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Free Baby Boxes available at University Settlement

By Robert Elsas

Development Manager, University Settlement

Many young mothers may not have adequate resources or the needed knowledge to care for their newborns. For example, the lack of a place for the baby to sleep may lead to bed sharing which is a very unsafe sleeping arrangement for newborns. As a way to address these issues, University Settlement, located at 4800 Broadway Ave. in Slavic Village, has announced it will be providing free Baby Boxes to provide a safe sleep space for newborns.

The idea for Baby Boxes started in Finland in the 1930s, and is largely attributable to that country achieving a sharp drop in sudden infant deaths. The Baby Box is constructed of a durable heavy-duty cardboard and comes with a custom mattress and fitted sheet. It also includes a complimentary newborn starter kit with educational materials and an array of physician-recommended childcare products for expecting and new parents. In most cases, a Baby Box can be used for the first six months of life.

"Every child, regardless of their circumstances, should get the best start in life," stated Sharese Ryan, MEd., System of Care Manager, University Settlement. "We know that being a parent is a difficult job so it's important that we give them as much support as possible. Baby Boxes can help as they are proven to offer a safe sleep environment to babies everywhere."

University Settlement is one of just two distribution centers in Cuyahoga County making free Baby Boxes available to the families of newborns. To receive a Baby Box, parents simply need to complete a parent education syllabus addressing safe sleep practices for infants and then answer a short quiz. With their certificate of completion they can pick up a box at University Settlement.

On July 22, at Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave., the Third Annual Save Our Babies Community Awareness event will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to help combat infant mortality in the Broadway-Slavic Village neighborhood. A panel of experts from the Board of Health, Cleveland Clinic Hospitals, 1st Year Cleveland and the Fetal Coalition will discuss infant care. The event will also include a resource fair with vendors on hand to provide patient education. During the event Baby Boxes will be distributed as an incentive for parents to attend. For more information call University Settlement, 216-641-8948 or visit www.universitysettlement.net.

(Editor's note: Womankind on Transportation Blvd. in Garfield Heights said it will also be providing Baby Boxes to parents in the coming months. For information, call 216-662-5700.)

Deadlines approaching for early voting

Voters in 19 municipalities who plan to cast ballots by mail or vote early at the Board of Elections are being reminded of some important deadlines. Voted ballots mailed to the Board of Elections must be postmarked on or before May 1st.

Voted ballots may also be returned to the Board of Elections offices. Voters may utilize a special ballot box located in the Board of Elections parking lot at 2925 Euclid Ave., Cleveland. The secure ballot box is available 24 hours a day. The deadline for returning a ballot in person is May 2nd at 7:30 p.m. Ballots cannot be dropped off at a voting location on Election Day.

The Board of Elections at 2925 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, is open for early voting through May 1st. Early voting days and hours are: Weekdays thru April 28, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, April 29, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, April 30, 1 to 5 p.m.; Monday, May 1, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A Bedford income tax increase issue and a Maple Heights City School District renewal levy will be on the ballot in The Neighborhood News readership area.

Mayor Jackson to lead Polish parade

At the head of a long line of dignitaries, uniformed units, marching musicians and some of Cleveland's most amazing street artists, Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson will lead this year's celebration of the Polish Constitution of 1791 in a parade Sunday down the sparkling new Fleet Avenue.

The celebration is an old tradition in Europe that was brought to America with immigrants arriving at the end of the 19th century. It salutes the second oldest written constitution in the world, a symbol of personal liberty and national pride that was ratified during the international wave of political re-

form occurring over two centuries ago which also produced the American Constitution of 1787 and France's Declaration of the Rights of Man of 1789.

Today, the occasion is a celebration of faith, freedom, family, community and the arrival of spring after a long winter. And in the city it is far more than just a one-day party. Beginning with the nighttime lighting of the Terminal Tower in the national colors of Poland on Friday, April 28, the festivi-

ties will find their way into spectacular Cleveland churches, social halls and museums, and landmark public spaces in many parts of Greater Cleveland.

The Cleveland Polish Constitution Celebration Committee encourages everyone, whatever their background or community, to make time in the coming week to experience the solemnity, dazzle and joy of a local tradition that has become as much a part of Cleveland as of Poland. For more information, call 216-469-4806.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Saturday, April 29th: A PACC, JPPII-sponsored wreath-laying ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. at Cleveland's Kosciuszko Monument on the grounds of the Cleveland Museum of Art. (Due to construction, access from East Blvd., in front of museum's 1916 building); The Polish Constitution Day Concert at the Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus, featuring classical and contemporary music performed on the church's Steinway by pianist Konrad Binienda, along with colleagues from the Cleveland Institute of Music, at 7 p.m. Free to attend.

Sunday, April 30th: The Polish Constitution Day Mass at St. Stanislaus, accompanied by brass and percussion, 10 a.m.; the Polish American Cultural Center's Sunday Brunch, 6501 Lansing Ave., food for purchase, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; the Polish Constitution Day Parade, stepping off at 1:30 p.m. from the west end of Fleet Avenue at Washington Park and proceeding eastward to East 65th St., then turning south for closing ceremonies at the Cultural Center on Lansing Avenue. Create a parade float! Call 216-469-4806 to participate as an individual, family or group; Parade after-party at 3 p.m., featuring performances by parade artists, music by DJs John and Mark Sleszynski and food for purchase.

Wednesday, May 3rd: A special Mass at the Marymount Motherhouse in Garfield Heights, 6 p.m.; Polish Constitution Day Reception at the Polish American Cultural Center, with cultural readings, music and food, beginning at 7 p.m. Free.

Friday, May 5th: Four Eagles Award Banquet of St. Stanislaus Church, beginning at 6 p.m., to be held at the Tremont Cityside Ballroom. Honoree is the late Cleveland Housing Court Judge Raymond Pianka. For tickets call 216-341-9091.

