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Mayor Collova presents State of the City address



By Danielle Toth

Garfield Heights Mayor Vic Collova gave his annual State of the City address on Wednesday, March 6, at the Cleveland Clinic Marymount Hospital Auditorium on McCracken Road in Garfield Heights, to a room full of residents, business owners, school representatives and other government officials.

The mayor reminded attendees that 2019 is the city's 100th anniversary, which it will celebrate on August 11, with community festivities "like Garfield Heights has never seen," the mayor said.

He also praised the city's safety forces, saying they are "the most positive thing the city has to offer" and highlighted the city's multiple security cameras and plate reader, which he said have been instrumental in solving many cases.

"Our safety forces are second to none," Collova said. "They do great, phenomenal work."

Collova also highlighted several different city departments, including the parks and recreation department, which celebrated the 50th anniversary of the hockey program and 51st anniversary of the figure skating program in 2018.

He also praised the economic development department. Two medical marijuana-related facilities will soon open in the city. The first is a dispensary on Antenucci Boulevard, while the second is a processing plant on Neo Parkway.

"As long as the marijuana is medical and does someone a favor, I'm for it," Collova said.

Collova also noted plans for businesses near the old Denny's at Garfield Commons, two new landscaping companies on Neo Parkway and interest in the old Pizza Hut and Kmart locations on Rockside Road.

Collova discussed Bridgeview Crossing, which continues to remain vacant. IKEA backed out of opening a store there in September 2018. Giant Eagle remains the lone occupant of City View Center. There are no updates yet as to any new businesses moving into these locations, Collova said.

In addition the mayor responded to a question regarding the possible relocation of court, jail and police services, saying the city is looking at expanding the current location or moving to City View or Antenucci Boulevard as possibilities; however, he said, his first choice is City View.

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Bedford to crack down on trash law violators

The Bedford Police Department is issuing this reminder to Bedford residents to set trash out on your scheduled day and also to bring in your garbage can after pickup. The police department will begin issuing warnings to violators over the next few weeks. If you are found to be a repeat violator a citation may be issued which will result in fines and costs upon conviction.

"Please do your part and don't be afraid to help out your neighbors," officials said.

The following is the Bedford codified ordinance regarding garbage and refuse collection:

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Pool project grant goes to first reading in Maple Hts.

By Judith Goldsworth

A resolution for the city to accept a \$50,000 Cuyahoga County grant to be used towards the Stafford Pool project, with the goal of opening the pool this summer, was placed on first reading by Maple Heights Council at its meeting last week.

The legislation would allow Maple Heights to accept the funding from the Cuyahoga County Department of Development under the 2019 Competitive Municipal Supplemental Grant Program (CDSG), and also authorize City Engineer Ed Hren to begin preparation of plans and specs and seek Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for the Stafford Park Pool Rehabilitation Project in the city.

Stafford Park pool was closed several years ago due to financial constraints, but the city has been working on a way to reopen the pool for residents with the goal of opening in June 2019, Mayor Annette Blackwell has stated.

The resolution states that on November 30, 2018, according to amended legislation, Blackwell and Hren "filed an application for funding to the Cuyahoga County Department of Development for the Stafford Park Pool Rehabilitation Project, under the 2019 Community Development Supplemental Grant Program."

The county department of development "has recom-

mended to the Cuyahoga County Council that the city... be awarded \$50,000 for the Stafford Park Pool Rehabilitation Project under the 2019 Community Development Supplemental Grant Program, which will include the repair, renovation and reopening of the municipally owned Stafford Park Pool for public use and recreation in Summer 2019," according to the resolution.

The legislation is expected to be discussed further by council before passage.

Change order approved for water main project

Approved by council at last week's meeting was a resolution authorizing a change order for S.E.T. Inc., increasing the contract by \$2,151.80 for the Beverly Avenue Water Main Replacement Project in the city.

In March 2017, Hren applied to the Cleveland Water Department to fund the Beverly Avenue water main replacement under the Suburban Water Main Renewal Program (SWMR), the legislation stated, adding that the city had been awarded \$492,734 by the water department "for the replacement of the Beverly Avenue water main from Mayville Avenue to Auburn Avenue."

