



MAYOR BYRON W. BROWN

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

Two Park Loops Close to Traffic to Improve Physical Distancing for Pedestrians

Buffalo, NY – South Park's Ring Road and a portion of roadway at the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park, are now closed to vehicular traffic. At Centennial Park, park-users can still park near the Barkyard Dog Park. These vehicular traffic closures are in addition to the closing of the Ring Road in Delaware Park, which was part of the Brown Administration's precautionary measures to provide more space for people while they passively use the parks during the COVID-19 pandemic. Residents who are driving to the Ring Road in Delaware Park can utilize the Buffalo Zoo lot to park for free. Mayor Brown encourages park patrons to make a donation to the Zoo through the Buffalo Roam app as a way of supporting the educational destination.

Outdoor Family Fun: 25 'Walking Parks and Trails' with Routes for Recreation

Over the weekend, Mayor Brown unveiled the City of Buffalo's Division of Recreation and Park's "Walking Parks and Trails" guide which provides maps of 25 different walking, jogging and cycling paths residents can utilize for exercise and recreation. The guide was produced in partnership with the Olmsted Parks Conservancy and the Tifft Nature Preserve to give people more options for passive outdoor activities as they continue to maintain safe physical distancing while they engage in their exercise routines.

Helping people engage in physical activities helps reduce stress and maintains their overall health. Those participating in these activities should adhere to these practices:

Do not use parks or trails if you're exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19

Follow the guidelines laid out by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on social distancing, hand washing and sanitizing before, during and after being outside

- All parks are open for passive use only, from sunset to sunrise – no activities after dark
- Please step off the trail or path to ensure that that minimal 6 feet of distance when passing someone
- If the parking area looks full, choose another location

The free guide is available at: www.buffalony.gov.

Parking Reminder for Tonight

Mayor Brown is reminding residents that tonight there is a 6 pm parking switchover, from 6 pm Monday to 6 pm Thursday. The alternate side parking on these streets are critical for emergency vehicle access.

City of Buffalo 2020 Paving Season Begins

The 2020 City of Buffalo Residential Street Paving season is underway. 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.

Construction will begin on the following streets:

- 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.

2020 Census: Slight Growth in City's Response Rate, Still Lagging Behind Nation

The City of Buffalo's census response rate inched up over the weekend, but Mayor Brown continues to urge residents to complete their questionnaire to help the City secure critical federal funding for programming, education, infrastructure and much more. The City's census response rate, as of April 27th, stands at 41.5%, far behind the 53.2% national response rate. Please complete your questionnaire today at 2020Census.gov.

Reminder: Kaleida Health Conducting COVID-19 Testing on Buffalo's East Side

Mayor Brown is reminding residents to take advantage of Kaleida Health's new testing site at Leroy Coles Library, located at 1187 East Delavan Avenue. All individuals must have an appointment to receive a test. Residents can schedule a test by calling (716) 859-3222 and should have a prescription from their primary care provider to get tested. If individuals do not have a healthcare provider to obtain a prescription for testing from, they should still call (716) 859-3222 to schedule an appointment and they will receive their results from the Erie County Department of Health. When residents call to set up an appointment and do not have a primary care physician, they will receive information about primary care physicians in the area who are currently accepting new patients. The Coles Library site is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

If a person has COVID-19 symptoms (having a fever greater than 100 degrees, cough, shortness of breath) they can call Kaleida Health's hotline number (716-859-3222) to review their symptoms and be scheduled for a test over the phone.

For testing questions, the Kaleida Health Coronavirus Hotline remains open 7 days a week from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. at (716) 859-3222 or visit www.kaleidahealth.org <<http://www.kaleidahealth.org>>.

The Beverly Gray Business Exchange Center to Host "Recovery and Resiliency Virtual Workshop" for Small Businesses this Week

On Thursday, April 30th, the Beverly Gray Business Exchange Center is hosting a virtual workshop from 1:30 pm to 3 pm to help small businesses jump-start their recovery and resiliency efforts.

Business owners can register for the workshop at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beverly-gray-center-small-business-recovery-resiliency-workshop-virtual-tickets-102491970242>

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