Later in May: Polish Constitution Ceremony in University Circle, which this year will be temporarily relocated from its normal location at the Kosciuszko Monument due to construction of the Nord Family Greenway.

G.H. waste round up, free shredding

Residents of Garfield Heights are encouraged to participate in the city's Spring Recycling Program and Household Hazardous Waste Collection at the Garfield Heights Service Garage, 13600 McCracken Blvd.

Hazardous waste can be brought to the Garage April 26-28, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., and on April 29, from 8 a.m. to noon. A free document shred day will be held at the Garage on April 29, from 9 a.m. to noon. Residents only; no commercial disposal.

Slavic Village wins Chain Reaction contest!

Ward 12 Cleveland City Councilman Tony Brancatelli congratulated the Slavic Village community for being named the winner of the Cleveland Chain Reaction contest, in a press advisory emailed last week.

Slavic Village beat out three other Cleveland neighborhood finalists in the economic development contest.

The prize is about \$1 million to be invested in new businesses trying to get off the ground. Cleveland Chain Reaction is a partnership between COSE, Cleveland Neighborhood Progress, Glazen Urban, and FOX 8.

The contest and concept originated from the LeBron James project "Cleveland Hustles," which had created competitions among Detroit Shoreway neighborhood start-ups trying to get backing from investors. Four new businesses opened in Detroit Shoreway as a result of "Cleveland Hustles."

Cleveland Chain Reaction hopes to spawn four to five new businesses in Slavic Village. Five local investors have committed to the project, pledging a minimum of \$130,000, to invest in

CPD open for Drug Take Back

All five districts of the Cleveland Police Department will be participating in the Drug Take Back day on Saturday, April 29th.

The most local department in Fourth District is located at 9333 Kinsman Rd.

Departments will be open as collection spots for unused medicines from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information or locations, call 800-882-9539.



On making the announcement Friday morning that Slavic Village had been chosen as winner of the Cleveland Chain Reaction contest on his "Kickin' It With Kenny" show, FOX 8 personality Kenny Crumpton (holding microphone) visited The Red Chimney restaurant on Fleet Avenue (shown in photo) as well as Inca Tea on Union.

local scale-up businesses.

Cleveland Chain Reaction is still accepting applications until May 8th from entrepreneurs who are interested in opening new businesses in the Slavic Village neighborhood. Go to www.clevelandchainreaction.com.

"Slavic Village is seeing much renewal, with new housing and new businesses opening," said Brancatelli. "The complete renovation of Fleet Avenue, the county's first complete and green street, has helped encourage small businesses to move back in."

"The neighborhood also boasts many local amenities including a golf course, a neighborhood rails to trail path, football, soccer fields and a bicycle velodrome. Slavic Village also has numerous community arts and ethnic festivals through-

out the year," the councilman continued.

Brancatelli also congratulated the other finalist neighborhoods. Those were E. 185th St. in Collinwood, St. Clair & Superior Avenue near E. 55th St., and Clark & West 25th/La Villa.

Slavic Village Development Executive Director Chris Alvarado also was elated at the good news. "This is a remark-

able vote of confidence in our neighborhood," he said. Slavic Village Development is looking forward to welcoming our five new enterprises and continuing our support for the businesses that have stood by our neighborhood during the most challenging of times."

(Editor's Note: Thanks to Councilman Brancatelli and Chris Alvarado, who provided the information for this story.)

Final 'Shrek' performances

The Garfield Heights High School theatre department will present "Shrek The Musical" at the Center for the Performing Arts, 4900 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights.

Show dates and times are: Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29, at 7 p.m.; Sunday, April 30, at 3 p.m. Presale tickets are \$8 or \$10 at the door.

For more information or to purchase tickets visit www.garfieldshrek.info.

SUSPECTS WANTED



Private surveillance video captured three males shown above wanted for the attempted robbery at PNC Bank on Broadway Avenue in Slavic Village on April 14th. A fourth male is also wanted but was not captured on camera. Anyone with information is asked to call the Cleveland Police Department, 216-623-5400, or the Cleveland Division of the FBI, 216-522-1400.

Mallis speaks on need for passage of Bedford income tax hike in Tuesday's election

By Judith Goldsworth

The city of Bedford is facing a deficit of around \$1.1 million and without passage of the proposed .75 percent income tax increase on the May 2 ballot "this city is going to drastically change," Bedford City Manager Mike Mallis stated at the council meeting last week.

Issue 1, if passed by voters next Tuesday, would raise the income tax rate from 2.25 to 3 percent, and would be used to hire additional police officers, help improve the city's infrastructure and pay for the general operation of the city and its services.

Mallis explained that several weeks ago, months after the city had approved putting the income tax increase on the ballot, officials learned that the terms of a grant awarded to the city in the past that was used to pay the salaries of two firefighters was changing. "It is no longer 100 percent," he said.

The city is still committed to the safety of residents, Mallis said, but would have to find solutions to possible staffing issues.

Finance Director Frank Gambosi also stated the grants "sound wonderful, but are temporary solutions to staffing levels... they are not permanent."

Mallis said that depending on whether firefighters called in sick or were taking vacation time, there could be unavoidable reductions in staffing, resulting in just enough manpower to run one ambulance per shift.

"There are a lot of intangibles with that... obviously, we want to make sure that doesn't happen, as much as possible," he said, adding that two firefighters had notified the city of their retirement this year, which added to the staffing level discussions.

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Community calendar

NOTE: A new N.N. policy is now in place for Community Calendar submissions. Events that are free and open to the public will be printed in this section free of charge. Any event that costs money to attend must be submitted as a display ad (minimum \$40). In addition, the event notice will also be printed one time free of charge in the calendar section. Call The N.N. with questions or for further details, 216-441-2141, or email to: nnews1923@aol.com.

