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More NN 'Freebies'

The Neighborhood News has free tickets to give away for local events published in its weekly edition. Stop in to The Neighborhood News, 8613 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Heights, and enter to win.

The latest addition to the Freebies list is two tickets to the banquet in the Grand Ballroom of the Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave., Cleveland, on Sunday, Oct. 28, at 3 p.m., in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Czech Republic. Deadline for entry is October 22nd.

Also you can enter to win general admission tickets to the 2018 I-X Trick or Treat Street being held October 20, 21, 27 and 28, at the I-X Center. Deadline for entry is October 15th.

Winners will be notified by phone and are limited to one winning entry every six months. Stop in today during normal business hours and enter the drawing!

Free G.H. Senior Expo

The Garfield Heights Senior Center will host a free Senior Services Expo on Thursday, Oct. 11, from noon to 1:30 p.m. The Senior Center is located inside the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. There will be health screenings and prizes available.

Fugitive of the Week



Davon Smith

The Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force is offering a reward for information which would lead to the capture of fugitive Davon Smith. Smith is wanted by the United States Marshals Service for a supervised release violation. Smith's original offense was for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Smith, 24, is a black male, standing approximately 5'9" and weighing 185 pounds. Smith's last known address is the 19500 block of Gardenvue Drive in Maple Heights. He is to be considered armed and dangerous.

Those with information in reference to Davon Smith should contact the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force at 1-866-4WANTED or text keyword WANTED and tip to 847411 (tip411). Tipsters can remain anonymous and reward money is available.

Family fall fishing fun Saturday at Metroparks in Cuyahoga Hts.

Children and families are invited to a fun fishing event along the Ohio and Erie Canal just down the hill from CanalWay Center in Cuyahoga Heights this Saturday, Oct. 13, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Educational stations will provide opportunities for families to learn fishing skills or test their knowledge. Fishing will be open to anglers of all ages. Anyone age 16 years and older must have a current Ohio Fishing License to fish. Prizes will be awarded in several fishing categories for youth under 16 years old.

Bring a rod, tackle and a cooler with ice to store the "catch of the day." Bait will be provided while supplies last; loaner rods will be available. The event will be held rain or shine and there is no preregistration needed.

Rainbow trout and catfish will be stocked prior to the event. To provide the best fishing opportunities for children, event waters will be closed to fishing from immediately after stocking (likely Thursday, Oct. 11) until the start of the event.

Golf cart shuttles will provide rides throughout the event for seniors and persons with disabilities. Parking will be available at the CanalWay Center parking lot located off the E. 49th Street entrance to Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation. Walk the paved trail



Maple Hts. to apply for nearly \$1M in FEMA grants for city's fire department

By Judith Goldsworth

At its meeting last week, Maple Heights Council approved two pieces of legislation to apply for a total of \$982,000 in 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) towards emergency vehicles, operations and safety equipment for the Maple Heights Fire Department.

The primary goal of the AFG is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations, the ordinances state. Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.

One of the ordinances authorizes Mayor Annette Blackwell and Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas to enter into a contract with Gatchell Grant Resources, LLC, to develop and submit on behalf of Maple Heights an application for a 2018 AFG grant "for emergency vehicle acquisition" in an amount not to exceed \$760,000, with Gatchell being paid 8 percent of the amount of the grant awarded, up to a maximum payment amount of \$3,000.

The other ordinance authorizes Blackwell and Kavaliunas to apply for a separate 2018 AFG grant "for operations and safety equipment and resources" in the amount of \$152,000 for four EKG monitors/defibrillators, and in the amount of \$70,000 for vehicle extrication tools.

Council hikes water, sewer rates a little next year in Bedford

By Judith Goldsworth

Water and sewer rates for property owners in Bedford will show a slight increase next year, after city council passed three pieces of legislation at its meeting last week authorizing the rate hike. As before there will be a discount given to senior citizens and the permanently disabled.

Councilman Donald Saunders served as mayor at last week's meeting, as Mayor Stan Koci had to respond to a family emergency and Councilwoman Paula Mizsak, who serves as mayor in Koci's absence, was unable to attend.

Beginning January 1, 2019, the minimum monthly water charge for property owners will increase from \$28.44 to \$28.47, which represents an increase in the amount of .0975 percent, Finance Director Frank Gambosi stated.

