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Bedford Council holds last meeting of the year

By Judith Goldsworth

Bedford officials reflected on the year gone by in the city and expressed optimism for plans in the year ahead at the council meeting last week.

Mayor Stan Koci stated, "We did a lot this year, and I'm not going to get into all the specifics. We'll save that for the State of the City address at the end of next month."

The annual State of the City address will be at noon on Wednesday, January 30, at Light of Hearts Villa, City Manager Mike Mallis stated.

Koci thanked all the citizens for their support this past year. "I think we're going in the right direction," he said.

Mallis gave his thanks to the Bedford Police Department and several other local police departments for their work in the recent "Shop With A Cop" event in which kids got to go Christmas shopping at the Target in Northfield. "We were able to take the most children that we've ever been able to take, and we received a large donation from Xellia," he said. Xellia is the pharmaceutical company in the former Ben Venue facility.

"Xellia actually sent some of their employees with our guys, and they helped take the kids around shopping. So it was a great event. They did a great job and it was really nice to see the community's interaction with the children," Mallis continued. He also thanked the auto dealers and other businesses for their generous "Shop with a Cop" donations.

He also said the city is seeking to attract new business to the community, "including a very active business which is pursuing the former US Bank facility on Rockside Road," referring to the mortgage division which shut down earlier this year. "It looks like it's going to be pretty encouraging."

Mallis went on to say city officials are meeting this week with the new and former property owners of Meadowbrook, the shopping center on the corner of Northfield and Rockside roads in the city.

He said they are ironing out the final plan for the zoning in that area and hope to present it to the Planning Commission as the first step in the new calendar year.

Okays GPD contract

There were only two pieces of legislation on the agenda and passed at last week's meeting, one of them an ordinance amending existing legislation concerning a contract with GPD Group for the services of a city engineer for Bedford.

Baker Mayfield & Co. bring early Christmas to Newburgh Hts. family



Baker Mayfield, quarterback for the Cleveland Browns (as if we had to tell you that!), is spreading joy all over BrownsTown lately, including some off the field work as a "Secret Santa" in Newburgh Heights. NHPD police were dispatched to Bridgeview Avenue last Thursday night for a report of a suspicious vehicle. When Officer Phil Llorada arrived, he found it was Mayfield and others delivering gifts to a family in the Village, according to NHPD Chief John Majoy. Llorada is shown above with the "busted" Mayfield. A Facebook post by NHPD said, "Thanks for spreading some holiday cheer, Baker! Go Browns!!"

Student loan debt relief bill gets final okay in N.H.

Newburgh Heights Council met on December 4th and passed legislation on final reading to provide student loan debt relief to those buying homes in Newburgh Heights.

Mayor Trevor Elkins said the program is designed to stabilize, grow and develop the population of Newburgh Heights, tax base and housing stock by encouraging college and nursing graduates to purchase a home in the village by providing the incentive of paying down the student loan debt of new homebuyers incrementally based on length of residency.

Fatal fire at Bedford apartment complex

A man died and a toddler was injured in an apartment fire at the Center Park Apartments on Center Road in Bedford last Friday, according to the Bedford Fire Department.

Firefighters were called to the apartment complex around 10:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21, for a report of smoke in the building. When firefighters arrived, bystanders said there were victims inside the second unit, according to the Bedford Fire Department.

A man and two-year-old toddler were rescued from the apartment and taken to Bedford Medical Center, The Plain Dealer reported. The man, Gregory Jones, 49, died at the hospital and the young boy was flown to a hospital in Toledo and was being treated for smoke inhalation, according to The PD. Bedford Fire Department Chief Dave Nagy said the boy was last known to be in critical but stable condition.

The fire was contained to the apartment of origin. Nagy said the state fire marshals are investigating, but he believes it was an accidental kitchen fire.

Units from Maple Heights, Bedford Heights, Oakwood, Garfield Heights, North Randall, Valley View, Northfield Village and numerous other fire departments responded for assistance.

NN sets holiday schedule

The Neighborhood News will continue publishing through this holiday season, with its next issue on January 2nd. Please see Page 4 of this newspaper for office hours and New Year's deadlines. The NN staff and management would like to extend to all our readers the wish for a happy and prosperous new year ahead.

HAPPY ★ NEW YEAR

Reisland steps down as head football coach at GHHS

Lance Reisland, head football coach for the Garfield Heights High School varsity boys football team, has announced he is stepping down from the position after a perfect regular season.