Wednesday, April 26

Heritage Home Program

If your home is 50 years old or older, the Heritage Home Program offers free advice, personalized site visits and access to low fixed-rate financing to cover project costs. Attend a free session on Wednesday, April 26, at 6:30 p.m. at Bedford City Hall, 165 Center Rd., to meet Heritage Home Program staff and get questions answered in person.

Thursday, April 27

Community Dinner

Lutheran Church of the Covenant and Hope United Methodist Church will serve free dinners on Thursday, April 27, beginning at 5 p.m., at Lutheran Church's parish hall, 19000 Libby Rd., Maple Hts. Meet the

new pastor of Lutheran Church of the Covenant, Brad Ross. All are welcome; no restrictions. Handicapped accessible. Meals are served on the last Thursday of each month. 216-662-0370.

Fridays, April 28, May 5

Post 309 Fish Fry

American Legion Post 309, 15521 Broadway Ave., Maple Hts., will serve Fish Fry dinners on Fridays, April 28 and May 5, from 4-7 p.m. Dinners, side dishes and extras range from \$1.25 to \$8. Carryouts available. Open to the public. 216-662-7768.

Saturday, April 29

Living With Bladder Cancer

If you or a family member has been diagnosed with bladder/urothelial cancer and are interested in learning more about

the diagnosis, a free educational luncheon will be held on Saturday, April 29, at Cleveland Clinic South Pointe Hospital, building B, Theodore F. Classen Auditorium, 2000 Harvard Rd., Warrensville Hts. Registration starts at 10 a.m.; program from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Complimentary lunch provided. Registration required by April 20 at clevelandclinic.org/bcevent. Limited seating available.

Free Community Lunch

Jones Road Chapel, 8000 Jones Rd., Cleveland, will serve free lunches on Saturday, April 29, beginning at noon. All are welcome.

Free Bagged Meals

Free bagged meals will be distributed on Saturday, April 29, at the following locations: Community Friends Church, 4509 Warner Rd., Cleveland, at 5:15 p.m., and Jones Road Chapel, 8000 Jones Rd., Cleveland, at 5:30 p.m.

Monday, May 1

Genealogy Society Meets

The Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society will meet Monday, May 1, at 7 p.m. in the Willow Room at the Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Dr. Topic: "Cemeteries and Their Famous Residents," presented

by Cathie Clager. All are welcome. Coffee and refreshments served. 216-524-3162.

Thursday, May 4

National Day Of Prayer

The city of Garfield Hts. will host its first annual National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 4. At 10 a.m., all will gather at the Veterans Memorial at Garfield Blvd. and Turney Rd. for a ceremony. The group will then walk or take a shuttle bus to The Rock Community Church, 9403 Garfield Blvd., for worship and personal prayer at 11 a.m. At noon, the whole nation will be praying together.

Wednesday, May 10

Lupus TeleTalk

The Lupus Foundation of America, Greater Ohio Chapter, will host a TeleTalk for adolescents affected by lupus on Wednesday, May 10, from 4-5 p.m. Call 1-888-NO-LUPUS to register. A Call-In Support Group for lupus patients and their families will also be offered on Wednesday, May 10, from 7-8 p.m. Call 1-888-NO-LUPUS or visit LupusGreaterOhio.org to register and receive call-in information.

Garfield Hts. United Meets

Garfield Hts. United and Councilman Matt Burke will host a cookout on Wednesday, May 10, from 6-8 p.m. at the Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd., Come enjoy food and friendly conversation. All are welcome. Questions, call James Feeney, 216-856-4628.

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List of Meetings for May 2017

Monday, May 1, 2017	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting -- 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 3, 2017	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - TBD, Regular Meeting - TBD
Wednesday, May 10, 2017	Southeast Area Law Enforcement (SEALE) Board of Trustees Meeting (if needed) Work Session - 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting - 12:00 p.m.
Monday, May 15, 2017	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 16, 2017	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - TBD
Tuesday, May 23, 2017	Board of Zoning Appeals (if needed) Work Session - 6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

It should also be noted that the Board of Building Standards and Appeals, Civil Service Commission, Bedford Arts and Cultural Board, Bedford Historical Preservation Board, Assessment Equalization Board, Public Hearings, Planning Commission, Animal Appeals Board, Board of Zoning Appeals and Tree Board meet as needed. Notification of these meetings will be posted at the five most public places in the City per Ordinance No. 8461-09.

All Meetings will be held at Bedford City Hall, 165 Center Road, Bedford, Ohio 44146. For agendas please go to www.bedfordoh.gov or call Loree Villers, Clerk of Council, at 440-735-6510.

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Glass Club of Northeast Ohio will be holding their annual Retro Glass Show and Sale May 6th and 7th 2017. In its 40th year, the Show and Sale is enjoying its third year at its new location at St. Mary's Crystal Chalet at 3600 Biddulph Ave. in Cleveland (corner of State and Biddulph, north of I-480). The Show and Sale dates are Saturday, May 6th from 10 AM to 5 PM and Sunday, May 7th from 10 AM to 4PM. Admission is \$5.00 and good for both days! If you are under 30, admission is FREE with valid ID. Convenient free parking is available at the hall.

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Saturday, May 13
Stream Clean Up

Volunteers of all ages are needed for the 5th annual Johnston Mill Run Stream Clean Up set for Saturday, May 13, from 9 a.m. to noon. This year organizers have added the Forestdale Park site in Garfield Hts. Volunteers should meet at Forest Dale Park or Arthur Johnston Park in Cleveland; bring a refillable water bottle. This project is sponsored by the Mill Creek Watershed Partners and is part of the area-wide River Sweep project coordinated by the CanalWay partners. To register or for more info call Debra Prater, 216-991-8585, ext. 3122; or Pat Salemi, 216-475-1100, ext. 2425.

Saturday, May 20
Maple Hts. Shred Day

The city of Maple Hts. will hold a free Community Shred Day on Saturday, May 20, from 9 a.m. to noon. The "InfoStore" truck will be at Stafford Park, 5400 Mayville Ave., Maple Hts., for Maple Hts. residents only; participants will receive a free magnet. Paper items only; no limit. With questions call 216-587-5481.

