



MAYOR BYRON W. BROWN

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## MAYOR BYRON W. BROWN ANNOUNCES IMPORTANT UPDATES TO BUFFALO'S RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY

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*Mayor Brown launches initiative to reduce City Hall's carbon footprint by 40% in 2020*

Buffalo, NY – Mayor Byron W. Brown has set a goal to reduce the City Hall carbon footprint by 40% in 2020. His 20+20=40 plan will include more flexible scheduling and a percentage of staff working from home. The 20+20= 40 plan to reduce our carbon footprint will be unveiled at the lifting of the PAUSE order, but Commissioners and Department Heads have been tasked with producing a plan to present to our labor unions. Mayor Brown is asking for the cooperation of the Common Council and the Comptroller for implementation when we return to City Hall.

Mayor Brown stated, "What the pandemic has demonstrated is that much of our workforce is extremely productive working from home, even under these difficult circumstances, and none of our essential services have been interrupted. Going forward, we need to implement the lessons we have learned from this new normal. We are building out the infrastructure so that city operations can continue uninterrupted through future weather events and emergencies. This is good for our workforce, taxpayers, residents and businesses. The impact of this goal will be reduction in the number of vehicles traveling to City Hall every day and reduction in energy usage, water consumption, and waste generated in the building. This is a smart approach to keep people healthy and to protect our environment."

### **Parking reminder**

Mayor Brown reminds City residents to cooperate with the City's alternate parking rules. Please obey the "No Parking 6 pm Thursday to 6 pm Monday" signs. We need to ensure that emergency vehicles can get down these streets.

### **City of Buffalo 2020 paving season begins next week**

The 2020 City of Buffalo Residential Street Paving season begins on Monday, April 27. This year, 120 streets will be paved citywide, as part of an over \$10.5 million investment. During construction, signs will be posted alerting residents to parking restrictions on impacted streets from 7am to 7pm.

Weather permitting, construction will begin on the following streets starting Monday, April 27:

- Moselle Street between E. Ferry Street and E. Delavan Avenue
- Thatcher Avenue between Kensington Avenue and E. Amherst Street
- Amherst Street between Main Street and Manhattan Avenue
- Midland Street between McKinley Parkway and Abbott Road
- Kimmel Avenue between McKinley Parkway and Abbott Road
- Barnard Street from Clinton St. to the South end of the street near the Buffalo River

To view a tentative list of streets being paved this season, visit [www.buffalony.gov](http://www.buffalony.gov).

### **2020 Census: "Strive for 45%"**

The City's census response rate, as of April 23rd, stands at 40.5%, far behind the 51.6% national response rate. Mayor Brown continues to urge residents to help meet the goal of achieving a 45% response rate by Sunday, April 26, by

completing their census questionnaires. Failure to secure an accurate count can result in the City of Buffalo missing out on hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funding that can be used to power community programming. Please complete your questionnaire at [2020Census.gov](https://2020Census.gov).

### **Virtual Earth Week concludes Friday**

Mayor Brown is reminding City residents to take part in the final virtual activity of Earth Week. Residents are encouraged to show us how they are recycling at home and tag us on Facebook/Instagram/Twitter @recyclebuffalo. For more information about Buffalo's Recycling program, please visit [www.buffalony.gov](http://www.buffalony.gov).

### **Friday is deadline for businesses to participate in survey about COVID-19 impact on the economy**

Mayor Brown reminds local business owners that they have until Friday, April 24, to participate in a survey assessing the full economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Western New York. Last week, Mayor Brown announced that the City of Buffalo joined the Buffalo Niagara Partnership and other partners in gathering information that will help the public and private sectors better understand how to address potential gaps in available resources and coordinate efforts during the economic recovery period. The survey asks employers for their input on a number of issues, including lost revenue, workforce impacts, and their ability to operate remotely. To take the survey, visit [www.thepartnership.org/ImpactSurvey](http://www.thepartnership.org/ImpactSurvey).

### **Summer Youth Employment Program applications due Friday**

Mayor Brown reminds City of Buffalo youth that the deadline to apply for his Summer Youth Employment Program is this Friday, April 24, by 4:30 pm. The program gives young City residents the opportunity to gain real work experience while earning money. To apply, visit [www.buffalony.gov/msyapp](http://www.buffalony.gov/msyapp).

### **Grocery distribution for families in need returns Friday**

On Friday, April 24, the Belle Center will be giving away bags of free groceries to families in need at 104 Maryland Street. The distribution runs from 9 am to 12:30 pm.

### **Making a difference in the lives of the members of our community**

Mayor Brown thanked Eight Days of Hope for creating Feed Buffalo, a program that will deliver groceries safely to 1,000 families in need in the City of Buffalo. Distribution of the groceries, which are meant to supply a family of four with enough food for seven days, will begin on Friday, April 24. Mayor Brown also thanked the Buffalo Bills Foundation, Buffalo Sabres Foundation, Rich Products, Crickler Vending, Elim Christian Fellowship Church, The Chapel, Watermark Wesleyan Church, 716 Ministries, Village Church and others for contributing to this effort to help our community.

Mayor Brown stated, "I could not be prouder of the spirit of generosity that exists throughout Western New York. Community efforts like this prove that we are the City of Good Neighbors. I thank Eight Days of Hope co-founder and CEO Steve Tybor and all of the partner organizations and volunteers that have come together to make a tremendous difference in the lives of members of our community."

Eight Days of Hope has set up a way for churches in the City of Buffalo to submit a list of families to be served. Church leaders can go to [www.eightdaysofhope.com](http://www.eightdaysofhope.com) to submit their requests.

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