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Suspects sought in Saucisson break in

On July 6th, around 1:50 a.m., the Saucisson Meat Shop at E. 54th St. and Fleet Ave. in Slavic Village was broken into, according to the Cuyahoga County Crime Stoppers Facebook page.



The suspects are pictured as they broke into the business through the front door and reportedly disabled the lighting, according to Crime Stoppers.



More photos are available on the Crime Stoppers Facebook page. Anyone with information about this crime or if you recognize the suspects, call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 216-252-7463.

Lack of quorum at G.H. Council meeting sets up special meeting Wednesday

By Ellen Psenicka

With the excused absences of Councilmen Michael Dudley, Joseph Suster and Tom Vaughn, Garfield Heights Council did not have a quorum present for Monday night's regular meeting, so all of the legislation on the agenda was considered only for first reading and all but a zoning issue will come up again at a special council meeting set for this Wednesday, July 12, at 3 p.m. in council chambers.

Councilman Michael Nenadovich, who acted as council president in Suster's place, said a two-thirds majority vote was necessary for all legislation involving money or employees.

The following ordinances were all placed on first reading: a revision of the building zone map to change the zoning of certain parcels on McCracken Road from residential single family to industrial park and

submitting to voters in the November 7, 2017 election; making the senior center activities assistant a full time position and creating the part-time as needed position of housing resources liaison in the building department; replacing additional lighting fixtures under the First Energy Rebate Program in the parking lots of municipal buildings; and a resolution adopting the tax budget for the city of Garfield Heights for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018.

In his report to council, Police Chief Robert Byrne noted that there have been a series of recent night-time home thefts, predominately south of Antennuci Blvd., in which thieves are reaching into unlocked windows and stealing purses.

"We're asking residents to keep their eyes open and call 911 if you see anyone roaming around at night,"

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Chet Partyka passes away Bedford officials discuss death of G.H. teen in park

Chester Partyka, 91, of Independence, passed away on Sunday, July 2, surrounded by family and friends. He leaves behind his wife of 64 years, Henrietta, a son, Dennis, daughter, Debbie, and one grandchild.



He was the former president of the Polish American Congress Ohio Division for 10 years, and former Polish American Congress national director as well as the national vice-president. These umbrella organizations represent 12 million Polish Americans in over 3,000 organizations nationwide and 500,000 Polish Americans in Ohio.

At 13, he was a Polish prisoner of war sent to Normandy where he was freed by the Americans and joined the Free Polish forces fighting with the Allies under General George Patton until 1945. He enlisted in the American Army and was stationed in Frankfurt during the Berlin Air Lift.

He came to Cleveland in 1949 and worked in various trades while attending English school. He met Henrietta, got married, and together they purchased their own neighborhood beverage store, Lee-Land Beverage. The business was successful, but Chester injured his back and while recuperating studied to become a real estate salesman. In 1970, Partyka Realty, Inc. began and while helping others select their dream home, he began investing in real estate.

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By Judith Goldsworth

The death of a Garfield Heights boy in the Bedford Reservation over the Independence Day holiday weekend and the city's safety forces' exhaustive response and recovery efforts were discussed at the Bedford Council meeting last week.

Several hours prior to the council meeting on Monday, July 3, Bedford firefighters, with the assistance of Metroparks rangers and other safety personnel, recovered the body of Jalen Wise, 15, who was reported missing after he was swept away by currents while swimming in Tinkers Creek near Viaduct Park on Saturday, July 1, officials stated.

A ruling on the cause of death has not yet been an-

nounced by the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office, but fire officials stated that after heavy rains the currents in the creek were powerful enough to pull people under and have resulted in past drowning incidents.

In referring to recovery efforts by the city's first responders, City Manager Mike Mallis stated, "I couldn't be more proud of our chief (Dave Nagy) and our fire department for their effort and commitment; their expertise was unbelievable, and seeing them fight in that water, they weren't going to quit. It's an honor to have them as co-workers... they would have been there throughout the night if we would have let them."

"Don't underestimate that water," Mallis continued, "and the power that water has. That's just something to please keep in the back of your mind when kids want to go down there and play."

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G.H. summer concerts start this Sunday

The Garfield Heights Summer Concerts Series will begin this Sunday, July 16, at Frank J. Debelak Park on Granger Road, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This Sunday, enjoy the music of the Frank Cardone Trio.

