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## HONORED IN MAPLE HTS.



Members of the Maple Heights Council Community Life and Education Committee and other individuals were honored with a special presentation at last week's Maple Heights council meeting for their work in planning an event to help workers affected by the recent government shutdown.

Presenting the award was (far left) Billy Sharp of Cuyahoga County Council and outreach organization, Mastering Generosity Unlimited, to (second from left to right) District 1 Councilman/Committee Chairman Stafford L. Shenett Sr; District 7 Councilwoman/committee member Edwina Agee; Planning and Zoning Commission member Tina Marbury; and District 4 Councilman Terry Woody, Sr. Absent from last week's meeting but mentioned at the presentation for her efforts at the event was District 5 Councilwoman Tanglyn Madden. Many businesses and organizations in the city were also recognized for their participation in the event. *Photo courtesy of Councilman Stafford L. Shenett Sr.*

## Chagrin Valley IT service agreement passed by Maple Heights Council

By Judith Goldsworth

At its meeting last week, Maple Heights Council passed a resolution authorizing Mayor Annette Blackwell to enter into an agreement with the Chagrin Valley Dispatch Council (CVD), which provides safety forces dispatching services to Maple Heights, to provide managed Information Technologies (IT) services to the city at a cost of \$3,000 monthly. The city pays a \$3,453 monthly service charge to its current IT provider.

Blackwell and other city officials said "that it is critical for the city to change its current IT service provider because of concerns with responsiveness, work quality and experience in handling the IT requirements and needs of a large municipality, especially the IT requirements and needs of the police and fire departments...Chagrin Valley Dispatch Council is experienced, qualified and knowledgeable with the IT requirements and needs of large municipalities."

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## Garfield to host Vietnam Veterans Day program

This Friday, March 29, the Vietnam Veterans of America Greater Cleveland Chapter No. 15 will sponsor a program to salute Vietnam War veterans in conjunction with Vietnam Veterans Day.

The program takes place at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd., in Garfield Heights. Social hour begins at 6 p.m., and the program will start at 7 p.m. Call 216-387-0484 for more information.

## I-77 between I-480 and I-490 closed this weekend

I-77 north and southbound will close between I-480 and I-490 beginning this Friday, March 29, at 8 p.m. and Monday, April 1, at 5 a.m., according to the Ohio Department of Transportation.

The closing will accommodate the demolition of the Harvard Avenue bridge over I-77 in Newburgh Heights. Motorists will be directed to St. Rt. 176 (Jennings Freeway) as an alternate route.

There will be limited local access within the I-77 closure. Motorists entering I-77 northbound from entrances north of I-480 will exit at Grant Avenue. Motorists entering I-77 southbound from entrances south of I-490 will exit at Fleet Avenue.

The closing includes:

- I-77 north at I-480
- I-77 south at I-490
- I-480 east and westbound ramps to I-77 north
- I-490 east and westbound ramps to I-77 south

## Indy Council thanks finance director for service, increases informal bid minimum

By Danielle Toth

Following Independence Finance Director John Veres' announcement that he will not seek reelection this fall because he has accepted a position as the finance director of the City of Macedonia, several Independence City Council members and officials thanked him for his 19 years of service at the March 12 Independence City Council meeting.

Veres tearfully began to read a statement regarding his decision but was overcome with emotion and unable to continue. His daughter, Jillian, volunteered to read it for him.

"An alternative opportunity presented itself sooner than expected, and I have accepted the finance director's position for the city of Macedonia starting in March," she read. "This position allows me to continue to use my municipal finance experience in an appointed position, and I look forward to working with a new community." Veres said he will resign once an interim director has been found.

Many council members and city officials expressed their appreciation for Veres both personally and professionally during their respective reports. Mayor Anthony Togliatti called for the room to show their gratitude with a round of applause.

"John cannot be leaving the city in a better financial position, and his commitment to the city of Independence and his knowledge of municipal finance is second to none," Togliatti said. "I sincerely thank you, John, for all the years of hard work that you have dedicated to the city of Independence and wish you the best of luck in all of your future endeavors."

Also at the meeting, council approved an ordinance amending Ordinance 2018-140, which raised the minimum amount required for an informal bid from \$2,500 to \$5,000. Councilman Carl Asseff sponsored the ordinance. In 2018, council passed an ordinance lowering the minimum from \$7,500 to \$2,500. This meant any expense between \$2,500 and \$15,000 needed three written informal bids as voters passed an issue raising the spending limit of the mayor from \$7,500 to \$15,000 before council would need to approve it.

"In the old system, our city directors had no problem buying things because they didn't need to have the vendors write informal bids," Asseff said. "However, vendors don't want to do informal bids for these small amounts of money."