Garfield Heights Rec Center news

Time is running out! Registration for the Girls Softball program at the Dan Kostel Recreation Center, 5411 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights, will be held through this Saturday, April 29.

The office will be open for registrations today, April 26, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; April 27, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; April 28, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and April 29, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (last day without late fee).

The program is for girls ages 7-17; all seven-year-olds must be of age on or before May 1st and have two years of t-ball experience with the Garfield Heights t-ball program; all 8-17 year-olds must be of age on or before August 1st with no prior experience necessary.

Fee for residents, \$35 plus \$10 Rec ID card; nonresidents, \$65 plus \$35 Rec ID card. All players will also be responsible for a \$25 booster club fee due at the time of registration as a separate payment. Late registrations will be subject to a \$15 late fee.

ID cards are \$10 for residents and \$35 for nonresidents and are required for all Rec activities. Birth certificates are also required at sign-ups and all residents must bring two proofs of residency. Only a parent or legal guardian can register children.

For more information visit www.garfieldhts.org or call 216-475-7272.

Sunday, May 14
Heights Chamber Orchestra

The Heights Chamber Orchestra will perform Sunday, May 14, at 3:30 p.m. at Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave., Cleveland. Enjoy the following: Dvorak, "Slavonic Dance No. 1;" Massenet, "Scènes Pittoresques;" Smetana, "The Moldaw;" and Mozart, "Symphony No. 38, 'Prague,'" with guest conductor Katherine Kilburn.

Tuesday, May 16
Know Stroke Signs

Cleveland Clinic Marymount Hospital will offer "Know the Stroke Signs: Be Fast," on Tuesday, May 16, at the Garfield Hts. Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. Free blood pressure screenings and assessments, 9:30 a.m.; presentation, 10:30 a.m. Learn how to control risk factors, how to recognize stroke signs and how to respond appropriately to an emergency situation. Event is free; registration requested by contacting 216-312-5640, jameysj@ccf.org or www.ccf.org/strokegarfield.

Wednesday, May 17
GHCC Lunch Meeting

The Garfield Hts. Chamber of Commerce luncheon meeting will be held Wednesday, May 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Garfield Hts. Branch Library, 5409 Turney Rd. Guest speaker John Wilton will discuss how to save on Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation premiums, claims cost manage-

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MICHAEL S. MALLIS
CITY MANAGER
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Mallis speaks on need for

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He said that making any decisions to cut safety forces to address financial issues were difficult ones and would not be made lightly.

Mallis continued, "The fact is, there is \$1.1 million that we're losing, but we want to keep our forces as high up there as possible. No one is trying to give any false information. The reality is, if this doesn't pass (the income tax increase), it is going to be a completely different town and that's the scary part. The hard part is what we have to cut and I don't have the exact answers right now."

Legislation

A resolution for the city to join the Chagrin Valley Dispatch Council as a new member was placed on second reading for discussion and possible passage at a future meeting.

Placed on first reading were three pieces of legislation dealing with street lighting in the city: a resolution declaring the necessity to improve certain streets by lighting them, an ordinance to proceed with the lighting, and another ordinance to levy special assessments to pay for the lighting for tax year 2017, to be paid in 2018.

Gambosi said the millage was down to 1.5 mills, or 15 cents per each \$100 of valuation, but that would be increased to 1.6 mills, "to get us close to \$340,000," he added.

Passed on third reading was an ordinance for the city to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District and the Northeast Ohio

Regional Sewer District for conservation of soil and water resources.

"This is basically geared towards public outreach," Mallis said. "We're required to file a permit every year for our stormwater, and the city basically agrees to implement conservation education, stewardship and public involvement activities that corresponds with our stormwater sewer permit. We're obligated to put this one, and the understanding is that we could spend, not to exceed an amount of \$5500, to do so. Whatever we do spend, we will be reimbursed by the NEORS." "

Safe Passages to address addiction

In response to opiate and opioid addiction that has gripped the state, and especially Northeast Ohio, Councilman Walter Genutis announced that the police department was participating in the Safe Passages program to help addicts.

"There's a serious heroin and prescription drug epidemic that all of our communities are struggling with, presently," Genutis said, adding, "I want to commend our police chief, Kris Nietert, for developing a program for our police force, to subscribe to the Safe Passages program, whereby people with heroin addiction can come forward to the police department to seek treatment, and the police department will facilitate them receiving treatment and not arrest them."

Mayor Stan Koci said that in the Safe Passage program, people addicted to heroin, fentanyl and other substances could

come to the police department between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to turn themselves in and get help.

Businesses relocating

City officials stated that after an auction was held recently, a Mazda auto dealership already in the city was successful in acquiring 12 acres of land up for auction in the Meadowbrook shopping center, located in the Northfield/Rockside area.

"There are plans for possibly two new auto dealers going up there," Mallis said, adding, "There's interest as well from other businesses who have contacted [the dealer] regarding how they are planning on developing that... most likely we will not see anything, shovels in the ground until 2018. There's a lot of things that have to take place... but it's very exciting. It's a step in the right direction."

Councilman Greg Pozar said the Cleveland Eye Clinic was also relocating to 320 Broadway Ave., next to the AutoZone. The clinic had been located in University Hospitals Bedford, and had to move, but the owners chose to remain in Bedford, officials stated.

Announcements

Representatives of the Heritage Home Program will hold a meeting at 6:30 p.m. tonight in Council Chambers of City Hall, featuring consultants who will work with residents and offer information on low interest loans for home improvements, Mallis said.

The Rotary Pancake Breakfast and AutoMile Run will take place on Sunday, April 30, Mallis said, encouraging residents to participate.

A resident at the meeting announced strategic planning meetings at Ellenwood Recreation Center, to be held from 7-9 p.m. on May 9 and May 23.