Also in July 2017, council passed legislation for Hren to begin preparing plans and specs and to advertise for

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Pool project grant goes

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bids for the replacement project.

In March of 2018, the bids for the project were opened to determine the lowest and best bid, and in April of 2018, council passed an additional resolution authorizing Blackwell to enter into a contract with S.E.T. Inc., for the replacement project, at a cost not to exceed \$295,598.56.

Hren "had directed that additional work be performed as required to repair additional sections of pavement during the process of installing water service connections resulting in the additional \$2,151.80 to provide the additional work.

Accepts \$61K NOPEC grant

Council passed an ordinance to accept the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) 2019 Energized Community Grant Funds in the amount of \$61,782 to

be used for an LED Municipal Lighting Program on public buildings in the city.

Blackwell and Hren are authorized to take actions to utilize the NEC grant, "including the preparation of plans and specifications and seeking proposals from contractors and suppliers, as deemed necessary," the ordinance states.

Multiple Sclerosis Month

Council passed a resolution designating March 2019 as "Multiple Sclerosis Education and Awareness Month" in the city in an effort to bring more awareness to the "chronic, unpredictable disease" which affects an estimated number of more than 2.3 million individuals worldwide, according to the legislation.

National MS Education and Awareness Month "is an effort to raise the public's awareness of MS and promote an understanding of the scope of the disease, thereby assisting those with MS to make more educated decisions about their health care," the resolution states.

Wins MLK essay contest



Elizabeth Bulanda

Elizabeth Bulanda of Bedford, an eighth grader at St. Benedict Catholic School in Garfield Heights, was named the winner in her grade category of the Martin Luther King Essay Contest, sponsored by the Ohio Civil Rights Commission.

Last November students at St. Benedict's prepared for this writing contest in English class under the direction of teacher Donna Przybojewski. They did extensive research on Dr. King and had many class discussions learning about segregation and the Civil Rights Movement. The students then wrote an essay explaining what they could do to accomplish Dr. King's dream for equality and justice for all.

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The latest addition to our Freebies list is two tickets to see performer/singer Kelly Clarkson at Quicken Loans Arena on Thursday, March 21, at 7 p.m. - and they're good seats! Deadline to enter is March 14th.

Also on the list are general admission tickets to the 2019 I-X Indoor Amusement Park valid for any one day March 29th to April 22nd. Deadline to enter is March 25th.

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N.N.: 3-13-19

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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, and shall be accompanied by a Bid Guaranty Bond for the full amount (100%) of the Bid, in favor of the "Owner" or a certified check, cashier's check, or letter of credit pursuant to Chapter 1305 of the Ohio Revised Code, in the amount of 10% of the Bid, payable to the "Owner".

It is agreed that the bid guaranty shall be for the benefit of the "Owner" pursuant to Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code if the undersigned fails to execute the Contract in conformity with the Form of Contract incorporated in the contract documents and furnish Bond and insurance certificates within ten (10) days after the notification of the award of the Contract to the undersigned.

Copies of the Contract Documents are on file and may be obtained at the office of the "Owner", 3801 Harvard Avenue, Newburgh Heights, OH 44105, upon payment of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00), none of which will be refunded. Checks shall be made payable to the Village of Newburgh Heights.

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Valley View Council approves parks and rec renewal tax levy for November ballot

By Danielle Toth

Valley View City Council passed an ordinance at its March 5 regular council meeting to place a renewal tax levy for parks and recreational services on the Nov. 6 ballot.

Cuyahoga County has estimated the 2.3-mill levy would generate \$370,000, according to Todd Von Ville, director of recreation for the Village of Valley View. The village uses the levy funds for park projects and maintenance, as well as youth athletics programs.

The village also approved two ordinances introduced by Mayor Jerry Piasecki to make road repairs. The first authorized \$130,000 for full-depth rigid repairs that use concrete. The second authorized \$110,000 for partial-depth flexible repairs that use asphalt.

These improvements are part of Valley View's five-year plan, and the money will come from the capital project fund for streets.

Engineer Todd Sciano asked council members to evaluate their wards and submit a list of streets that need repairs.

