



# The B.N.O. News

## A Team of Neighborhood Advocates – Focusing on Community

Our mission is to serve the people of The Burroughs Neighborhood, Toledo, Ohio, by providing information and services that contribute to the stability and vitality of the community and neighborhood in which we live.

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**Monday, May 18, 2020**

at Home!

## **Neighborhood News and Local Updates**

BNO Meetings will likely be cancelled until August at the earliest. We will publish a Newsletter every third Monday of the month to stay up to date.

### **Restrictions Easing but Not Entirely**

We are seeing the State of Ohio ease its “stay at home” order, now allowing more establishments to open. This is in the middle of the first stay at home order being extended initially until the end of May. It is unclear whether there will be a “second wave” of spikes in coronavirus infections or deaths here in Ohio. There have been spikes in other states after they have eased restrictions. Keep in mind, our very own Lucas County has the highest COVID-19 death rate in Ohio. The United States also has the highest reported death rate by far, and has the ninth highest death rate per capita. Politics continues to obscenely divide Americans over what to do and whom to trust, but the fact remains that each of us should generally and continuously be taking precautions to stay healthy, and to keep our fellow Americans from dying. Hand washing, social distancing, wearing a mask - all nominal burdens compared to those of those who have lost a loved one because of this virus, or even those who have survived. It is important to remember that actual people are suffering and dying, or losing people they love, and it is useful to put yourselves in their shoes. It’s human to take care of you and yours until the crisis hits home.

### **Newsletters Online Only**

We have decided to pause the physical copy distribution of our newsletter, especially under the stay-at-home order. Until further notice, our newsletters will be on our website.

### **Meetings Cancelled!**

As we all have noticed, COVID-19 has closed doors, shuttered institutions, and forced meetings to either be cancelled or made virtual. Toledo Public Schools has instructed Burroughs Elementary to cancel building permits for the remainder of the school year, and Toledo Lucas County Public Libraries have cancelled all meetings through May. We will return to hosting monthly meetings when it is safe and recommended to resume, perhaps in the fall, to bring in guest speakers and host interesting discussions. Until then, we will help keep the neighborhood up to date via our Newsletter, website, email, and Facebook. Feel free to stay in touch!

**Please support local restaurants and businesses if you are able! They need *our* help this time!**

**Kahler**

**Krave**

**Vito’s**

**Bambino’s**

**Super Mercado Costa Grande**

**Netty’s**

### **The Triangle Project has Begun!**

The Triangle Project at South Avenue and Airport Highway has begun. There will be a military service memorial, flags, and a stone neighborhood identification sign, topped off with some professional landscaping about the piece of land. The garden at the Tip of the Triangle has already gotten some TLC.

### **U.S. Military Service Memorial Bricks**

The memorial mentioned above will include bricks engraved with the name and service branch of military service members, past or present. If you or someone you know would like a brick, please let us know. We have worked out a way to make engravings at NO COST to servicemembers being memorialized. Please contact us if you have names and branches of service. We are going to keep this as local as possible, so we are asking for names from or connected to those in our neighborhood first, and we will be rippling out from here as more space and more bricks become available. This project has the potential to continue into the future, depending on demand and volume, but for now, we are somewhat limited. If you would like to discuss any aspects, please email us at [bno.group@yahoo.com](mailto:bno.group@yahoo.com)

### **Happy Mother's Day**

We hope everyone who celebrates had a Happy Mother's Day. This is obviously a strange time for celebrating, if we're even able. Always remember that any time is a good time to thank those who have cared for you or raised you over the years, they deserve it!

### **Voting Results:**

The following are results from the contested local races and issues:

Issue 1 (Toledo Tax Increase): DEFEATED

TARTA Levy: PASSED

Lucas County Sheriff Dem. Primary: Mike Navarre

### **Random Acts of Kindness**

We have three acts of kindness to share this month.

The first one is one we hear and see all the time. Someone was behind someone in line at a drive through, and they let a lady go in front of them. That lady then paid for the meal of that person, and then he paid for the people behind him. Who knows for how long this went on!

The second, one of our family members has been driving all over to pick up food for us during the stay at home order. She is a college student who was not included in the stimulus checks, so we always give her an extra tip for being so kind and willing to help us eat! This also has the added benefit of helping local businesses. The story isn't about us, we're just playing our part while so many people are helping keep us fed during this strange time.

The third, and most beautiful: grandparents of a couple of our neighbors celebrated 70 years of marriage this past weekend, and their daughter helped organize a drive-by celebration including over 15 cars! They were so happy to see all the love celebrated.

### **City of Toledo and Toledo-Lucas County Health Department Hosting Facebook Live meetings about the effects of COVID-19**

For those looking for reliable information, the City and Health Department continues hosting Facebook Live streams with a panel of experts to answer questions.

### **Masks Available to the Public at Local Carryouts**

Establishments with free masks will have a sign posted that says "FREE MASK" above the Seal of the City of Toledo. More information being shared on Facebook by City and City Council pages.

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