Eligible senior citizens will be charged a base rate of \$19.91 monthly for water next year, the ordinance stated.

The minimum monthly sewer charge will also increase in 2019, from \$22.44 to \$24.46.

Council passed a third ordinance, "Rate Reduction for Senior Citizens and the Permanently Disabled," which provides for a discount. The minimum monthly rate for those qualifying for the discount will increase slightly from \$15.71 to \$17.12, effective January 1, 2019.

Gambosi commented that the rate increases were needed for necessary capital improvements for the sewer and water facilities.

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Water, sewer rates

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Other water news

In his report to council, also related to water issues in the city, City Manager Mike Mallis said that Leak Seekers, a company that was hired to look for minor breaks in the city's water system, did in fact identify 13 leaks throughout the city.

"The majority of them were small leaks," he said, "that we wouldn't have located." Mallis said city crews are working to repair those leaks, addressing those most significant first.

"On top of that, we've been working with our fire department and water department very closely, and we've identified a handful of hydrants that either need to get replaced or they need to be repaired throughout town," he continued.

Mallis also reported that testing of samples of water taken from various locations throughout town revealed "extremely low lead levels," which were actually lower than the last time testing was conducted in 2015. "It's very, very good," he said of the report.

Road work reports

"In regards to the road program, all of the streets have been resurfaced," Mallis said, stating that work was now progressing to Powers Road.

He said that striping was done in other areas of the city with some work remaining to be done.

The city is also working to submit a 50-50 grant application to Cuyahoga County for infrastructure work, Mallis said, adding, "We're going to try to take advantage of that application, which is going to center around the resurfacing of Forbes Road."

Legislation

Legislation to increase rental rates for the newly renovated Ellenwood Recreation Center was placed on first reading. The ordinance proposes a refundable \$50 damage deposit charged to each group holding regular meetings at Ellenwood, while private parties using the gymnasium would require a \$100 security deposit. Increased hourly rental fees are also proposed in the legislation as well as new cancellation fees.

Also placed on first reading was an ordinance allowing eligible employee participants to make insurance plan premium contributions on a pretax basis for the calendar year 2019. Both ordinances will be discussed by council before possible passage at a future meeting.

Library wins Google grant

Sarah Gnoddie of the Southeast Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library in Bedford announced

at the meeting that the branch had won a \$50,000 Google.org Impact Challenge Grant, to be used towards free mobile internet "hot spots," enabling adult learners to obtain their GED degrees.

"Hot spots" provide free unlimited portable high speed internet WiFi that library users can check out for three weeks at a time. "We are one of four communities to do the hot spots," Gnoddie said. The others include Warrensville Heights, Garfield Heights and Maple Heights. She thanked Google for helping to support the effort.

Residents warned

Councilwoman Sandy Spinks advised residents to be alert and lock their doors after a suspect entered a resident's house recently, took a purse off her kitchen table and walked out. A neighbor saw the unusual activity and called police, who responded and arrested the suspect.

"If you see something, say something... it's very important to do that," Spinks said.

Police identify woman found dead outside Engel Ave. church


The 31-year-old woman who was found dead outside Broadway Christian Church on Engel Avenue near Broadway Avenue in Cleveland last month has been identified as Jasmine A. Washington, according to the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office (CCMEO).

land police responded to the church for a call about a foul odor/dead body. The victim, Washington, was located in the rear yard of the building under stairs with head blunt force head trauma, according to Cleveland Police Detective Reginald Lanton and the CCMEO.

On September 17th, around 7:45 p.m., Cleve-

There are still no suspects and police continue to investigate, according to Lanton. Anyone with information is asked to contact Crimestoppers on its 24/7 hotline number, 216-252-7463, by texting TIP657 plus your message to 274637, or online at www.25crime.com.


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Maple Hts. to apply

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If the city is awarded this second grant, it would be responsible for a 10 percent matching amount of the total amounts awarded, not to exceed \$22,000, according to the legislation.

Grant for Southgate Connectivity Study

Council passed a resolution authorizing Blackwell to execute an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) to accept \$80,000 in grant funding for the Southgate Connectivity Study, through the Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) in the city.

