

### **Valpo Mayor Organizing Blood Drive for April 6**

Valparaiso Mayor Matt Murphy has announced a local Blood Drive to benefit the American Red Cross, hosted at Valparaiso City Hall on April 6. “As we all work together to support our community, giving blood is one more way we can support local health,” said Murphy. “The American Red Cross has reached out with an urgent need. Giving blood is an essential public service and Red Cross employees follow strict safety protocols to prevent the spread of any type of infection,” he said.

To promote public health, the Red Cross is taking appointments for the Blood Drive, which will be held 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on April 6 at City Hall, 166 Lincolnway. To schedule your appointment, visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or download the Blood Donor Red Cross app, and use sponsor code CityHallValpo.

The American Red Cross shares the following regarding precautions to protect public health: “At each blood drive and donation center, Red Cross employees follow thorough safety protocols including wearing gloves, routinely wiping down donor-touched areas, using sterile collection sets for every donation, and preparing the arm for donation with an aseptic scrub. Furthermore, Red Cross employees are trained in universal precautions to help prevent the spread of any type of infection.” For more information, visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).