Valley View City Council also passed an ordinance accepting Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council 2019 Energized Community Grant funds. The grant provides \$20,000 over two years for energy-related

projects. Last year the village used \$10,000 to update the service garage's electrical system, Councilman David Wingenfeld said. This year, the remaining \$10,000 will help recover the roof of the community center.

Other legislation that passed included:

- An ordinance to help residents pay stormwater fees.

- An ordinance authorizing the mayor to receive an appraisal for the acquisition of six and elevation of eight flood-prone homes located in the floodplain of the Cuyahoga River through the flood mitigation assistance program.

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Gov. Mike DeWine calls for investing in Ohio in his 2019 'State of the State' address

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine gave his 2019 State of the State address last week during a joint session of the Ohio General Assembly, focusing on themes including investing in children, workers, infrastructure, and Lake Erie and water resources, as well as a continued effort in combatting the state's addiction epidemic.

"It is time for us to invest in our children, in our workers, in our roads and bridges, in our infrastructure, and in Lake Erie and in our state parks and other natural wonders," said DeWine in his address. "Simply put — it is time for us to invest in our future!"

DeWine outlined several key initiatives, including:

- Substantial investment in efforts to ensure the long-term health and protection of Lake Erie and other Ohio bodies of water through a new H2-Ohio Fund.

"We have so much to appreciate, and we need to support and expand efforts that are working to preserve and protect our state's natural wonders — from Lake Erie to all our lakes and rivers," said DeWine to the

assembly members. "That is why, through the budget that I will submit to you in a few days, we will create a new fund called the H2-Ohio Fund, to invest in targeted solutions to ensure safe and clean water all across the state of Ohio."

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Bedford receives grants for streets, signage, City Manager Mallis announces at council

By Judith Goldsworth

The city of Bedford has received approximately \$83,000 in two separate Cuyahoga County grants for maintenance of streets and designing new signage throughout the city, City Manager Mike Mallis announced at the council meeting last week.

Mallis said one of the grants came from the county through the preventative maintenance program. "We used these funds last year to perform some crack sealing in the areas of Rockside and Columbus roads. We received the same grant, about \$33,000, and it will go towards the completion of that project," he said.

As for the other grant funding, Mallis said, "We've also received the Community Development Supplemental Grant for \$50,000 that we applied for... And that will go towards initiating the wayfinding and signage project to

help start that program."

He praised the city's signage committee members for meeting and working with representatives of Guide Studios, the company that has worked with several other area communities on updating and improving their signage, including Kent, University Circle and Lakewood.

"They are going through the design process now, so once we get some renderings we will be presenting those to council," Mallis said. "The idea is to use this \$50,000 as a start, and we're also going to be using some other funds that will be available to kick off the project," he added.

Also included in the scope of the project will be gateway signs, wayfinding signs and "signage to highlight some of our assets like the Historic District,

Metroparks and Viaduct Park, things like that," Mallis said.

BMV moving to Meadowbrook this week

Mallis also reported that the county's plans to relocate one of four of its Bureau of Motor Vehicles auto title offices from Garfield Heights to the Meadowbrook shopping center are progressing rapidly, with the BMV office expected to move into the Northfield and Rockside road location this week.

"I spoke to the Ohio BMV and they are moving along much sooner than we anticipated," he said. "We are going to be activating the traffic lights up at Rockside, as well as up by Northfield near Meadowbrook, and they're going to be moving into their location the week of March 12th at that site, should everything go well."

As announced at a previous meeting, the BMV will be investing in the neighborhood of \$300,000 in the space and moving its title office jobs from what was considered a temporary location in Garfield Heights to Bedford. Other operations, such as license plate and driver's license renewals, are expected to remain open at the Garfield Heights location, county officials have stated.

Regarding the Mazda auto dealership planned for the Meadowbrook area, Mallis also stated that the asbestos information for the old Huntington Bank building was being reviewed as well as the timeline when they can actually tear that structure down, but that it is progressing as well.

Other developments

Mallis said that Denmark-based Xellia Pharmaceuticals, located in the former Ben Venue plant on Northfield Road, has received U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval for production of a new intravenous drug at the facility, identified by Xellia as the antibiotic vancomycin.