In October 2017, according to the legislation, Council authorized Blackwell to apply for a TLCI grant from NOACA for the Southgate Connectivity Study, as "the city is interested in studying the connectivity and redevelopment of transportation corridors in the vicinity of Southgate USA... included but not limited to major arterials such as Northfield Road, Warrensville Center Road, Libby Road and collectors such as Southgate Park Boulevard and Maple Heights Boulevard."

The study will develop transportation and economic development strategies to revitalize the Southgate USA commercial area "through enhanced connections between community assets (Milkovich Middle School, Stafford Park) adjacent residential neighborhoods, and nearby emerging employment centers (North Randall)," according to information released by the city.

"The study will capitalize on the recent momentum of the Amazon Fulfillment Center development one mile to the north of Southgate, to better connect local residents to increased employment opportunities," city

officials stated. Public meetings will be conducted to better inform residents and gather input.

NOACA has a grant program through which ODOT will provide to the city 100 percent of the eligible costs to undertake the connectivity study since Maple Heights has been successful in securing the TLCI grant.

This is a reimbursable, basis-only grant, meaning the city will have to pay the expenses first before submitting claims for repayment. Any further funding over the \$80,000 will be the responsibility of the city, according to the resolution.

Easement for car dealer

Council passed a resolution authorizing Blackwell to grant a revocable easement to Good Vibration Enterprises, a used car business at 17331 Broadway Ave., that is adjacent to Lounsbury Avenue, an unimproved right of way in the city. Good Vibrations wants to use the adjacent Lounsbury property, owned by the city, for a parking lot for its used car business, according to the legislation.

The easement will allow for the additional parking at the business, and Good Vibrations will be responsible for maintenance and obtain not less than \$1 million in general liability insurance for the duration of the easement, according to the agreement.

Halloween observance

Council passed a resolution proclaiming that Halloween will be observed in the city on Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., during which Trick or Treaters can get their goodies from participating households.

Breast Cancer Month proclaimed

Also passed was a resolution designating October 2018 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in Maple Heights, in recognition of "the women and men who courageously fight to survive, detect, treat and support

survivors of this devastating disease," the legislation stated.

"We honor the loving memory of those lost to this disease... and we reiterate our continued commitment to eradicate breast cancer through education, early detection and continued research," according to the legislation.

Special presentation

At a special presentation at the beginning of the meeting, on behalf of the Maple Heights Police Department, Police Chief Todd Hansen presented Community Partnership Awards to four area businesses: Southgate USA, the Bedford Fraternal Order of Eagles (FOE), Drug Mart, and Mr. Chicken.

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Residents can get free internet through new CCPL hotspot lending

Cuyahoga County Public Library (CCPL) and Cleveland Public Library cardholders can now access free, unlimited, high-speed internet from almost anywhere through its WiFi hotspot lending program at the following county library branches:

Garfield Heights Library, 5409 Turney Rd.; Maple Heights Library, 5225 Library Ln.; Southeast Library in Bedford, 70 Columbus Rd.; and Warrensville Heights Library, 4415 Northfield Rd.

Portable hotspots allow library cardholders who do

not have home internet access to easily get online from almost anywhere using a WiFi-enabled device such as a phone, tablet or laptop. Hotspots are available to check out from the select Cuyahoga County Public Library branches, just like a book or DVD.

Guidelines:

- Hotspots can be returned to any Cuyahoga County Public Library branch.
- Hotspots can only be picked up at the Garfield Heights, Maple Heights, Southeast and Warrensville Heights branches.
- The loan period for hotspots is 21 days.
- The daily overdue fine for a hotspot is 10 cents per day.
- The replacement fee for a hotspot is \$25.
- Hotspots that are greater than 10 days overdue will

be disabled remotely.

- Hotspots are renewable if no one else is waiting for one.
- Up to 10 devices can be connected to a hotspot at the same time.
- Simple instructions and tech support contact information are included with each hotspot.

As many as 40 percent of the households in the Garfield Heights, Maple Heights, Bedford and Warrensville Heights branches do not have internet access in their homes. Access to the internet and digital literacy are critical to success in school, in seeking employment, in managing personal finances and in pursuit of health and wellness, library officials said.

Tech support for the hotspot lending program is provided by PCs for People and funded by The Cleveland Foundation. If you need assistance with your hotspot call PCs for People at 216-930-5741.