On July 23rd, The Billy Kaye Band will provide the entertainment, and on July 30th, enjoy Larry Patch Renditions. All concerts are at the park from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Bring a chair or blanket as seating will not be provided.

SAFETY TOWN GRADS!



Shown above are some of the youngsters that graduated from the Garfield Heights Safety Town program last Friday, July 7, along with Safety Town instructors. The graduation ceremony was held in the Mapleleaf Elementary School gym. Congratulations, grads!!

Photo by Michael Psenicka

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 or is profitable to the organization must be submitted as a display ad (minimum \$40). In addition to the paid advertisement, the event notice will be printed one time free of charge in a section of this newspaper. Call The N.N. with questions or for further details, 216-441-2141, or email: nnews1923@aol.com. (N.N. policies are subject to change without notice.)

Wednesday, July 12

Parties In The Park

The city of Bedford hosts free Parties in the Park every Wednesday in July from 7-9 p.m. and every Wednesday in August from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Bedford Commons. Entertainment set for July 12: Billy Fischer. July 19: Pop-Tarts. Bring a blanket or lawn chair.

Saturday, July 15

G.H. Car Show

A Matriarch Muscle Machine Mania Car Show will be held at The Village at Marymount, 5200 Marymount Village Dr. in Garfield Hts., on Saturday, July 15, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Categories of featured cars include classic and modern muscle, con-

vertible, custom, daily driver, under construction, hot rod, classic and modern truck and imported Euro. Also enjoy music by DJ Spikeman.

Monday, July 17

Iron Ward Festival

Ralph Szubski the Accordion Man will play a popular selection of polka tunes at the free Iron Ward Festival in Dan Kane Park, at E. 65 St. and Broadway Ave. in Slavic Village, on Monday, July 17, beginning at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, July 18

Cleveland Show Wagon

Friends of St. Hyacinth's Park will host the Cleveland Public School Show Wagon, a youth traveling stage show, on Tuesday, July 18, from 6-8 p.m. at

Hyacinth Park, located at E. 65 St. and Waterman Ave. There will also be monster trucks, face painting, refreshments and other surprises. Info, 216-647-3232.

Thursday, July 20

Youth Dance Performance, Concert

Literacy Through the Arts will present a Dance Performance and Orff Concert (xylophone orchestra) on Thursday, July 20, at 6 p.m. at the Broadway Boys and Girls Club, 6114 Broadway Ave., Cleveland. Then, save the date for the Literacy Through the Arts Music and Arts Festival on Friday, July 28, also at 6 p.m. at the Broadway Boys and Girls Club.

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Saturday, July 22

Ice Cream Social

The Cleveland Division of Fire will host an Ice Cream Social at Fire Station #13, 6835 Broadway Ave. in Slavic Village, on Saturday, July 22, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Division of EMS will also provide wellness checks; MetroHealth Hospital will help educate seniors about fall prevention; American Red Cross will offer healthy tips and first-aid training info. Fire station tours available.

Sat.-Sun., July 22-23

St. Monica Festival

St. Monica Church, 13623 Rockside Rd., Garfield Hts., will host its Homecoming Festival on Saturday, July 22, from 1-10 p.m. (special children's matinee, 1-4 p.m. with balloon clown, magician, free bike raffle and more) and Sunday, July 23, from 1-9 p.m. Enjoy music, food, games of chance, bingo and more. Free admission to all until 5 p.m.; after 5 p.m. non-parishioners will be charged \$5; all parishioners and children 10 and under free all day; children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent.

Sunday, July 23

Ward 12 Picnic

The 12th Ward Picnic in Lincoln Park will be held Saturday, July 23, from noon to 4 p.m., sponsored by Cleveland Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli and coordinated by Marcy Shannon.

Menu: hot dogs, chicken, side dishes, dessert, soft drinks. Admission: donation of side dish or dessert, enough to feed 12-15 people. Kids will enjoy the playground and pool. Bring a lawn chair and/or games. Questions or more info, 216-341-8725.

Sokol Sunday Dinner

Sokol Greater Cleveland will host its monthly ethnic dinner on Sunday, July 23, from 12:30-2:30 p.m. in the lower level dining room at Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave., Slavic Village. This month, enjoy a pork steak dinner with dumplings and sauerkraut, \$14. Reservations required by calling 216-447-0264.

