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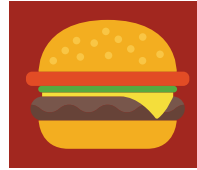
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# LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

With warm, spring weather upon us, I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge and thank our residents I see staying vigilant to the CDC guidelines while enjoying our parks, outdoor dining restaurants and shopping. It is inspiring to see such commitment to these guidelines from our community.

A little more than a year ago on March 11, 2020, Garfield closed its doors to the public, and, like many other municipalities our new way of running a city had begun. It was a dark Spring of 2020 – from a constant bombardment of bad news on the television of sickness and death with no end in sight. It was a quiet Spring – with outdoor activities and sports being cancelled for fear of the virus. Our students being educated remotely, unable to see their friends, restaurants not able to open and people afraid to have Easter meals with extended family. Finally, a Spring of Rejuvenation one year later, new businesses are opening throughout the city, outdoor dining is beginning to resume again. Garfield Little League, Babe Ruth, Girls Softball and Soccer leagues will be holding our sports program for the first time in a year. Our students are back in school with a hybrid schedule. Even the Easter Bunny made an appearance to hand out Easter baskets of chocolate and candy, to our littlest residents.

Outdoor events are being planned throughout our community and, as more and more people are being vaccinated, life is starting to feel like it may soon resume to normal seeing all the pews filled at church, children playing in the parks, concerts and festivals being planned by the events committee are all of the pleasures we used to take for granted are now a true blessing.

I would like to take a moment to thank our Police Department and Volunteer Fire Department they have been busy with Winter emergencies. On behalf of the City Council, we appreciate the sacrifices you make to keep our community safe. I would like to also acknowledge and thank ‘Garfield Neighbors’ and ‘Stanger helping Strangers’ as they continue to service our most needy residents in a time of need...Thank You everyone!

Our Events Committee continues to flourish. Most recently they have been lifting spirits and keeping our residents safely engaged from having a successful city-wide scavenger hunt at the beginning of spring to planning a carnival beginning April 28<sup>th</sup>. Finally the Events committee is looking towards their annual firework show in July and a new festival called “Sunday Streets festival” ... Garfield opens a stretch of streets normally reserved for cars and other vehicles to allow cycling, walking, dancing, socializing and provides a family-friendly opportunity to be physically active. Date and time have not been established.

In closing, I encourage our residents to continue to follow safe social distancing guidelines. While we all remain diligent, please continue supporting our local businesses and restaurants so we can continue moving Garfield Forward. Please continue to stay safe and healthy!

Mayor

Richard “Riggs” Rigoglioso



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*Thank you to Mayor Richard Rigoglioso, the entire City Council & City Manager Tom Duch  
 for their support!*