On Monday, May 8, representatives from the Metroparks will give a presentation at 7 p.m. at City Hall to discuss wildlife in the city, and also advise residents on plants they can put in their yards that deer and other wildlife will not eat.

Council made the decision to move their meetings to 7 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of the month, starting with the first meeting after the summer recess in September, Koci stated.

The Greater Cleveland Safety Council notified Bedford that the city has won an award from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation 2017 Safety Program for its work on safety issues.

Food Pantry

A nonperishable Food Pantry will be open every Sunday from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at Community Friends Church, 4509 Warner Rd. in Cleveland. Each person is permitted to come once per month. A current photo ID is required. The pantry will be closed when there is a fifth Sunday of the month.

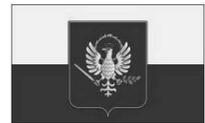
Brass quintet to play at former Broadway Methodist Church

Broadway School of Music and the Arts will present a free performance by Uptown Brass, a Cleveland Institute of Music student quintet, on Tuesday, May 2, at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary of the historic Broadway United Methodist Church building, 5246 Broadway Ave. in Slavic Village.

All are welcome to enjoy the hour-long program, which will include both classical and popular selections, including works by John Williams, Debussy, Plog, Maurer and others. The members of Uptown Brass are: Luke Hamilton, trumpet; Charles Miller, trumpet; Connor Monday, horn; Ben Smelser, trombone; and Jason Tanksley, tuba.

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Fri 5 May

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Firms interested in being considered should request from the District the Request for Qualifications document and respond to that document not later than noon on May 12, 2017.
Statements of qualifications should be requested from and sent to the attention of:
Al Sluka, Treasurer
asluka@ghbulldogs.org
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PUBLIC NOTICE BUDGET HEARING
A budget hearing for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018 will be held at 7:00 p.m. on May 15, 2017 in the Council Chambers of the Bedford City Hall, 165 Center Road, Bedford, Ohio. The residents of the City of Bedford are invited to provide written and oral comments and ask questions concerning the entire budget for the 2018 calendar year. This tax budget will have a first reading on May 1, 2017 and a final reading by council on June 5, 2017. Senior citizens are encouraged to attend. Special assistance is available to handicapped persons wishing to attend.

TAX BUDGET 2017 for Collection in 2018

General Fund	16,736,858
General Fund Reserve	2,000,000
State Highway Improvement	50,000
Indigent Drivers, Alcohol Treatment Fund	105,000
SEALE Narcotics Task Force Fund	-0-
Enforcement & Education Fund	-0-
Street Lighting Fund	370,000
Street Construction, Main & Repair Fund	733,010
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	-0-
Motor Vehicle Fund	90,000
Fire Equipment Improvement	157,975
Grants Fund	15,000
Firemedic Levy Fund	3,059,630
Muni Court Improvement Fund	129,455
Hud Houses Rehabilitation Fund	-0-
Indigent Interlock and Alcohol Monitoring Fund	30,000
Safety Forces Levy Fund	2,989,835
Bedford Municipal Legal Resource Fund	19,885
Refuse Fee Assessment Fund	723,580
General Obligation Bond Fund	1,266,875
Bond Ret Special Assessment	-0-
Bedford Municipal Court C.O.C. Computer Fund	55,000
Bedford Municipal Court Computer Fund	18,500
Capital Improvement Fund	400,000
Water Fund	4,171,655
Waste Water Fund	2,464,978
Health Insurance Res. Fund	2,529,350
State Inspection Fees Fund	2,100
Police Pension Fund	498,000
Fire Pension Fund	557,530
Cemetery Trust	1,000
Law Enforcement Agency Unforfeited Funds	-0-
Seale Narcotics Unforfeited Fund	-0-
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	39,175,216

The City of Bedford Tax Budget is available for public inspection at the office of the Director of Finance, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you have any questions, call (440) 735-6500.
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Garfield Hts. police news



By Amber Weisbarth

Aggravated Robbery

A 24-year-old Garfield Heights resident said he was walking eastbound on Langton Ave. on April 22nd, around 5 p.m., and as he approached East 108th St. he saw a blue Chevy Equinox with four males inside drive past him. As the car pulled onto East 108th, a backseat passenger got out of the car and walked towards the 24-year-old. As he got closer, the male pulled out a gun, pointed it at the victim and said, "Drop everything from your pockets." The victim complied, dropping his wallet and \$200 cash to the ground, and began backing away from the gunman then fled from the area. Investigation is ongoing.

Breaking and Entering

Around 3 a.m. on April 19th, police were dispatched to GameStop on Transportation Blvd. for an alarm drop. Police found the back door to the business had been forced open and two drawers in the back room were opened but nothing was disturbed in the front of the store. Police watched security camera footage which showed a man wearing jeans, a black hooded sweatshirt with a baseball cap underneath and the hood up, a red bandana covering his face and brown gloves carrying a crowbar. He is seen stealing various video games from the drawers and two broken gaming consoles then exiting the store.

Drug Abuse

Police were dispatched to the Giant Eagle on Transportation Blvd. on April 18th, around 5:20 p.m., due to a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot. Two men were inside the truck when police arrived and were asked to exit the vehicle. Inside, a small black bag was found in the center of the back seat containing hypodermic needles, cotton swabs and other items common when using heroin. An unlabeled pill bottle containing two different types of pills and a small Tylenol bottle containing what appeared to be crack cocaine were also found in the bag.

The driver, 32, of Lyndhurst, was checked through LEADS; police learned he had an active warrant with Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office. The passenger, 33, of Medina, had no warrants, but during a pat down, police found a crack pipe in the man's pocket. Both males were arrested and taken to City Jail.

The 33-year-old was charged with two counts of drug possession and one count of drug paraphernalia, and held on an \$8500 bond. The 32-year-old was also charged with two counts of drug possession and held on a \$7000 bond.