"This will be in the facility closest to Northfield Road," Mallis said. "It is going to involve roughly \$60 million of investment for construction. They are under a time crunch and they want to start producing, hopefully, in 2021. So there is going to be a lot of activity up there."

And regarding other developments in the city, Mallis said that after extensive renovations the Ellenwood Recreation Center is back open and the staff has relocated back to the center, and applications were being taken for use of the facility. He praised all those who worked on getting the renovations done and also thanked the community for their patience.

"I think that when you go inside it's a welcoming, clean, professional looking space, and we're going to continue to make some additional improvements in the other rooms as we go. It's well done," Mallis said.

Mayor Stan Koci said he believes there will be some kind of open house this spring to officially reopen Ellenwood to the Bedford community.

Budget ordinance passed

The sole piece of legislation passed at last week's meeting was an ordinance to amend existing legislation, making additional appropriations for current expenditures in the city during 2019.

Finance Director Frank Gambosi stated, "The increases in appropriations for 2018 in the general fund are due to the reduction in income from ambulance runs due to state law changes in billings, and current levels of spending could cause funds to be totally de-

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pleted and thus need additional funds in 2019 in the amount of \$70,000."

Gambosi added, "Basically this ordinance was put together for reappropriation of funds that were not utilized last year from the grants. These were funds that were left over and we're reappropriating those for this year."

The Southeast Area Law Enforcement (SEALE) fund, to account for grants, program income and additional funds as needed for the operation of the SEALE units in the amount of \$461,994.17, and the current grant for 2019, were included in the legislation, Gambosi said, along with amendments to other funds.

Video taping services

Placed on first reading was an ordinance authorizing Mallis to enter into a three-year contract with LPV Productions, Inc. for video taping services for council meetings and the State of the City Address in the amount of \$9,435.

"The city wishes to record public meetings for dissemination to the public to be open and transparent," according to the ordinance, which will be discussed by council before possible passage at a future meeting.

Also placed on first reading was a resolution authorizing Mallis to enter into a contract with Oak Group, Inc. because the city's building department "is in need of additional Master Plan examiner services to be provided at the request of the city," according to the legislation.

Placed on second reading were two ordinances, one to adopt the credit card use policy for certain city officials to continue to ensure compliance with state mandated policy and the other to amend existing legislation regarding compensation for overtime work by city administration and employees.

Announcements

Councilwoman Heather Rhoades said the next "First Friday," held by the Bedford Downtown Alliance, will be Friday, April 5, with music, free food and activities for families and children.

Councilman Victor Fluharty said he met with Bedford School Board members recently and reported that there are plans for a school levy on the ballot in 2020, and a bond issue in 2022. If passed the levy would go towards paying teachers and other operating expenses, while the bond issue would be used for the district's buildings, Fluharty stated.

Koci stated that the city of Garfield Heights had extended an invitation to Bedford youth, ages 8-14, who want to play hockey to join the Garfield Heights Hockey League, starting in August. Call the Garfield Heights Recreation Department at 216-475-7272 for more information or check out its website.

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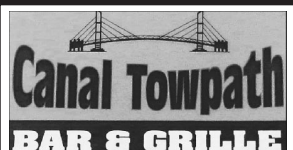
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1 lb. pkg. sauerkraut (drained)
1 T. olive oil
1 med. chopped shallot
1 med. minced garlic clove
1 tsp. pickling spice
2 T. red wine vinegar
1 T. baby applesauce
Dash cinnamon
1 med. mashed potato

Saute slightly shallot and garlic in olive oil in a medium skillet. Add sauerkraut, pickling spice, applesauce and cinnamon. Set aside. Spread mustard and 2 table-
spoons of sauerkraut mixture on each slice of corned beef.

Roll up meat and place in casserole dish. Spoon any remaining sauerkraut onto
meat rolls, then spread mashed potato over all and bake at 325 degrees for 25
minutes or until lightly browned. Serves 1-2.