Further information about the program can be found on the CCPL website, cuyahogalibrary.org.

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Death Notices

ADINA MITCHELL (nee Bennett), 91, of Cleveland, passed away October 4th.

She was the beloved wife of the late Lindberg; loving mother of Alfred (deceased) (Connie), Clyde (Joan), Larry (Mary Ann), and Thomas (deceased); adoring grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother and aunt of many; dear sister of Bobby (deceased), Geraldine (deceased), Anna Belle, Emmerson, Emmett (deceased), Mary Jane (deceased), Phillip (deceased), Quentin (deceased), and Glen.

Arrangements were handled by Latek & Rybicki, A Golden Rule Funeral Home.



ROSETTA ROWE (nee Nice), 83, of Cleveland, passed away September 24th.

She was the loving mother of Sharon Tejada (Juan) and William Rowe. Dearest grandmother of Allen, Arianna, Alexis, Kiley and Earvin. Sister of Willis Nice (deceased).

Family and friends are welcome for memorial visitation on Saturday, Oct. 13, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Bican Bros. Funeral Home, 5215 Fleet Ave., Cleveland.

Blood donor opportunities

During Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, the American Red Cross is reminding the community that a blood donation is one way to help bring hope and healing to those fighting cancer and other illnesses.

Upcoming donation opportunities include:

Bedford: Sunday, Oct. 21, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Guru Gobind Singh Sikh Society, 38 Tarbell Ave.

Garfield Heights: Friday, Oct. 26, 1-6 p.m., Marymount Hospital, 12300 McCracken Rd.

Independence: Friday, Oct. 26, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Park Center Building I, 6100 Oak Tree Blvd.; Mon-

day, Oct. 29, 1-7 p.m., Independence Community Center, 6363 Selig Dr.

All blood types are currently needed. Donation appointments can be scheduled by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in.

Bureau of Policing to give home safety presentation

The city of Cleveland Bureau of Policing will give a Home Safety Presentation on Thursday, Oct. 11, at 7 p.m. in the basement of St. Stanislaus Grade School, 6615 Forman Ave.

Learn effective strategies for increasing security inside and outside your home and throughout your neighborhood.

Refreshments will be served and there will be a 50/50 raffle. The event is sponsored by the East 63rd Street Block Club and NextBroadway.

For details contact Susan at Slavic Village Development, 216-429-1182, ext. 132.

Correction: Dumplings for Tomato Soup

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Community police reports

By Amber Weisbarth

CLEVELAND

Burglary

On October 5th, around 2 a.m., police were dis-

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

ORDINANCE NO.: 56-2018
SPONSORED BY: MAYOR VIC COLLOVA

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 32 OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS CITY CHARTER RELATIVE TO RESIDENCY QUALIFICATIONS OF MAYORAL CANDIDATES, AND PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF SAID AMENDMENT TO THE ELECTORATE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

WHEREAS, Section 52 of the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights permits this Council to submit proposed Charter amendments to the electors of the City upon a Council vote of two-thirds in favor of said change, and

WHEREAS, an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of Council members present shall result in this amendment to be presented to the electors of the City on the November 6, 2018, General Election.

WHEREAS, the 2018 City of Garfield Heights Charter Review Committee has studied the Garfield Heights Charter and has recommended to Council the amendment of Section 32 of the Charter to specify residency qualifications for mayoral candidates, and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to provide for said amendment. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by this Council of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio that:

SECTION 1. Section 32 of the Garfield Heights Charter shall be amended to read as follows:

The Mayor shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the City. He shall be elected for a term of four (4) years, and serve until his successor is elected and qualified.

The term of office of the Mayor elected in November, 1985, shall end at midnight of November 30, 1989. Commencing with the General Election in November, 1989, and for each succeeding term thereafter, the term of office of the Mayor shall commence on December 1st of said General Election and shall end four (4) years later at midnight of November 30th following the General Election in that year.

The Mayor shall be an elector of the City and shall have resided in the City continuously for a period of at least five (5) years immediately preceding his election, and shall not hold any other public office or public employment except that of Notary Public or a member of the State Militia, or the Reserve Corps of the United States or a member of various Boards and Commissions with the approval of Council, and shall not be interested in the profits or emoluments of any contract, job, work or service with or for the Municipality. The Mayor shall have his office at the City Hall and shall devote his entire time and effort during business hours, and such other times as may be necessary, to the business of the City. If the Mayor shall cease to possess any of these qualifications or shall be convicted of crime involving moral turpitude, his office shall immediately become vacant.