This year the Bulldogs made it one for the record books with a 10-0 regular season (the first in over 40 years) and won a playoff game for the first time in the school's history.

Reisland has coached the Bulldogs for four years and was an assistant coach for 18 years. His father, Chuck Reisland, coached the Bulldogs for 19 years and retired in 2014. Reisland will continue teaching health classes at GHHS.

Reisland is a graduate of Orange High School and a letter winner from Kent State University in football.

"It has been a great ride and I am so thankful for the opportunity to be a coach at Garfield Heights," said Reisland.

District Superintendent Terry Olszewski praised Reisland for his mentorship of the young men of the Garfield Heights City Schools varsity football program.

In a Facebook post made by the Garfield Heights City Schools, Olszewski said, "On behalf of the entire District, the Athletic Department and the Board of Education, we congratulate Lance Reisland on a successful career and we appreciate his hard work and dedication to the student-athletes of our community."

"I am looking forward to spending more time with Lee-Ann and Abby," his wife, coordinator of Teaching and Learning in the district, and his daughter. "They have sacrificed so much for me to allow me to be a coach, and I can't wait to give back to them," Reisland said.

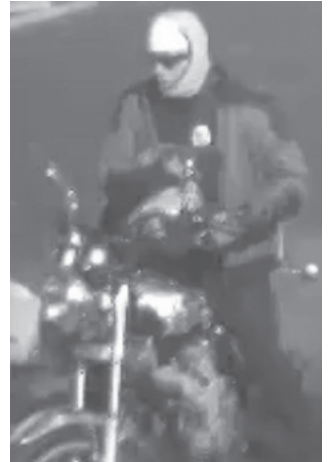
"The Garfield Heights City Schools extends its heart-

felt gratitude and expresses its best wishes to Lance Reisland and his family for an admirable term as head varsity football coach in our District," Garfield Heights City Schools Facebook page noted.

FBI still searching for Brinks robbery suspect

The Cleveland Division of the FBI is still searching for a suspect in the unsolved robbery of a Brinks employee in Slavic Village over the summer, according to FBI Special Agent Vicki Anderson.

On June 25th, around



Suspect

9:25 a.m., an unknown male suspect robbed a Brinks employee as he was servicing the Citizens Bank's ATM at 5841 Broadway Ave. in Cleveland, according to Anderson. The ATM is located in the southwest corner of the parking lot next to Save-a-Lot and Citi Trends Stores.

The suspect, who was waiting in the parking lot, approached the Brinks employee on a motorcycle, possibly a Yamaha with a chrome gas tank. The suspect, while on the motorcycle, stopped at the ATM and pointed a black handgun at the employee and demanded cash, according to Anderson. The Brinks employee complied and handed over the cash in the Brinks bag that was for the ATM. The suspect took the cash and placed it into his shoulder bag and left the lot on the motorcycle onto Cable Avenue toward Adolphus Avenue, according to Anderson.

Anderson said the FBI has received conflicting reports on the suspect's description, but he was wearing a gray mask over his nose and mouth and a gray hooded sweatshirt, dark puffy coat over a hoodie with a gold badge displayed on chest, pants, gloves and boots at the time of the robbery.

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Pearlene Lovelady announces the grand opening of Lovelady's Cakery Bakery and Catering at 23091 Emery Rd. in Warrensville Heights. She has over 27 years experience offering baking and catering services to the community.

Lovelady said she is committed to offering fresh, homemade products to the bakery shop's customers. Her menu includes various flavors of layer cakes and pound cakes, cobblers, homemade rolls, and made-to-order entrees and sides.

During the month of January, Lovelady is offering 5 percent off any dessert order over \$50 or any catering service. The venue can also be rented for hosting small, intimate events.

She encourages members of the community to stop in for a cup of coffee and a taste of "Today's" sample. The emporium will also be offering cooking and baking classes for children and adults.

See complete menus at loveladyscakery.com or call 330-963-3769.

Blood donor opportunities

Car accidents, cancer treatments, emergency surgeries - these things don't stop for the holidays. Neither does the need for blood. The American Red Cross urges eligible donors to give blood and platelets, and as a special thank you, those that donate now through January 6th will receive a free long-sleeved Red Cross t-shirt, while supplies last.

Upcoming donation opportunities include:

Garfield Heights: Thursday, Dec. 27, 1-6 p.m.,

Marymount Hospital, 12300 McCracken Rd.

Independence: Friday, Dec. 28, 1-7 p.m., Independence Community Center, 6363 Selig Dr.; Wednesday, Jan. 9, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Crown Centre II, 5001 Rockside Rd.; Tuesday, Jan. 15, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine, 6000 Rockside Woods Blvd. North.