Anita L. Franco, Slavic Village, from "The Neighborhood News 80th Anniversary
Cookbook"

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•Enhanced assistance to law enforcement through a new Narcotics Intelligence Center operated at the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

"We will also empower local law enforcement through our creation of a new, highly specialized Narcotics Intelligence Center," said DeWine. "This innovative new center will provide local law enforcement with enhanced intelligence and high-tech analytical capabilities to strengthen criminal investigations and improve public safety."

•Increased wrap-around services models for in-need youth.

"We are going to expand wrap-around service models,

such as the Ohio Sobriety, Treatment, Abuse, and Reducing Trauma program, known as OhioSTART," said DeWine. "It provides specialized victim services to children who have been abused or neglected because of parental drug use, and it provides drug treatment for those parents."

•Substance abuse prevention education each year in grade levels from kindergarten to 12th grade.

"We are going to consistently and continually educate children in kindergarten through 12th grade on the dangers of drugs, alcohol and tobacco use and teach them the skills, through a much-needed focus on social-emotional learning, on how to make healthy decisions throughout their lives," said DeWine.

•Increased resources to local communities to combat the addiction epidemic, including increased treatment capacity and a new public health fund that will leverage

resources to increase public health awareness and prevention strategies.

•Workforce development was another theme DeWine reiterated as a priority in his speech, helping both Ohio citizens and job creators.

•He also continued stressing the importance of investing in Ohio's roads, highways and bridges that he made the focus of his transportation budget.

Neighborhood News policy on meeting notices

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Community police reports

By Danielle Toth

CLEVELAND

Aggravated menacing

On March 9 at about 2:45 a.m., police responded to Sheila’s Bar on Lansing Avenue for a report of a man threatening employees and patrons with a gun.

When police arrived the man was sitting in his vehicle, which was running but stopped on the wrong side of East 66th Street at the intersection of Lansing Avenue. As officers approached the vehicle, it began to move forward. The officers instructed the driver to stop and he did. However, he refused to cooperate with further instructions.

Officers opened the driver’s door and ordered the man to put the vehicle in park. Another officer opened the passenger side door and engaged the emergency brake. The car was still in drive, and the man began to push the gas pedal, revving the engine. Police advised the man that he was under arrest, but he still refused to cooperate. Officers pulled him from the vehicle and placed him on the ground.

The man refused to put his hands behind his back, so officers used joint manipulation to force his arms and hands behind his back and handcuffed him. They did not find a firearm on his person.

Police spoke to bar security guards, who said the man became upset at the bar. He left, but a few minutes later he came back with a gun. The bartender said the man threatened to harm her, and the man’s sister said he assaulted her.

Police did not locate a firearm in the vehicle.

The 57-year-old man was charged with domestic violence, resisting arrest, aggravated menacing, menacing and driving on the wrong side of the roadway.

Drugs/weapons

On March 8, the Cleveland Police Department Fourth District Vice Unit executed a Cuyahoga County search warrant for drugs at a home in the 7000 block of Park

Avenue. Police found more than five grams of heroin/fentanyl, more than five grams of crack cocaine, three cell phones, more than \$1,200 in cash, an Ohio Direction card and a loaded H&K .40 caliber pistol.

When SWAT entered the home, the resident unloaded a gun magazine and threw seven bullets down the bedroom heating duct. The suspect has a prior drug conviction in Cuyahoga County and is disabled from possessing a firearm. He was arrested and charged with tampering with evidence, having weapons while under disability, trafficking in drugs, illegal use of food stamps and possessing criminal tools.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS

Obstructing official business

On March 5th at about midnight, a woman arrived at the Garfield Heights Police Department to report her cell phone was stolen and pinging on Garfield Boulevard.

Officers responded to the location, which was a closed and locked business; however, there are several apartments above the address with access from East 86th Street. Police knocked on the locked door to the apartments and a man who had been smoking in the hallway answered, saying he lived in an apartment there.

Officers went upstairs and had dispatch call the stolen cell phone but did not hear it ring. They returned downstairs and found the man who opened the door sitting in the dark behind a corner in the hallway. He appeared to be under the influence of some kind of drug and hiding from officers. The man gave officers his name, but dispatch could not locate anyone with that name. The man did not provide identification and could not prove he lived in the building.