SECTION 2. The question of amendment of Section 32 of the City of Garfield Heights Charter shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electorate of the City of Garfield Heights at an election to be held November 6, 2018 during the regular hours of voting permitted as prescribed by law, where a majority affirmative vote is required for passage.

SECTION 3. The Law Director be and he is hereby directed to transmit by certified mail a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, c/o the Director's Office, located at 2925 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115 and/or to hand-deliver the same to the Issues Department located on the Third Floor of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections and obtain a written and dated receipt therefore and he is further directed to make the necessary arrangements with the Board of Elections, Cuyahoga County, for giving notice of the proposed amendment of the municipal Charter and for compliance with other regulations including but not limited to appropriate ballot language in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure for the best interest of the citizens of Garfield Heights and for the further reason that publication requirements of Ohio law pertaining to Charter amendments necessitates passage without undue delay, therefore this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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patched to AutoZone, 7526 Broadway Ave., for a burglary alarm. When police arrived they found the outer door glass shattered as well as the inner door glass. Inside, police found a safe in the office area had been rummaged through and an employee said about \$1100 had been stolen.

MVA

Cleveland police said the vehicles of an 81-year-old man driving a 2002 Honda minivan on Warner Rd. on October 8th, around 12:15 a.m., and a 32-year-old man driving a 2009 Volkswagen collided head-on at the intersection of Jeffries Ave. as a result of one of the vehicles operating left of center. The 32-year-old was extricated from the vehicle and taken to MetroHealth Medical Center where he is being treated for his inju-

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

ORDINANCE NO.: 58-2018
SPONSORED BY: MAYOR VIC COLLOVA

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 8 OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS CITY CHARTER RELATIVE TO REDISTRICTING BOUNDARIES FOR WARDS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF SAID AMENDMENT TO THE ELECTORATE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

WHEREAS, Section 52 of the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights permits this Council to submit proposed Charter amendments to the electors of the City upon a Council vote of two-thirds in favor of said change, and

WHEREAS, an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of Council members present shall result in this amendment to be presented to the electors of the City on the November 6, 2018, General Election.

WHEREAS, the 2018 City of Garfield Heights Charter Review Committee has studied the Garfield Heights Charter and has recommended to Council the amendment of Section 8 of the Charter to specify the time requirement for redistricting wards, and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to provide for said amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by this Council of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio that:

SECTION 1. Section 8 of the Garfield Heights Charter shall be amended to read as follows:

Upon the adoption of this Charter by the electors of the City of Garfield Heights and at least sixty (60) days prior to the filing date of nominating petitions for the terms beginning on January 1, 1958, the present City Council shall divide the City into seven (7) wards which shall be as nearly equal in population as is possible, each ward to be composed of contiguous and compact territory bounded by natural boundaries or street lines. In the event Council shall not have fixed the division of wards herein prescribed, the Director of Public Service shall cause such division to be made at least thirty (30) days prior to the filing date herein provided. If and when any territory is annexed to the City, the Council shall by ordinance declare it a part of the adjacent ward or wards.

The Council is hereby given the authority to make future re-divisions of the City into seven (7) wards which shall be as nearly equal in population as is possible, each ward to be composed of contiguous and compact territory bounded by natural boundaries or street lines. Council shall redivide wards after each decennial United States census based upon the information contained in said census.

SECTION 2. The question of amendment of Section 8 of the City of Garfield Heights Charter shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electorate of the City of Garfield Heights at an election to be held November 6, 2018 during the regular hours of voting permitted as prescribed by law, where a majority affirmative vote is required for passage.

SECTION 3. The Law Director be and he is hereby directed to transmit by certified mail a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, c/o the Director's Office, located at 2925 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115 and/or to hand-deliver the same to the Issues Department located On the Third Floor of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections and obtain a written and dated receipt therefore and he is further directed to make the necessary arrangements with the Board of Elections, Cuyahoga County, for giving notice of the proposed amendment of the municipal Charter and for compliance with other regulations including but not limited to appropriate ballot language in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code.