Robbery

A delivery driver for Marco's Pizza told police he made a delivery in the 13700 block of South Parkway on April 20th, around 11:30 p.m., and as he turned to go back to his car in the driveway, he noticed a younger looking male was standing at the passenger side of his car. As he got to the driver's side door, the delivery driver said a second male "came out of nowhere" and told him to turn around because he had a gun. The driver complied, and the male snatched his cell phone from his hand, then told to him run, so he did. He said that as he was running, he heard someone get into his car and drive towards East 131st St. at a very high rate of speed. He also noticed a dark-colored Subaru speed off in the same direction.

He said a short time later he went back to the home where he delivered the pizza and knocked on the door, but no one answered. He then ran across the street to a neighbor's house to call police.

On April 21st, around 2:30 a.m., Cleveland police said they found the victim's car abandoned on Kempton Ave. It was towed to GHPD for processing.

Cleveland police vehicle auction

The Cleveland Police Department will offer a Police Vehicle Auction on Saturday, April 29, at the police impound lot, 4300 Bradley Rd., Cleveland.

Viewing will begin at 8 a.m. on the day of the auction only; bidding will begin at 9 a.m. All vehicles will be sold as is. Cash only.

There is a 10 percent cash down payment required to hold the vehicle the day of the auction. All vehicles must be paid for in full by Friday, May 6, 2017, and all vehicles must be paid for in full and the title transferred out of the City of Cleveland's name before being removed from the lot. If vehicles are not paid in full on the day of the auction, the remaining balance must be paid to the City Treasurer's Office at 601 Lakeside Ave.

After the vehicle is paid in full, a receipt stamped "Paid in Full" will be sent. Bring the receipt to Lot 2, 4300 Bradley Rd., between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to receive the title. The title must then be taken to the Title Bureau and transferred to the new owner's name. Take the new title to Lot 2 in order to obtain possession of the vehicle.

All vehicles must be removed from the lot by Friday, May 6, 2017. No exceptions.

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Man dies from fatal gunshot wound on Union Avenue

Police found a man lying face down on the ground in the 9600 block of Union Ave. on April 14th, suffering from an "in and out gunshot wound to the back of his neck." Police found the man's ID and identified him as Jimmie Jones, 52. He later died at MetroHealth Medical Center on April 16th, according to Cleveland Police Public Information Officer Jennifer Ciaccia.

The following information was taken from a Cleveland police report:

An Uber driver called police around 3:40 a.m. April 14th when he saw the victim lying in the road. He told police he thought at first it was a dog, but when he got closer he realized it was a man who was unresponsive and called police.

A resident of the 9600 block of Union Avenue told police he heard a verbal argument and gun shots outside his home. He said he saw someone get into a black car and flee westbound on

Union. He was unable to give police a description, however officers searched the surrounding area for suspects with negative results.

At the scene, police found five shell casings in the street and one just off the roadway, and a cell phone, screw driver and cigar next to a grey Buick nearby. Police ran the license plate, found a phone number for the owner, and when police called it, the phone in the street began ringing. It was collected as evidence.

The screw driver was also collected as evidence because of its proximity to the crime scene and the fact that Jones is a known car thief in Cleveland; a screw driver is the most commonly used tool in car thefts, according to police.

The cigar butt, found just underneath the driver's side door, was also collected for possible DNA.

Local block watch meetings

G.H. Ward 7

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch will meet Thursday, April 27, at 7 p.m. in the St. Augustine Room of St. Benedict School, 13633 Rockside Rd. Nonperishable items for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry appreciated. All are welcome. Nikki Majka, 216-310-6514.

G.H. Ward 4

The Garfield Heights Ward 4 Block Watch meeting will be held Tuesday, May 2, at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. Guest speaker will be Judge Deborah Nicastro. Chicken and pop provided; attendees asked to bring a side dish to share. This will be the final meeting for the season; the group will not meet during summer months. Dan Baillie, 216-475-4810.

LIBRARIES PLAN SPECIAL PROGRAMS

laser engraver, vinyl cutter, embroidery machine and more. Orientation is required for future access into the Innovation Center.

INDEPENDENCE

The Independence Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 6361 Selig Dr., will offer the following programs. Call 216-447-0160 or visit www.cuyahogalibrary.com for more details or to register.

•Manage Your Property Taxes, Wednesday, April 26, 7 p.m. Homeowners are invited to learn about Cuyahoga County's property tax payment options.

•The Adolescent Hero: A Study of J.D. Salinger's "unheroic" heroes, Thursdays-April 27, and May 4, 11 and 18, 7 p.m. Look both at "Catcher in the Rye" and at another of Salinger's short works, "Franny and Zooey." Both works capture a surprisingly complex picture of adolescents as they struggle with issues of identity in modern America. This program is part of CCPL's partnership with Siegal Lifelong Learning Program.

•Play, Learn and Grow, Wednesday, May 3, 10 a.m., newborns to three years with a parent/caregiver. Children will play with developmentally appropriate toys in a play group atmosphere while parents meet and learn from community health experts.

•Key Advanced Entrepreneurs, Monday, May 1, 5:30-8:30 p.m. The Small Enterprise Education Development (SEED) Training Series is designed for entrepreneurs who are ready to enhance their business idea or expand an existing small enterprise into a viable and profitable business. Clients will complete homework assignments that will assist them in developing a business plan and action plan. Registration is required at www.ecci.org/events/cleveland/716/.

•Stuffed Animal Sleepover, Tuesday, May 2, and Wednesday, May 3, 6:45-7:15 p.m. Come for some cuddly stories on Tuesday night as you drop off your stuffed pal, then return on Wednesday night to see what fun all the stuffed animals had!

•Community Play Date, Wednesday, May 3, 6:30 p.m. Families with children 0-36 months old are invited to the library for a social/play time. Toys will be available for the little ones to explore with parent guidance.