Sunday, July 30

Metroparks Concert

To close out the month long celebration of the Cleveland Metroparks 100th anniversary, a free concert will be held in the Hemlock Creek Picnic area of Bedford Reservation, off Button Rd., on Sunday, July 30, as part of the Centennial Concert Series presented by KeyBank. Festivities from 4-7 p.m. include the Liverpool Lads honoring music of the 1960s and '70s (beginning at 5 p.m.); food trucks; hands-on activities; and stations from the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and NatureTracks; a visit from a live buzzard from the Cleveland Museum of Natural History and more. More information at: clevelandmetroparks.com or 440-526-1012.

S.V. market filled with free activities

Throughout the month of July, bring your composted food scraps (fruits, veggies, coffee grinds, egg shells, etc.) to the Village Market at the corner of Fleet Ave. and East 52nd Street in Slavic Village between 4 and 7 p.m. For every pound of compost you bring in you will receive \$1 to spend at the market.

July will also feature a free community meal on Mondays, July 17 and 31, catered by local foodies Vel Scott and Saucisson. Monday, July 24, will also feature ART at the Market, with free art workshops and pierogis for purchase from the Pierogi Lady.

Block watches

E. 63 St.

The East 63rd Street block club will meet Thursday, July 13, at 7 p.m. at St. Stanislaus School, 6615 Forman Ave., Cleveland. A 50/50 raffle will be held. All are welcome.

St. Hyacinth

The regular meeting of the Hyacinth Block Club will be held Wednesday, July 19, at 6 p.m. at Elizabeth Baptist Church, 6114 Francis Ave., Cleveland. Meet some of the candidates running for mayor and other offices. Limited space available. More info, 216-315-4593 or johnr@slavicvillage.org.

AARP news

Garfield Heights AARP Chapter 4164 will meet Friday, July 14, at 1:30 p.m. at the Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. Bingo after the meeting. Tickets for the summer picnic will be sold; picnic is set for Friday, Aug. 11, at St. Monica's pavilion. New members always welcome.

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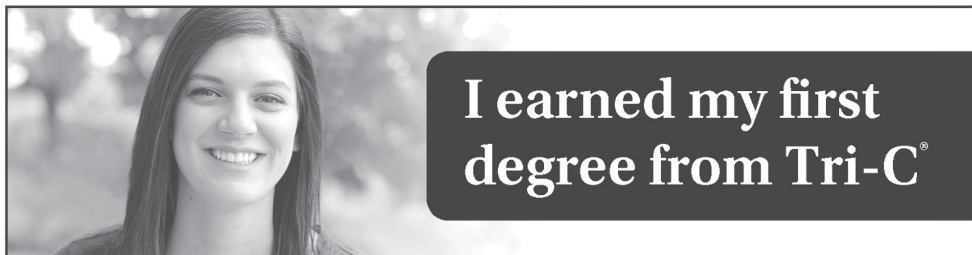
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Texting while driving now primary offense in Maple Hts.; exceptions noted

By Judith Goldsworth

Following a meeting of the Maple Heights Public Works/Safety Committee, Mayor Annette Blackwell, Police Chief John Popielarczyk and Law Director Frank Consolo recommended to council that the section of the city's codified ordinances concerning texting while driving "be amended and replaced with a more expansive definition of texting, and to make a violation a primary offense and to establish local penalties."

Council last week passed an ordinance making it a primary violation to use cell phones, laptop and tablet computers, and other electronic devices for text-based communications while driving with noted exceptions.

Authorized use includes drivers contacting police, fire or other services to report an emergency, or if a driver is "parked, standing or stopped and is removed from the flow of traffic," or is stopped because the vehicle is inoperable; or using a voice operated or hands-free device allowing the driver to have both hands on the steering wheel while driving.

Violations will constitute a primary offense, and the fine will be \$100 for the first offense, \$250 for the

second offense, and no more than \$500 for each subsequent offense. Also, each violation will result in two points on the driver's license.

At the request of Consolo, two ordinances on the agenda at last week's Maple Heights Council meeting that would place proposed charter changes regarding civil service requirements for potential police officers and firefighters on the November ballot, were tabled until the Wednesday, August 2 meeting, Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella stated.

One of the proposed changes that would be submitted to voters provides that competitive civil service examinations shall not be required for lateral entry transfers into employment.