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ries. The 81-year-old was taken to University Hospital where he was expected to be treated and released. Police said reports that the 32-year-old victim had been robbed while unconscious have not been confirmed/substantiated.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS

Felonious Assault

A 62-year-old Garfield Heights man was arrested for felonious assault after he reportedly punched a paramedic in the face. Police, fire and EMS personnel were dispatched to the E. 104th St. and McCracken Rd. area on October 2nd, around 7:15 p.m., to help a man who was unconscious from an overdose. Once in the ambulance, paramedics administered an intravenous dose of Naloxone, and once he gained consciousness, the man lunged at one of the firefighters in the ambulance. As the paramedic tried to restrain the man by his shoulders, he swung both closed fists at the paramedic's head, striking her in the face. She was taken to MetroHealth Medical Center to be treated for her injuries which included swelling and bleeding. Dispatch notes said she received a total of nine stitches. The man was arrested after being treated at Marymount Hospital.

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

ORDINANCE NO.: 53-2018
SPONSORED BY: MAYOR VIC COLLOVA

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13 OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS CITY CHARTER PROHIBITING FIRST TERM COUNCIL MEMBERS FROM HOLDING THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT PRO TEM, AND PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF SAID AMENDMENT TO THE ELECTORATE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

WHEREAS, Section 52 of the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights permits this Council to submit proposed Charter amendments to the electors of the City upon a Council vote of two-thirds in favor of said change, and

WHEREAS, an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of Council members present shall result in this amendment to be presented to the electors of the City on the November 6, 2018, General Election, and

WHEREAS, the 2018 City of Garfield Heights Charter Review Committee has studied the Garfield Heights Charter and has recommended to Council the amendment of Section 13 of the Charter to prohibit first term council members from holding the office of President Pro Tem of Council, and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to provide for said amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by this Council of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio that:

SECTION 1. Section 13 of the Garfield Heights Charter shall be amended to read as follows:

At its organization meeting, Council shall elect a President Pro Tem from among its members who shall preside in the absence of the President of Council and retain his/her rights, powers and duties as a council member, including the right to vote on all issues. No council member shall be elected President Pro Tem until that member has completed one full term in office. In the event no member of Council has completed one full term in office at the time the President Pro Tem is to be elected, all members of Council shall be eligible to be elected.

SECTION 2. The question of amendment of Section 3 of the City of Garfield Heights Charter shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electorate of the City of Garfield Heights at an election to be held November 6, 2018 during the regular hours of voting permitted as prescribed by law, where a majority affirmative vote is required for passage.

SECTION 3. The Law Director be and he is hereby directed to transmit by certified mail a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, c/o the Director's Office, located at 2925 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115 and/or to hand-deliver the same to the Issues Department located on the Third Floor of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections and obtain a written and dated receipt therefore and he is further directed to make the necessary arrangements with the Board of Elections, Cuyahoga County, for giving notice of the proposed amendment of the municipal Charter and for compliance with other regulations including but not limited to appropriate ballot language in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code.

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Community meeting set

The Garfield Heights Ward 6 Community Awareness meeting will be held Monday, Oct. 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd.

Join Ward 6 Councilman Matt Burke, Mayor Vic Collova and other city leaders to discuss issues going on in Garfield Heights. Come ask questions and be informed.

For more information visit www.MattBurkeWard6.us.

Valley View Council notes

The Village of Valley View Council met last Tuesday, Oct. 2, and passed an ordinance to create a new position for a part-time custodian at the Valley View Safety Center.

In caucus, Mayor Jerry Piasecki said one of the jailers currently works as the custodian at the police department, and the new legislation takes him out of the jail and puts him solely as a part-time custodian.

An ordinance concerning the composition of the police department was placed on first reading.

Ordinances accepting a bid for house demolitions at 8418 Fosdick Rd. and 8910 Fosdick Rd. were passed. Piasecki said the bid was awarded to Cleveland Demolition LLC.

Council members authorized the Village to hire Valley View Cement for rigid pavement improvements at various locations in the Village per the engineer's report at a cost of \$17,164 plus an additional allowance of \$9,000 for miscellaneous catch basin repairs and an additional drive apron on Brockway.

