



# SHAKER HEIGHTS

## **The Mayor's Report – May 26**

Hello from Thornton Park!

Warm spring weather is finally here, and with it I can see the City coming to life in our neighborhoods, parks and commercial districts. This is a welcome sight after a long, cold winter during the pandemic.

I wanted to update you on how the City is approaching upcoming activities and events in light of improving trends, vaccine availability, and revised COVID-19 guidelines from the CDC.

As we have throughout the pandemic, the City will continue to follow CDC guidance, which now states that vaccinated people can safely remove masks both indoors and outdoors. However, unvaccinated people are encouraged to mask indoors and outdoors, especially in situations where there are likely to be unvaccinated individuals, and when social distancing isn't possible.

We will now rely on an individual's personal responsibility and judgement when it comes to wearing a mask. We are in a phase in which residents will need to mask or unmask based on their own personal situation and risk tolerance.

Given the relatively low risk of transmission at outdoor events where social distancing is possible, we have made plans for some upcoming events and summer activities that I'd like to share with you.

First, we will hold a socially distanced, in-person Memorial Day Ceremony that will also be live-streamed on Facebook. As in past years, we will gather at the War Memorial in front of City Hall at 9 am on Monday, May 31 so that we can honor those who have served our country. Seating will be widely spaced, and we do request that you wear a mask. I look forward to participating in this important tradition in person. Our usual Memorial Day parade has been postponed because of the very large crowd it draws. However, it has been rescheduled for Labor Day. I look forward to this special community event and know that we will all enjoy it equally as much in September.

In addition, given recent guidance, block parties will go forward this summer. I know how much these traditional neighborhood events were missed last year. I certainly missed the chance to chat and catch up with residents. Please use the block party reservation form and follow CDC guidance to stay safe while having fun with family and friends.

Lastly, we will be opening the pool on May 29 for the summer. Initially, we will restrict group size for the month of June in order to allow more time for parents and teens to get vaccinated. A pre-registration

system has been created that allows Shaker residents to make a reservation for one, two-hour time slot per day. Registration for time slots will be open 48 hours in advance. Masks are recommended on the pool deck for unvaccinated people when social distancing is not possible.

The best news is that on July 5, the pool will fully reopen for the duration of the summer. Pre-paid admissions that have been purchased will convert to regular pool passes. For more information about the pool and other camps and activities, visit the parks and recreation page on the City's website.

I have seen that a variety of other outdoor events are planned this summer at the Van Aken District, the Nature Center and others. It definitely feels good to start to get back to our regular, active lives.

Thank you and be well.