The second proposed charter change tabled, which also could be submitted to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, states that if voters approve it, the city's civil service rules, orders or decisions would prevail over conflicting state law provisions.

Both proposed charter changes will be discussed by council before next month's meeting.

Council passed a resolution for City Engineer Ed Hren to prepare plans and

advertise for bids for a parks improvement project in the city, after Maple Heights received a total of \$200,000 in grant funding for the project.

The funds will be used to rehab the bathroom building at Stafford Park, as well as improve the pavement, parking and facilities at Dunham Park, according to the resolution.

Council approved a resolution for a contract with Terrace Construction for the Theodore Street waterline replacement project in the city, at a cost not to exceed \$498,365.26, with the earliest start date given as August 28, Hren stated.

In April of last year, Hren applied to the Cleveland Water Department to fund the project, under the Suburban Water Main Renewal Program, and the city was later awarded \$584,431 towards the project for replacement of the Theodore Street waterline, from Libby Road to Raymond Street. Time of completion for the project is estimated at 60 days.

Another resolution to accept a \$492,734 grant from the Cleveland Water Suburban Water Main Renewal (SWMR) Project Fund, for a water project on Beverly Avenue, was also approved by council.

Tony Cirese is now the

city's new service director, after council passed a resolution approving his appointment to the position. His annual salary is \$72,000, according to the legislation.

Lack of quorum

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Byrne said, and also stressed that windows should be kept securely locked.

Service Director Tim McLaughlin expressed frustration at the garbage situation in the city.

"The rubbish program here is way out of control," he told council.

He said his office was getting between 10 and 15 calls a day with major problems concerning garbage on the tree lawns, not being put out at the proper time and the foul language of some of those calling to complain.

Mayor Vic Collova said he has instructed his staff to just hang up when a caller uses offensive language.

He also pointed out that the Law Department is researching regulations in other cities for solutions to garbage issues with renters "to get to the people who actually reside in the house - not the landlords."

Chet Partyka

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In 1980, at the age of 55, he semi-retired and devoted much of his time to Polish-American affairs. He was active in civic, cultural, political and religious activities such as Alhambra, PLAV, PNA, Cleveland Society of Poles, Republican clubs, American Institute of Polish Culture, Polish American Congress Ohio Division and many more.

In 1985, Gov. Richard Celeste appointed Chester as the Ohio Lottery commissioner, which continued under Gov. George Voinovich.

In 1993, President of Poland Lech Walesa honored

Chester by presenting him the Officers' Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland. That same year the Polish American Veterans gave him the General Haller Sword and Cross.

On July 24, 2004, Chester was invited to Warsaw by President George Bush, along with Secretary of State Colin Powell and Ambassador to Poland Victor Ash, to represent the United States and President Bush at the 60th Anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place today, July 12, at 10 a.m., at St. Michael Church, 6540 Brecksville Rd., Independence. Arrangements by Vodrazka Funeral Home.

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Our Lady of Fatima statue to visit St. Stan's

The Diocese of Cleveland's Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, blessed by St. John Paul II in Portugal, will visit the Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus, 3649 E. 65 St. in Slavic Village, this Thursday, July 13 through Sunday, July 16.

A solemn bi-lingual Mass will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday followed by a talk by Dennis Razayeski, a representative of the World Apostolate of Fatima.

The evening will conclude with devotions and opportunities for private prayer and veneration.

The Pilgrim Virgin Statue will remain in the church sanctuary during all weekend Masses, which will also feature special prayers.

M.H. council president candidate forum Tuesday

The Maple Heights Democratic Club will sponsor a Council President Candidate Forum on Tuesday, July 18, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Maple Heights Library, Room 1, 5225 Library Ln.

All three candidates for council president have been invited to participate in the forum. They are: District 4 Councilman Ron Jackson, Neomia Mitchell and Frank Rives. The purpose of this forum is to give candidates an opportunity to address policy issues vital to the city of Maple Heights.

Duties of the council president include: Communicating with the administration on behalf of council; managing the day-to-day op-

erations of the council office; presiding over all city council meetings; serving as interim mayor if or when necessary.

Those with questions can contact Councilwoman Edwina Agee at 216-323-8829 or Councilman/Democratic Club President Stafford Shenett, Sr. at 216-256-3182.

Infant mortality event in G.H.

