines issued by the Governor's office once known.
- In partnership with Visit Gahanna, decision was made to cancel the 2020 Creekside Blues & Jazz Festival. Although there was discussion around possibly rescheduling the event until later in the summer, the uncertainties around COVID-19 and the challenges around sponsorships and business involvement were too difficult to resolve. The Festival will return next year, June 18-20, 2021.
- In a bittersweet announcement, I share that Craig Main, Director of IT, has submitted his resignation, effective May 1. For the past year, Craig has been working with Gahanna PD and Mifflin Township Fire on the planned collaboration of dispatch operations in the

"new" MECC, to be located in the (former) CML Distribution Center. Craig has accepted a position with the new MECC, to lead their IT integration and development. We wish him nothing but the best and thank him for his service to the City over the last three years. In anticipation of Craig's departure, we have posted a job description for the position of IT Manager and will be conducting interviews ASAP to begin work on the transition.

- Despite the limitations posed by COVID-19, our internal operations have continued to function smoothly. In the period from March 1 –April 7, the Building & Zoning Division processed 30 permits and conducted 29 inspections, with an average processing time of 3.76 days. Since January, 112 permits have been issued, with an average processing time of 5.5 days.