Valley View: Monday, Jan. 14, 2-7 p.m., Valley View Community Center, 6828 Hathaway Rd.

Cleveland: Wednesday, Jan. 16, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Remington College Cleveland Campus, 14445 Broadway Ave. (Blood partner, Vitalant.)

All blood types are currently needed.

Drivers with violations may get break with new bill

House Bill 336 has created a six-month program for reinstatement fee reductions for offenders whose driver's licenses have been suspended for specific violations. Effective January 31, 2019, a person who has a suspended license may apply for a reduction in reinstatement fees if they have completed all court-ordered sanctions and at least 18 months have passed since the suspension ended.

They can apply for complete amnesty if they have completed all court ordered sanctions and they can demonstrate proof of indigence. If the person owes reinstatement fees for multiple offenses, they will either have to pay the lowest fee owed or 10 percent of the total, whichever is greater. If they owe reinstatement fees for one offense, they will have to pay one-half of the reinstatement fees.

(Information above taken from Independence Mayor Anthony Togliatti's Administrative Update of December 21, 2018.)


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List of Meetings for January 2019

Monday, January 7, 2019	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 8:00p.m.
Tuesday, January 8, 2019	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - TBD, Regular Meeting - TBD
Wednesday, January 9, 2019	Southeast Area Law Enforcement (SEALE) Board of Trustees Meeting (if needed) Work Session - 10:00a.m. Regular Meeting - 12:00p.m.
Monday, January 21, 2019	City Hall Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tuesday, January 22, 2019	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 8:00p.m.
Wednesday, January 23, 2019	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - TBD
Tuesday, January 29, 2019	Board of Zoning Appeals (if needed) Work Session - 6:30p.m. Regular Meeting - 7:00p.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 Lorree Villers, Clerk of Council, at 440-735-6510.

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Student loan debt relief

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An agreement with Attorney Luke F. McConville to perform services as solicitor for the village for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020, was also okayed by council.

And approved was the appointment of Nicholas Deluca to the Newburgh Heights Police Department as a part-time patrol officer.

At the council meeting, Mayor Elkins held the formal swearing-in ceremony for Lt. Mike (Phillip) Alvarado to the Newburgh Heights Fire Department.

Accepted by council were quotes from Lightning Demolition and Excavating to demolish buildings at 4052 E. 44 St., 4011 Harvard Ave., 4707/4709 Harvard Ave., 5309 Harvard Ave., and 4014 E. 55 St.

Also approved was a quote from Concord Road Equipment to install a snow plow and other equipment on the service department's 2019 Ford truck at a cost not to exceed \$35,114.

Elkins noted in his report that an audit of finances of the village for 2016-2017, conducted by the Ohio auditor of state, shows Newburgh Heights completed 2017 with an 8 percent surplus in the general fund, which "as far as our records show is the largest in the village's history for quite a number of years," he said.

Council voted to cancel the December 18th meeting but a special session of council is slated for December 28th at 6 p.m. The first regular session of council for 2019 will be held on January 2nd due to the New Year's holiday.

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Members and guests of the Kiwanis Club of Slavic Village celebrated the season last Friday with a special luncheon at Saucisson on Fleet Avenue, with the establishment's "lady butchers" serving up delicious soups, sandwiches and salads for the occasion.

In the photo above, SE Kiwanis President Jerry Seppelt (at left) is shown presenting a donation on behalf of Kiwanis to The Salvation Army's Lt. Bolton. Club members also ring the Salvation Army bell every year at Dave's Supermarket on Harvard Avenue.

Kiwanis is a service organization helping children all over the world, with the Southeast club's focus on the kids of Slavic Village. If you think you'd like to know more about this local club, call President Jerry Seppelt at 216-407-4076.

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PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, who light all roads, so that I can attain my goal. You who give me the Divine gift to forgive & to forget all evil against me & that in all instances of my life you are with me. I want this short prayer to thank you for all things, to confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you even in spite of all material illusions. I wish to be with you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. The person must say this prayer for 3 consecutive days, after 3 days the favor will be granted even if it may appear difficult. This prayer must be published immediately after the favor is granted without mentioning the favor. Only your initials should appear at the bottom. **D.D.**

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Garfield Hts. police news



By Amber Weisbarth

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

Criminal Damage - Residence

The owner of a home in the 12500 block of Darlington Ave. said someone damaged her home with BBs/pellets on December 19th, around 12:20 a.m. Police said an upstairs front window was cracked, the full size window of the front door was shattered, and there were 8-9 holes found in the siding. The woman said her tenants did not know of anyone who would target the home.

