



The Mayor's Report for May 15, 2020

Hello everyone. Mayor Weiss here with this week's update. Summer activities and recreation remain a focus for the City and I know are of great interest to our residents. As I've mentioned in the past, we are working hard to determine which activities might be provided this summer during this unprecedented pandemic. We've set a series of criteria as we look at each one of these activities to determine what and if we can provide that activity. These criteria include, first and foremost, maintaining the health and safety of our residents and our staff. In order to do that, we look for guidance from the Governor and our state and local departments of health. And we look to determine whether we can comply with the strict health protocols that are required for many of these activities. And finally, we look at staffing, supplies, capacity and the fiscal impact that these activities have on the City before making a final decision.

The Governor announced yesterday certain recreation and summer activities, which will be opening or permitted later this month. They will be subject to guidelines and protocols, many of which we have not yet seen and so we will need to review those before we make any determination. But in the meantime, we thought we would help you keep track of all of this by creating a list for you. This list will have three categories of activities: those that are permitted, those that are under a review, and those that have been canceled or are prohibited. This [detailed list will be on our website](#) and as an attachment to this email. We will update this in the coming days and weeks. You will see that many of the activities remain under review.

We hope that you will be patient, but determining how to meet many of the guidelines is complex and your health remains our priority. And it's also important to remember that even if an activity is permitted by the Governor's office, that activity may not take place until we know it has met the criteria that we've established and that we know that we can comply with the protocols on a consistent basis.

With that, let me talk to you about two activities in particular. The first is block parties. I know this is a beloved activity for our community and we've had a lot of discussion both internally and externally as to whether block parties could happen this summer. Unfortunately, after consultation with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, we've been advised that block parties simply cannot be permitted this summer due to the limitation on gathering size, social distancing, and some of the other requirements under the current Stay Safe Ohio order.

So, while this is certainly disappointing news to all of us, we look forward to the following summer with block parties again. The second area is the pool. We are awaiting the Governor's guidelines for reopening of public pools. We suspect that they will be very complicated and detailed, and so we will need a little more time to evaluate that before we make any decision with respect to if the pool can be opened on a limited basis or otherwise over the course of the summer. Please stay tuned and we'll keep you apprised. So with that, as always, remember we're in this with you, we're in this together, and please be well.