Council decided to keep the November council meeting on November 6th even though it is Election Day. The Cuyahoga Heights Building on Excellence and Success Together (B.E.S.T.) Committee, which focuses on academics, safety, community outreach and more for the Cuyahoga Heights School District, will make a presentation at that meeting.

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N.N.: 10-10-18

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and will be publicly opened and read immediately thereafter. Each bid must contain the full names of the party or parties making the same, with an affidavit as to interested parties, and in the case of a corporation not chartered in Ohio, with a proper certificate that such corporation is authorized to do business in Ohio.

The funding for this project is by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS), FEMA Assistance to Firefighter's Grant program and must be conducted in accordance with Federal Procurement Standards at 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.317-200.326.

Copies of the bid documents are on file and may be obtained at the office of Village of Newburgh Heights, 3801 Harvard Ave., Newburgh Heights, OH 44105.

A pre bid meeting will be held on October 15th, 2018 at 2:00 pm at the Village of Newburgh Heights, 3801 Harvard Ave., Newburgh Heights, OH 44105.

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Cathleen Nagorski, Fiscal Officer
Village of Newburgh Heights

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October 10th, 2018

October 17th, 2018

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TIFFANY STAFFORD MERRITT,)
Individually and as Special Administrator of the)
Estate of ROGER STAFFORD, Deceased,)
) #17-L-214
Plaintiff,)
)
v.)
)
ADVANCE AUTO PARTS, INC., et al.,)
)
Defendants.)

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NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, UNKNOWN MINOR OR ADULT LINEAL DESCENDANTS OF KORAN SANCHEZ STAFFORD, that a Motion to Allocate Settlement Proceeds in this case, which involves a claim you may have as a next of kin of Roger Stafford to receive settlement funds, will be heard on December 18, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. before Honorable Judge Steven Stobbs, Madison County Courthouse, 155 North Main Street, Courtroom 327, Edwardsville, IL 62025, or before such other judge as may be sitting in his stead.

UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the office of the Clerk of this Court, on or before December 18, 2018, or appear at the hearing on said date, A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED ADJUDICATING YOUR RIGHTS AND THIS HEARING MAY PROCEED IN YOUR ABSENCE.

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Voters to decide charter changes in local Nov. ballot issues

Vote by Mail and early voting in the November 6, 2018 general election has begun with local issues in The Neighborhood News readership area mainly focused on charter changes in Garfield Heights and Independence.

The following are issues voters in the following communities will decide:

BEDFORD

Local Liquor Option. Sunday Sales. Shall the sale of beer, wine and mixed beverages be permitted for sale on Sunday between the hours of 10 a.m. and midnight by Bedford Gas Inc., dba Gasway, an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit and a holder of C1 and C2 liquor permits, who is engaged in the business of a gas station and convenience store at 1483 Broadway Ave., Bedford?

GARFIELD HEIGHTS

• Proposed Charter Amendment. Shall Section 8 of the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights be amended to require City Council to redivide council wards after each decennial United States census based upon the information contained in said census?

• Shall Section 13 of the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights be amended to require council members to serve one full term as a council member before being eligible to be elected President Pro Tem?

• Proposed Charter Amendment. Shall Section 32 of the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights be amended to change the residency requirement of the Mayor from having to reside within the City for the three (3) years immediately preceding the election to having to reside

within the City for the five (5) years immediately preceding the election?

INDEPENDENCE

• Proposed Charter Amendment. Shall Article IV, Section 2(a) of the Charter of the City of Independence be amended to provide that in the case when the office of Finance Director shall become vacant the Mayor shall fill said vacancy by appointment, and approved by a majority of the members elected to Council, and serve until the next general election occurring more than one hundred twenty (120) days after such appointment?

• Proposed Charter Amendment. Shall Article IV, Section 2(c)(5) of the Charter of the City of Independence be amended to provide that the Purchasing Agent may, within the amounts and items appropriated by Council, make purchases involving expenditures not in excess of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) based upon the requests from department heads without the need to follow the requirements of public bidding; and to provide that Council may make a purchase or enter into a contract involving more than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) without advertising for bids if it determines and declares by a three-fifths vote that an emergency exists and sets forth the nature of the emergency in its minutes?