Police observed a rectangular shape that resembled a cell phone in the man’s hoodie pocket. They told the man they were looking for a stolen cell phone, but he stated he did not have any cell phones. Officers asked for permission to pat him down, but he became nervous and said, “You’re not going to touch me.”

The man then said he did have a cell phone, but that it was his. He showed it to officers, and it did not match the description of the stolen cell phone. However, the man fit the description of the subject who stole the phone.

Officers detained the man and found the stolen cell phone in his back left jeans pocket. They confirmed it was the stolen phone by sending a text message and

observing it appear on the screen. The man was charged with obstructing official business and receiving stolen property.

OVI/failure to stop at accident

On March 9 at about 4:40 p.m., officers responded to the area of Turney Road at Mapleleaf Drive for a report of a hit/skip that occurred in Independence and entered Garfield Heights.

An officer observed the vehicle turn eastbound onto Oakpark Boulevard, and police responded to the area. They stopped the vehicle and asked the driver to step out.

The man exited the vehicle, and police noted an odor of alcoholic beverages, slurred speech and bloodshot eyes. The man also appeared to be in a confused state. Officers conducted several field sobriety tests, which the man failed. He was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle under the influence. Independence police charged him with failure to stop at an accident. His license has been suspended.

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Busy night at Garfield Hts. Council; fireman sworn in; safety forces honored

By Ellen Psenicka

Garfield Heights Council met Monday night and passed amended legislation to purchase two parcels of land adjacent to the Justice Center on Turney Road. The center houses the police department and municipal court and city officials have talked of expanding the Justice Center on its original site or moving it to CityView.

Cost for the two parcels at 5531 and 5539 Turney Road is a total of \$140,000. According to the legislation, the city will pay off the cost over the period of year after which it will take possession of the parcels.

In addition, the following emergency ordinances were passed by council at Monday night's meeting:

- Authorizing purchase of a 2019 Freightliner 108SD conventional chassis from Hans' Truck and Trailer Repair, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$87,000, which includes a warranty, to replace a 1988 Ford salt truck for use by the service department. And purchase of a Concord Minuteman snow and ice control equipment package through Concord Road Equipment Mfg., Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$81,000, which provides a dump body and plow for the Freightliner. Total cost for the outfitted salt truck is set at \$166,434.
- Modifying an agreement with Ciuni & Panichi, Inc., which is the firm hired by the city to perform independent auditing services from 2015-2018. The firm has informed the city that additional work is required for 2018 costing up to an extra \$1500.
- Amending appropriations for current expenditures for the city during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019.

Announcements

Council President Matt Burke said there will be a special meeting of council on Monday, March 18, at 6:30 p.m., to address the new signage planned at True North gas station at Rockside and Turney roads.

He also noted that his Community Awareness meeting for March has been cancelled, with the next meeting set for Wednesday, April 10.

Collova invited everyone to the Vietnam Veterans program being held again this year on Friday, March 29, at the civic center at 7 p.m. He also announced that the Memorial Day Parade is back again this year now that Turney Road is up to the task. It will be held on Monday, May 27. Any group wishing to march in the parade is asked to contact Jennifer Newrones at 216-624-8802, or Jason Blake, 216-338-7883.

Parks & Recreation Director Bob Dobies invited everyone to the 51st annual Ice Show being held on Saturday, March 23, from 7 to 9 p.m.

During the Monday night meeting, the Douglas family of Hathaway Road presented Fire Chief Strope and Police Chief Bob Byrne each with wooden U.S. flags to show their appreciation for all the chiefs and their departments do for the community.



Mayor Vic Collova swore in Alonzo Wright Monday night as the newest member of the Garfield Heights Fire Department. Wright comes from several years on the East Cleveland Fire Department and has a number of advanced education degrees. He is shown in the photo, second from right, with several family members, Mayor Collova, center, and Fire Chief Kenneth Strope at right.

Photo by Michael Psenicka

North Coast Sugar Artists meeting

The North Coast Sugar Artists will meet at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, March 18, at the Garfield Heights Civic Center. There will be demonstrations, food and refreshments.

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