•Innovation Center Orientation, Wednesday, May 3, 6:30 p.m., ages 18 and up. Design, create and invent in the Innovation Center. Learn about a

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Barmaid/Bartender, Polish American Club. Preferred knowledge of Polish language. Call (216) 441-4212, leave message.

HELP WANTED

Library programs

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ums, such as paint, pastels and clay. All materials included.

•Read with Your Heroes, Tuesday, May 2, 10:30 a.m., ages 3-5 with a caregiver. Enjoy this annual storytime with a member of the Maple Heights Fire Department and see a fire truck up close.

•Spring Teen Tuesdays, May 2, 4 p.m., grades 6-12. Hang with your friends, play games, do crafts, have FUN!

•Computers 101, Wednesday, May 3, 6:30 p.m. Geared toward the computer novice, this class offers an overview of basic

computer parts, including the mouse and keyboard, and an introduction to the Microsoft Windows operating system.

Stella Walsh news

The following programs will be offered at Stella Walsh Recreation Center, 7245 Broadway Ave., Cleveland. For more information call 216-664-4658.

Floor Aerobics will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Step Aerobics will be held for one hour Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Fridays at 5:30 p.m.

Senior Bingo will be played on Wednesdays from 1-2:30 p.m. with prizes.

Blood donation opportunities

American Red Cross

Those who qualify are encouraged by the American Red Cross to donate blood at one of the following sites.

Garfield Hts: Marymount Hospital, 12300 McCracken Rd., Wednesday, April 26, 1-6 p.m.

Cleveland: Dave McCall Union Hall, 3421 Independence Rd., Friday, April 28, from 6-11:30 a.m. and 1-6 p.m.

Make an appointment to donate blood by visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-

800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Minority Donors

Remington College Cleveland Campus, 14445 Broadway Ave., will host a 3 Lives Blood Drive for minority blood donors on Thursday, May 18, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

While the focus of 3 Lives is to increase the number of minority donors, everyone is encouraged to donate. Donors must be 17 or older and weigh a minimum of 110 pounds.

All the blood collected will go to local hospitals and medical centers to help people in the Cleveland area. For more info visit www.3Lives.com.

Obituaries

ROBERT J. TEAGUE, 87, of Bedford, died peacefully in his sleep on April 19.

He was the beloved husband of the late Doris L. (nee Koehler); loving father of Andrea Weber, Wendy McCormac (Ted), Thomas (Robin), and Robert W.; dear grandfather of five; brother of the late Dorothy Medvick (the late George).

Services were held at Ferfolia Funeral Home.

FLORENCE M. MRUCZKOWSKI (nee Kuchar), 90, of Maple Heights, passed away April 15.

She was the beloved wife of the

late Leonard J.; dear mother of Connie Brocklehurst (Jim), Maryann Pitsch (Chuck), John Murcer (Suzie) and Gary Murcer (Judy); loving grandmother of Craig (Katie), Tim (Anne), Zachary, Carrienne, Lindsey (Dieter), Jessica, Laura and the late Kim; great-grandmother of Abby, James, Clare, Mary, Brynn, Dylan, Derek, Olivia, Madeline and Grant; sister of the late Helen (the late Clem).

Arrangements were handled by Ferfolia Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Basil Catholic Church. Interment in Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery.

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Maple Heights Council places amended financial recovery plan on first reading

By Judith Goldsworth

Two years after being declared in a state of fiscal emergency, the city of Maple Heights continues to work on financial recovery with council placing legislation approving an amended plan on first reading at its meeting last week.

State Auditor Dave Yost declared Maple Heights to be in fiscal emergency in February 2015, after the city was found to owe on loans and also had a fund deficit in the area of \$2.5 million.

In the years since, city officials, including Mayor Annette Blackwell, Council President Richard Trojanski, council members and the administration, with the assistance of state officials, have been working on the city's recovery, with an actual fund deficit of \$1.76 million stated for 2016, and a projected fund deficit of \$1.28 million forecasted for the end of this year. The projected fund deficit is forecasted at \$907,091 for 2018.

Total forecasted expenditures for 2017 are projected at \$10.4 million, up from \$10.1 million actual expenditures in 2016.

Forecast assumptions

Forecast assumptions, primarily in the area of revenues, were enumerated in the plan, including a projected five percent increase from property taxes, "due to the county's reappraisal that will occur in 2018."

As for city income tax, Maple Heights' income tax prior to 2015 "had seen a downward slide from previous years, mainly due to high unemployment... There was a spike in 2015 income tax, then a small decline in 2016 income tax. Income tax will be forecasted at a conservative amount," according to the plan.

Regarding local government revenue, the plan stated: "The 2017 forecasted revenues were based on documentation from the Department of Taxation. Until future documentation is received from the Department of Taxation, the revenue is flatlined."

As for expenditures, "There is an increase in salaries and wages in most departments, to account for step increases and longev-

ity... there is an increase in fringe benefits in all departments, largely due to increases in health care costs."

The city's police and fire departments both experienced turnover and personnel changes in 2015, resulting in new hires at lower rates of pay and less fringe benefits, the plan stated. Also in 2015, Maple Heights, along with Bedford, Bedford Heights and Garfield Heights, moved toward a consolidation of dispatching services by joining the Southeast Emergency Communications Center. Bedford recently announced it will be withdrawing from the SECC, with plans to join another regional dispatching center later this year.

As a result of joining the SECC all but two of the city's dispatchers' positions were eliminated.

Other shared services that are expected to continue to save Maple Heights money include participation in Southeast Area Law Enforcement (SEALE), membership in the Chagrin Southeast Regional Hazmat Response Team, and membership in the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC), comprising 129 communities which works to provide the lowest possible energy rates to residents of the participating communities.

"Based on the implementation of the items in this plan, the city anticipates applying for termination of the fiscal emergency status in 2019," Blackwell and Trojanski both stated.