• Proposed Charter Amendment. Shall Article IV, Section 5(d) of the Charter of the City of Independence be amended to provide that this section shall not apply to the rezoning of land into an approved Planned Use Development by Council as described in Chapters 1182 or 1183 of the codified ordinances, which includes the requirements that Council hold a public hearing on the matter, make public notice of the date and time of such hearing, referring such matters to the Planning Commission for its recommendation, and submitting it to the electors for approval or rejection?

MAPLE HEIGHTS

Local Liquor Option. Sunday Sales. Shall the sale of

wine and mixed beverages and spirituous liquor be permitted for sale on Sunday between the hours of 10 a.m. and midnight by Trio's Tavern, L.L.C., an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit, who is engaged in the business of operating a bar at 16941 Broadway Ave., Maple Heights?

Vote by Mail, early voting underway for general election on November 6th

Vote by Mail and early voting in the November 6, 2018 General Election started on Wednesday, Oct. 10th. Close to 130,000 people have requested vote by mail ballots, according to officials at the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, which began mailing ballots on October 10th, and will start arriving in mailboxes in the following days.

People who wish to cast a ballot by mail are encouraged to submit their Vote by Mail ballot applications as soon as possible. To request a ballot application visit: www.443vote.com, or call 216-443-VOTE (8683). They are also available at all public libraries.

The Board of Elections, 2925 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, is also opening its doors for early voters. Early voting is available on the following dates at these times:

Weekdays, October 10th to October 26th - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, October 27th - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Weekdays, October 29th to November 2nd - 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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Czechoslovakia was founded in the aftermath of World War I as one of the successor states of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. This year marks 100 years of independence and sovereignty for the people of the Czech Republic.

To celebrate this momentous occasion in Northeast Ohio, the Czech, Slovak and Carpatho-Rusyn institutions and organizations will come together on October 27th and 28th to host a celebration of the 100th anniversary of Czechoslovakia.

The Centennial Celebration will take place at the Sokol Greater Cleveland Czech Cultural Center located in historic Bohemian National Hall at 4939 Broadway Ave. in Cleveland.

Saturday's festivities, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., will feature performances by the Sokol Greater Cleveland Czech Folk Dancers, the Living Traditions Folk Ensemble, Sokol Greater Cleveland's Aerial Silks performers, Sokol's gymnasts, a marionette performance and the Lucina Slovak Folklore Ensemble of Cleveland.

Food, imported beers and goods from participating organizations will be for sale, and much more. There will be fun, educational activities for children and tours of historic Bohemian National Hall and Museum will be given throughout the day.

On Sunday there will be tours of the Czech, Slovak and Rusin Cultural Gardens along Martin Luther King Blvd. in Cleveland followed by a banquet in the Grand Ballroom

of Bohemian National Hall at 3 p.m. The banquet will feature a guest speaker and traditional brass band music.

For more information or to reserve a seat at the banquet visit <http://centennialcelebration.weebly.com>.

Garrettsville woman found dead on Cleveland sidewalk

The Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner has identified the woman who was found dead on the sidewalk in the Booth Avenue area last Wednesday on the city's east side as Scarlet Grabski, 29, of Garrettsville, Ohio.

Officers responded to Booth Avenue at East 89th Street on October 3rd, around 9:20 p.m., and found Grabski lying on the sidewalk. EMS arrived and pronounced her deceased on the scene. Police say violence is suspected, however, there were no obvious signs due to the body's state of decomposition.

Ciaccia said Grabski may have been deceased for several days but was likely taken to the Booth Avenue loca-

tion from another location. The victim was transported to the medical examiner's office for further investigation and examination. The cause of death has not yet been determined.

According to her obituary, the young woman had worked as a carpenter for the last few years. She was an animal lover who was notorious for bringing stray animals home with her to care for.

She is survived by her mother and stepfather, Jack and Carrollynn Grabski-Lewis; daughter, Lorraine Lewis; sister, Marquerite Grabski (Charlie B.); brothers, Matthew Utt and Jason Lewis; uncles, Bryan Grabski (Joyce), Scott Wilson, and

Jack Cook (Laura Grabski); aunts, Sue White and Sandy Kline; niece, Alyssa; grandparents, Louis and Toni Grabski, and Betty Lewis; and many other extended family members.

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