On December 18th, around 5 p.m., a resident of the 13700 block of Thraves Ave. also reported damage done to their home by a BB gun. The extent of damages was unknown as of press time.

Criminal Damage/Theft from Auto

Residents in the following neighborhoods reported their cars were broken into and items were stolen on December 17th and 18th: 5100 block E. 131st St.; 10500 block Langton Ave.; 11600 block McCracken Rd.

Robbery

A man said he was beat up and robbed of \$300 by a man who was supposed to sell him a cell phone from an internet selling service. The victim said he met with the suspect and another male in the 13100 block of Darlington Ave. on December 17th, around 9:30 p.m. He said he was not satisfied with the condition of the cell phone and the two males began beating him up. He said

they pushed him to the ground, kicked and beat him, then demanded money. The victim complied, handing them \$300 in cash, and the suspects then told him to leave. Police said the victim had visual swelling to the right side of his face and ear, and had abrasions under his left eye and on both knees. Police viewed surveillance camera footage from the area with negative results.

Theft

A delivery driver said a knapsack containing nearly \$2,240 was stolen from his truck while making deliveries in Garfield Heights to Mad Mike's Bar on Turney Rd. on December 18th. He said he was parked on Plymouth Ave. near Mad Mike's around 1 p.m. for about a half hour while he was in and out of the bar unloading deliveries and when he returned he noticed the money was missing. An employee of the bar was able to show police security camera footage. A man is seen going into the truck and then running away eastbound on Plymouth Ave.

Traffic Complaint

On December 18th, around 12:25 p.m., an officer on

patrol near Edgepark/Wadsworth noticed a vehicle travelling in a stop-and-go manner on Edgepark Dr., and a short time later noticed the front and back license plates on the vehicle did not match. The driver of the vehicle, a 23-year-old female, then flagged the officer down to ask a question about an address. Officers then questioned her and her mother sitting in the passenger seat about the license plates. The driver admitted she didn't have a license and gave police false identification. Once her true identity was confirmed, it was discovered she had active warrants and a suspended license. Her mother had active warrants as well.

The women were detained in separate vehicles while police searched the car. Officers found paraphernalia consistent with cocaine and marijuana use. During inventory of the vehicle, the 23-year-old escaped from detainment in the police cruiser and fled on foot. She was not located at the time of the report. The girl's mother was cited for possession of drug and marijuana paraphernalia and was held for her warrant with Brooklyn PD. A warrant through GHPD was issued for the 23-year-old.

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- * Finance Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- * Special Meeting of Council immediately following the Finance Committee Meeting.

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Bedford Council holds last meeting

(Continued from Page 1) **Raise approved**

"GPD has been working with the city for many years providing engineering services. Our engineer is actually on a retainer; he's paid just over \$12,000 a year, and obviously we pay him for any projects we want him to do. If we have no projects, we don't pay," Mallis said.

He explained that when outside companies were doing work on their own projects in the city, such as the Dominion project, GPD would have an inspector on site on behalf of the city making sure things were done right and according to code.

Mallis added, "All of those costs are actually reimbursed by Dominion, so they pick up those fees." He said that also goes for other large scale construction projects in the city.

Also passed was an ordinance amending previous legislation providing compensation for the Bedford Clerk of Municipal Court, Tom Day, raising his annual salary from \$112,327.50 in 2018 to \$117,980 effective January 1, 2019.

The state of Ohio mandates a 5 percent raise to clerks of municipal courts, according to the legislation.

Law Director John Montello clarified that 60 percent of Day's pay is actually shared by the municipalities served by the court. "Our percentage is probably 10 to 15 percent," he said. The county pays the remaining 40 percent.

Stop sign issues

Several residents commented at the meeting about motorists blowing through stop signs at inter-

sections throughout the city, and asked for increased police presence to ticket offenders and possibly deter violations. "Do we have some kind of plan to stop this?" one resident asked.

"We sure can give special attention to that," Mallis said. "We're finally at the point where we've hired additional staffing and have more officers on the road."

Announcement

There will be a public meeting scheduled to introduce residents to the new online tax system at City Hall on Wednesday, Jan. 9. Residents are welcome to attend to see how the new system works, a Finance Department representative stated at the meeting, also thanking Councilwoman Heather Rhoades for setting up a webinar to assist those using the system.

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