Council will continue to discuss the financial recovery plan, with passage anticipated at a future meeting.

Legislation passed

Passed by council at last week's meeting was a resolution for Blackwell and Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas to apply for and accept grant funding from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation (FSPSF), in an amount not to exceed \$20,000, for purchase of vehicle extrication equipment.

Also passed was a resolution to approve a contract between the city and the Ohio Department of Transportation to buy road salt for the 2017-2018 winter season.

Announcements

This week, mainline sewer dye testing will be performed on Krems Avenue, Brunswick Avenue and E. 141 Street, according to information from AECOM, an engineering firm in Cleveland.

This is part of the Mill Creek Interceptor Local Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study.

Golden Ager's Grapevine

Liga Morska

Liga Morska Golden Agers will meet Wednesday, May 3, at 11:30 a.m. at Cuyahoga Heights Village Hall on E. 71 St. A short meeting will be followed by lunch, raffle and games.

SVD seeking participants in art projects

Slavic Village Development is looking for resident participation from all Slavic Village community members and community leaders to join a series of six art project workshops.

The project will be focused on poetry and performing arts and the final products will be displayed and installed at Rooms to Let: CLE on May 20-21.

All workshops are free and open to the public every Thursday night from 6-8 p.m. from now until May 18, and will be held at the following locations in Slavic Village:

April 27, May 4 and 11: Golubski Funeral Home, 3805 E. 65th St. May 18: The Magalen, 5203 Fleet Ave.

With questions or to RSVP call Slavic Village Development at 216-429-1182, ext. 141.

Two new patrolmen installed at Garfield council meeting

By Ellen Psenicka

Michael Malak and Carlos Crespo are the newest patrolman out on the streets for the city of Garfield Heights. Both officers were installed by Garfield Heights Mayor Vic Collova at the regular meeting of city council Monday night.

Council passed for a second reading an ordinance for the sale of notes, not to exceed \$2,500,000, in anticipation of the issuance of income tax revenue bonds, to pay costs for improving streets and roads in the city.

An emergency ordinance was passed to enter into a purchasing participation agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the purchase of 3,000 tons of rock salt, the same amount as last year, for the 2017-2018 season.

Council okayed another emergency ordinance to enter into an agreement with Kayline Products, Inc. for the purchase of LED lighting fixtures to be used in the interior and exterior of all city buildings at a cost of \$47,000, of which \$29,000 will be rebated back to the city. A companion ordinance entered into an agreement with D3 Electrical for installation of the lighting fixtures.

A resolution was also passed providing for only one regular council meeting to be held on the second Monday during the months of June, July and August, 2017.



Michael Malak, at left, and Carlos Crespo, at right, are shown with Mayor Vic Collova Monday night after being installed as the Garfield Heights Police Department's newest patrolmen.

Lt. Stack retires from CHPD



At the Village council meeting on April 12, Cuyahoga Heights Mayor Jack Bacci, at right, presented retiring Police Lt. Michael Stack, center, a proclamation for his years of service. At left in the photo is Stack's wife, Sandy.

Last month Lt. Michael Stack of the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department was honored at a luncheon upon his retirement after 34 years of service.

Stack served under five different police chiefs and four different mayors during his time in the police department while holding the ranks of patrolman (11 years) and lieutenant (23 years). He was a hostage negotiator with S.W.A.T., a trained accident reconstruction officer, an active member of the Polish American Police Association and an active member in the Fraternal Order of Police.

He was an F.O.P. representative for the CHPD and was part of the first "Shop with a Cop" event in 1996.

Mike's leadership and guidance will be missed by the community and department, said Village officials, who wish him the best as he plans to cruise around the country in his R.V. with his wife, Sandy.

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Answers to Wednesday, April 19, 2017 Puzzle #1

SOLUTIONS ACROSS	SOLUTIONS DOWN
1. Ghana	1. Giraffe
5. Accad	2. Arousal
8. Rye	3. Artifact
10. Rooftop	4. Deploy
11. Abeam	5. Anarchic
12. Fast food chain	6. Caeca
13. Enlace	7. Demonstrate
14. Digest	9. Yo
17. Alas	15. Edition
19. Tar	16. Hassle
20. Hila	17. Ada
23. Acerb	18. Aleph
24. Seaside	21. Abed
25. Aphid	22. Haig
26. Engines	

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Wednesday Crossword Puzzle #2

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

CLUES ACROSS

1. Imitate
4. Prevents harm to creatures
8. Hotshot
12. Month, abbr.
13. Colombian Town
14. Beginning to end, var.
15. Organ stop
17. Famous surgeon
18. In the thick of it
19. Caesar, for one
20. Not dense
22. Bolivian river
23. Tropical tuber
24. Nicaraguan silver coin
27. From 25 million to 40 million years ago
30. Born of
31. Woman's title (French), abbr.
32. Pedestal
33. One who exerts great power
34. Coverups
36. Perilous
37. God of war
38. Track
39. Fish genus
41. Idealists
45. Put in harmony
46. Gather
47. Radioactivity unit
48. Dislike
49. In bed
50. Environmental Agency, abbr.

CLUES DOWN

1. In addition
2. Hawaiian dish
3. Brando's "Waterfront" love
4. Heap
5. Out-of-date
6. Abnormal particle circulating in blood
7. Own (Scottish)
8. Filament
9. All or most
10. Subject matter
11. European freshwater fish
16. Small stuffed pastry (Yiddish)
19. Dried-up
20. Walk heavily
21. de Mallorca, Balearic island seaport
22. Cram
24. Suc., luck (Irish)
25. Snout
26. Eagle's nest, var.
28. Off-Broadway theater award
29. Suspension
33. Small S. American monkeys
35. Very small quantity
36. Molested
38. Jab
39. Burned residue
40. Mollusk genus
42. The bill in a restaurant
43. Brief sleep
44. Military assignment, abbr.

Answers will be printed next week