The Cleveland Clinic Marymount Hospital, city of Maple Heights, city of Garfield Heights and various other community or-

ganizations are collaborating together to tackle the increasing infant mortality rate affecting the immediate communities.

Healthy You, Healthy Families, a free community event to connect new and expectant moms, dads, grandparents and babysitters to community resources, support and knowledge that will help their babies thrive during their first year and beyond, will be held Saturday, July 15, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Garfield Heights Library, 5409 Turney Rd.

The program is made up of support groups, hospital tours and community baby showers that educate family members and other caregivers about the basics of safe baby care. Some of the topics addressed will be pediatric care, infant CPR, safe sleep, child seat safety, nutrition and fatherhood initiatives. Raffle prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served.

Registration is appreciated online at www.ccf.org/HYHFMarymount or by phone at 216-312-5640.

Golden Ager's Grapevine

St. Stanislaus

The St. Stan's Golden Agers will meet Thursday, July 13, at 11:30 a.m. in the Social Center on Baxter Ave. A light lunch, raffle and games will follow a short meeting.

Grandmother's Club

The Grandmother's Club will meet Thursday, July 20, at 11:30 a.m. at Cuyahoga Heights Village Hall, 4863 E. 71 St.

Blood donor opportunities

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross is offering the following donation opportunities:

Independence: Wednesday, July 12, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Crown Centre II, 5001 Rockside Rd.; Tuesday, July 25, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Independence Community Center, 6363 Selig Dr.

Valley View: Monday, July 17, 2-7 p.m. at Valley View Community Center, 6828 Hathaway Rd.

Cleveland: Wednesday, July 19, 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Dave McCall Union Hall, 3421 Independence Rd.

Donation appointments can be scheduled by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

3 Lives Blood Drive


Remington College Cleveland Campus, located at 14445 Broadway Ave., will hold a 3 Lives Blood Drive for minority blood donors on Thursday, July 20, 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.

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Community police reports

By Amber Weisbarth

(The following information was obtained from filed police reports and police dispatch logs.)

BEDFORD

Aggravated Robbery

An employee of the CVS on Solon Rd. told police a man with a silver handgun came into the store on June 24th, around 9:40 p.m., and demanded money from the register. After grabbing the money, over \$145, he fled on foot. Security camera footage showed the man leaving the building and running southbound, behind the store. Police and the K-9 Unit had no luck in locating him.

Theft

A man told dispatch a ju-

venile approached him on Justin St. on July 3rd, around 3:35 p.m., and asked to use his cell phone, then ran off with it towards Northfield Rd. Police located the juvenile on Williams St. with the cell phone. Dispatch notes did not indicate whether the juvenile was charged.

CLEVELAND

Felonious Assault

A 29-year-old male said he was outside a home in the 7600 block of Spafford Rd. on July 5th, around 1:20 a.m., when he heard what he thought were fireworks, but suddenly felt

that his right and left legs had been shot as he fell to the ground. He was taken to MetroHealth Medical Center for treatment. There were no suspects at the time of the report.

GARFIELD HTS.

Aggravated Robbery

An employee of Dunkin' Donuts on Turney Rd. told police a man went through the drive thru just before 3 a.m. on July 4th and tapped a gun on the drive-thru window. He was partially covering his face with his hand and demanded money, threatening he would shoot if she did not comply. She gave the suspect money from the register and he fled the scene. Police and the K-9 Unit searched but could not locate the suspect.

While police were review-

ing city security cameras on July 5th, they believe they captured the suspect vehicle driving in the area near the Dunkin' Donuts around the time of the robbery. The driver is seen briefly parking on South Highland before driving off and returning to the same spot four times. Detectives continue to investigate.

Breaking & Entering

An employee of A&H Towing on Broadway Ave. told police that someone cut the northwest corner of the security fence between 8:15 p.m. July 2nd and 11 a.m. July 3rd, and stole a red dirt bike from the impound lot. It appeared nothing else had been stolen.

Burglary

Residents of a home in the 4800 block of E. 106th St. told police their house

had been broken into and ransacked between 2:30 p.m. July 6th and 11:20 a.m. July 7th. A large house plant that had been in front of a window was knocked over and the window itself was open. A side door, which the residents say they keep locked, was also open. Nearly \$30,000 worth of designer jewelry, clothing and accessories, as well as electronics, were stolen or damaged.

