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ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S
REPORT
FOR
FEBRUARY
2021**

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Sparber, James

From: RV, BFM Gaming <RA-BFM-Gaming@pa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 3:23 PM
To: Sparber, James
Subject: 4th Quarter 2020 Local Share Assessment Payment Notification - Erie County

Dear Mr. Sparber:

In accordance with the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act 42 of 2017, the Department is required to distribute quarterly the Local Share Assessment collected for interactive gaming and slots to the municipalities in which a licensed gaming entity is located. This distribution is based on the interactive gaming and slots local share assessment amount collected plus the slot machine license operation fee amount collected over Summit Township's budget limitation.

An ACH for the 4th quarter of 2020 payment in the amount of \$2,772,408.90 should be deposited in your bank account within 5 - 7 business days. This payment includes the interactive gaming local share assessment of \$8,909.08, the slots local share assessment of \$263,499.82 and the slot machine license operation fee of \$2,500,000.00. Any reductions to the Gross Interactive Gaming Revenue (GIGR) and Gross Terminal Revenue (GTR) for promotional items is the result of the Gaming Bulletin 2015-01 and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's April 28, 2014 decision in Greenwood Gaming and Entertainment Incorporated v. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Revenue (90 A.3d 699 (Pa. 2014)).

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you.

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Erie County 067-021010-042100
 $\$2,772,408.90 \times .55 = \$1,524,824.90$

ECGRA 067-021050-042100
 $\$2,772,408.90 \times .45 = \$1,247,584.00$



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January 14, 2021

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Dear Perry,

On behalf of the Mercyhurst community, we thank you for your recent gift to Mercyhurst. Your gift of \$32,605.96 on December 31, 2020 to the Mercyhurst Institute for Arts & Culture makes a significant difference in the lives of our students and provides for the continued well-being and growth of Mercyhurst.

The coronavirus pandemic poses a host of challenges for all of us - and Mercyhurst is no exception. Especially now, as Mercyhurst rises to these new challenges, your generosity and loyalty matter greatly to us and our students. In making a gift to Mercyhurst, you are providing for enriching academic opportunities and program improvements; scholarships and financial assistance for our talented students; construction and renovations to new and existing campus infrastructure; improvements to our athletic facilities; and new experiences to encourage students' intellectual, personal, and spiritual growth.

The Sisters of Mercy overcame many challenges in the years leading up to Mercyhurst's founding in 1926, from negotiating land deals, to serving as painters and bricklayers during a labor strike, to pursuing advanced degrees to form the first faculty. Through it all, they demonstrated amazing generosity, ingenuity, and a pioneering spirit. In making a gift to Mercyhurst, you are continuing the Sisters' inspiring legacy and securing the Mercyhurst experience for generations to come.

We thank you for being a friend of Mercyhurst and for your commitment to our future!

Carpe Diem!


Ryan J. Palm '07
Associate Vice President for Advancement

Many thanks for your
generous support!
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Economic Impact & COVID Revitalization Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 20, 2021
1:00 p.m.

ZOOM Information

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84509360856?pwd=RjBRVnpNcUZla09rMVhGNVlhVDY2UT09>

Meeting ID: 845 0936 0856

Passcode: 128266

AGENDA

1. Review of Dr. Ken Louie's Research
2. Business Community Survey
3. Main Street Survey
4. Listening Sessions
5. Other Surveying Suggestions
6. Marketing of COVID Impact Effort



Economic Impact & COVID Revitalization Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 27, 2021
1:00 p.m.

ZOOM Information

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Meeting ID: 845 0936 0856

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AGENDA

1. Jessica Horan-Kunco – Municipal Surveying
2. Good of the Order



Economic Impact & COVID Revitalization Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 3, 2021
1:00 p.m.

ZOOM Information

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84509360856?pwd=RjBRVnpNcUZla09rMVhGNVlhVDY2UT09>

Meeting ID: 845 0936 0856

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AGENDA

1. Presentation by Bruce Katz
 - a. Organizing at the Metro level
 - b. Getting Ready for the Biden Stimulus Package
2. Next Steps
3. Good of the Order



Economic Impact & COVID Revitalization Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 10, 2021
11:00 a.m.

ZOOM Information

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84509360856?pwd=RjBRVnpNcUZla09rMVhGNVlhVDY2UT09>

Meeting ID: 845 0936 0856

Passcode: 128266

AGENDA

1. Presentation by Ben Franklin Technologies
2. Listening Sessions Schedule
3. Good of the Order



Our West Bayfront's new headquarters in the 400 block of West Eighth Street has been renovated and includes commercial/retail space and three second-floor apartments. KEVIN FLOWERS/ERIE TIMES-NEWS

Our West Bayfront group refurbishes building

Kevin Flowers Erie Times-News
USA TODAY NETWORK

Our West Bayfront is ready to show off its new headquarters in a 139-year-old West Eighth Street building.

The neighborhood organization on Friday plans a virtual grand opening of its new office in the 404-406 W. Eighth St., a 5,200-square-foot building constructed in 1882 that housed Howard's Photography for decades.

Because of the ongoing pandemic, Our West Bayfront's ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday will be streamed live on the organization's Facebook page, starting at 1 p.m.

"It's been a pretty significant project for us and it's taken several years to pull together," said Anna Frantz, Our West Bayfront's executive director. "We see this as a way to bring more vibrancy to the West Eighth Street corridor, support businesses that are already here, and hopefully attract new businesses to this area."

The nonprofit began renovating the building in 2018 as part of its neighborhood revitalization agenda.

Our West Bayfront's headquarters is located on the building's first floor. "We moved in at the end of December," Frantz said.

The first floor also includes a community meeting space and roughly 1,000 square feet of retail/commercial space that will be available for rental.

Three upper-floor apartments — a pair of two-bedroom units and a single one-bedroom unit — have also been refurbished as part of the \$1 million project.

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Our West Bayfront executive director

Our West Bayfront will accept applications from potential tenants soon, Frantz said.

Our West Bayfront purchased the property for \$30,000 in March 2018. The building had been vacant for several years.

The development will pay property taxes to the city, Erie County government and the Erie School District because it will generate rental income.

Our West Bayfront was launched in 2016 to boost the quality of life in Erie's west bayfront neighborhoods, focusing on improving the area from Presque Isle Bay south to West 12th Street and from Sassafras Street west to the Bayfront Parkway.

A portion of the project's funding comes from the Erie Community Foundation, which awarded Our West Bayfront a \$250,000 grant in June 2018. Another \$300,000 in funding came from the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority; bank financing also helped fund the project.

Contact Kevin Flowers at kflowers@timesnews.com. Follow him on Twitter at @ETNflowers.

The Corry Journal, Friday, January 15, 2021

Funds again available to UC property owners

BY MARYANN MOOK
Staff writer

Union City property owners who want to make improvements to their property and have property on East High Street, West High Street, South Street and the avenues may now apply for a grant.

Union City Borough officials announced in 2020 that the borough was the recipient of a \$60,000 grant. The two-year grant was provided through the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority's Renaissance Block Grant Program.

Part of the funding was spent in 2020, but the borough is now accepting applications for 2021 projects.

The program, which requires a matching grant, is intended to make a positive impact on blight. The funds help property owners make improvements to private property.

As much as \$5,000 may be awarded for each property, and a dollar-to-dollar match is required.

Corry Federal Credit Union is offering a loan program specifically for property owners selected to participate. The loans are available for up to \$10,000. There is a different loan option available for projects that would cost more than \$10,000.

The goals of the Renaissance Grant Program are to deter blight, enhance the appearance of residential districts and provide financial help to property owners who want to improve their property.

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Funds

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The funds can be used for improvements to doors and windows visible from the street; soffit, gutters and downspouts; porches, stairs and steps; painting; exterior lighting; siding and shutters; and chimney and masonry.

Union City Borough Manager Cindy Wells urges any property owner who lives in the designated areas to apply for a grant.

"There are several residents who have contacted my office who are interested in a grant," Wells said. "I would encourage them to apply, even though funds may be limited."

Grants will be awarded based on the degree of improvements and the impact those improvements would have on the neighborhood.

All grant applications must be approved by Union City Borough Council. In 2020, there were 17 applications. Council had approved all 17 applications.

Applications must be submitted by March 5. Anyone interested in filling out an application is asked to contact Wells by phone at 438-2331 or by stopping in the Union City Borough Building at 13 S. Main St.

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UC gets \$49,375 for borough hall

BY JORDAN SCHRECENGOST
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The Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA) recently recapped its more than \$700,000 investment into Erie County buildings through an Anchor Building Grant Program during the last two years, including two local buildings.

In 2020, ECGRA invested in four Anchor Buildings, which included a grant given to the Borough of Union City to help with its Union City Hall Building Project. The borough was awarded \$49,375.

The program provides funding to enable local governments, nonprofit organizations and municipal authorities to strengthen a community, neighborhood or commercial district by redeveloping, enhancing and preserving an underutilized or vacant building that has the potential to serve as a catalyst for greater investment and commercial or social activity, according to ECGRA's website and a press release.

The Anchor Building Program supports major repairs, system upgrades or rehabilitation of area buildings.

◀ See Hall, P.2

Union City Borough Manager Cindy Wells said UC received the grant in September of 2020 and it will be used to make the borough building Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible.

"It's going to go toward making the first floor ADA accessible," Wells said.

Union City is currently seeking additional funds to complete a feasibility study, which will also explore usage of space on the second floor of the borough building located at 13 S. Main St., Union City.

"We're trying to get additional funds to finish a feasibility study for ADA accessibility and second floor use," Wells said.

The borough is seeking matching funds since grants through the Anchor Building Program require a 1:1 cash match.

Wells said it's important to make the building ADA accessible because of the services that are housed inside.

"The police department is in the building and the borough office, and the building is not ADA accessible at this time," she said.

The feasibility study will also explore the possible utilization of space on the second floor of the building so there is more room for socially distanced meetings.

"With COVID and having to do virtual meetings, we

do not have facilities that we can readily utilize for Council meetings, and that may entail something with the second floor use," Wells said.

She added there is not enough space to social distance depending on the number of people in attendance at Borough Council meetings.

"Our conference room isn't large enough to meet the social distancing requirements depending on the attendance," Wells said.

"Anchor Building Grants have made a tremendous impact on projects across several communities that may not have been able to continue their ongoing community revitalization efforts," ECGRA Executive Director Perry Wood said in the press release. "By directing our focus on areas with historic buildings that can be adaptively re-used thanks to the quality of original construction and marquee locations, we are investing ECGRA dollars wisely and stimulating economic impact as well as positive community outcomes."

A total of \$412,000 was invested in Anchor Buildings in 2019, including a grant awarded to Impact Corry for its rehabilitation of the Railway Express Office in Corry. Impact Corry received \$75,000 from ECGRA for that ongoing project.