Fireworks

GHPD received several complaints of fireworks on July 4th in the following areas: 5400 block E. 135th St.; 12700 block Christine Ave.; 5400 block E. 114th St.; 4800 block E. 86th St.; 5300 block E. 111th St.; 9500 block McCracken Rd.; 13400 block York Blvd.; and 4900 block E. 85th St.

OVI

Police cited a 24-year-old Brooklyn, Ohio resident for operating a vehicle while intoxicated on July 9th, around 6:10 a.m., after they found the man unresponsive in the driver's seat of his vehicle which had crashed into a building in the 5200 block of Transportation Blvd. The car was still running and in "drive." After several attempts to wake the man, police broke out his front window, put the car in park, removed the keys from the ignition and woke him up. The man refused medical treatment but submitted a breath sample which registered at .170 blood alcohol content, just over two times the legal limit. He was cited for OVI, failure to control and not wearing a seatbelt. He was held on a \$5000 bond.

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Bedford officials discuss

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Mayor Stan Koci said of the recent closing of the Get-Go gas station on Northfield Road that he has had lots of phone calls on this and that the city had nothing to do with the closing.

Koci explained that representatives of Giant Eagle, the supermarket chain that operated the gas station, "said they could not get enough qualified help, so that's the story we've got. It was such a busy station, and I don't understand it."

Regarding the city's upcoming participation in the Chagrin Valley Dispatch Center, after choosing to part ways with the Southeast Emergency Communications Center, Mallis said that Bedford will be making the switch on August 1st. "I am sure that everybody is going to be very happy with that," Mallis said.

The Chagrin Valley Dispatch Center serves a large number of communities in the Northeast Ohio area and is based in University Hospitals in Bedford. Koci said city officials had gotten a tour of the facility, calling it "quite impressive," adding, "I think it's a positive thing for the city and on top of it, we are going to save a lot of money, too."

Legislation passed

Council approved an ordinance to again assess fees to property owners for garbage and refuse collection, recycling and disposal in the city during the year 2017, to be paid within 30 days of the legislation's passage. Any assessments unpaid after that time will be placed on the owner's property taxes.

Council passed an ordinance to amend a section of the city's planning and zoning code on group homes, citing a need to update it.

A group home as defined by the ordinance, will be shared "by no more than eight handicapped persons, plus the required number of resident staff, who live together as a single housekeeping unit... in which staff persons provide care, education and participation in community activities... with the primary goal of enabling the resident to live as independently as possible."

As amended, the legislation states that the group home "shall not include communicable diseases, alcoholism or drug treatment center, work release facilities for convicts or ex-convicts, or other housing facilities serving as an alternative to incarceration, which poses a direct threat to the health and safety of others."

Also stated in the amended ordinance, should the property be sold or transferred, the conditional use of the group home will expire. "The purchaser will be required to apply for a new conditional use prior to transfer if they intend to operate as a group home," the amended legislation states.

Also passed was an ordinance amending previous legislation to designate bank depositories for the city; an ordinance to transfer a vacant lot owned by the city at 559 Darlington to an adjoining property owner at a cost of \$2,000; and an ordinance to condemn property at 130 Northfield Road because of deteriorated conditions.

Council also passed legislation for Sirna Construction to repair the Municipal Center parking lot at a cost of \$16,284; and an ordinance for a contract with Cuyahoga County to resurface Warrensville Center Road from the Maple Heights border to Broadway Avenue, which will be funded with federal and county dollars, Mallis said.

Koci gave several presentations at the meeting, one of them swearing in and honoring new police officer Douglas Eschweiler, son of retired Bedford officer Dave Eschweiler; and another honoring Lynn Jones as Bedford Citizen of the Year for her many years of service to the city and numerous organizations.

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Garfield Kmart set to close

The Kmart store located at 12501 Rockside Rd. in Garfield Heights is slated to close in early October, according to a press release from Sears Holdings.

Chairman and CEO of Sears Holdings, Eddie Lampert, said the company informed associates at 35 Kmart stores that their stores would be closing on July 7th. Eight Sears stores will also be closing.

Eligible associates impacted by these store closures will receive severance and will have the opportunity to apply for open positions at area Kmart or Sears stores, the press release said.

Customers can use the store locator function on searsholdings.com to find

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NN offering more 'Freebies'

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