With the \$2,500 minimum, Asseff said it took directors about three hours to get a product secured by an informal bid. This is equivalent to \$172, he said, and takes into account the three hours they spend chasing down a bid plus the three hours taken away from their directors' duties.

"This is wasted time," Asseff said. "The directors were complaining that it was taking too much of their time to do this. And we already have a safety; the purchasing agent still needs to approve the purchase."

Asseff conducted an analysis showing there were about 26 encounters between \$2,500 and \$5,000 and the same amount between \$5,000 and \$7,500. So at the finance committee meeting on Feb. 26, members agreed to raise the ceiling from \$2,500 to \$5,000. However, this only fixes half of the problem, Asseff said, as there are

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## Newburgh Hts. Council discusses Harvard Bridge closing

Newburgh Heights Village Council discussed how the Harvard Avenue bridge closing will impact the local community at its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 19.

Beginning Thursday, March 28, the bridge, which is over I-77 in Newburgh Heights, will close for 180 days while it is replaced. I-77 will also close at times to accommodate bridge demolition and construction operations, according to the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Police Chief John Majoy said the closing will not affect police services to the east side of the village. Newburgh Heights created a proactive plan for 24/7 patrols and routine response times during the bridge closing, Majoy said.

Fire Chief Brian Higginbotham said he distributed fliers to local businesses and talked to them about rerouting their delivery trucks during the closing. He said the fire department also created a proactive plan for service and coordinated with

ODOT.

"Our response times won't be drastically affected," he said. "We've also talked to our neighboring communities about helping us during this time."

Council and department heads discussed the impact the bridge closing would have on students attending Washington Park Community School. Mayor Trevor Elkins requested an update on busing from Service Director Joseph Milano, who said he would confirm transportation arrangements with ODOT. The city updated its Facebook page March 20th with a statement saying arrangements have been made between ODOT and the school to

transport children from the east side of the village to school and home.

Also at the meeting, council approved a recommendation letter authorizing the award of the Harvard Avenue West Gateway contract to C.A. Agresta Construction, which had the best and lowest bid at \$93,427. The project will create a median with green space and landscaping, as well as a "Welcome to Newburgh Heights" sign at the entrance to the village at Harvard Avenue near Arconic Forgings & Extrusions and the new Cuyahoga County Public Works garage. There are similar signs at entry points to the village at Harvard Avenue and East 55th Street and Washington Park Blvd. at Fleet.

## Maple Hts. police search for suspects in shootings

By Danielle Toth

The Maple Heights Police Department has issued warrants for the arrest of Jalen Lathan Smith, a suspect in a March 16th shooting on Brunswick Avenue that killed two men and left one seriously injured, according to MHPD.

Two warrants are for aggravated murder and one is for attempted murder.

On March 16 at about 1:20 a.m., the Maple Heights Police Department responded to a shots fired call in the area of the 14400 block of Brunswick Avenue.

They found an open door at the residence with what appeared to be blood at the door and two males, later identified as Willie G. Ivy II, 35, and Julius Moore, 29, who had sustained fatal gunshot wounds. Christian Lett, 31, had also been shot but asked for help at a nearby Tabor Avenue residence. He survived with life-threatening injuries.

Since the incident happened, Maple Heights po-

lice have been working with many outside agencies to identify and find the murder suspects, according to MHPD. Jalen Smith also goes by the names Jaylen Smith, Jalen L. Smith and Lathan Smith. He is considered armed and extremely dangerous.

Jalen Smith has connections in the Cleveland and Chicago areas, and police have notified the appropriate authorities. There are other persons of interest in this case, and there is an ongoing cooperative investigation between Maple Heights, Cleveland, Chicago and the FBI and U.S. Marshals.

Anyone with information related to this case is urged to contact the Maple Heights Detective Bureau at 216-587-9624 or [Detectives@mhp-dohio.com](mailto:Detectives@mhp-dohio.com).

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#### List of Meetings for April 2019

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| Monday, April 1, 2019     | Council Work Session - TBD<br>Regular Meeting - 8:00p.m.   |
| Tuesday, April 2, 2019    | Planning Commission (if needed)<br>Work Session - 5:30p.m.,<br>Regular Meeting - 6:00p.m.  |
| Monday, April 8, 2019     | Wards 3 & 5 - 7:00p.m.   |
| Wednesday, April 10, 2019 | Southeast Area Law Enforcement (SEALE)<br>Board of Trustees Meeting (if needed)<br>Work Session - 10:00a.m.<br>Regular Meeting - 12:00p.m. |
| Monday, April 15, 2019    | Council Work Session - TBD<br>Regular Meeting - 8:00p.m.   |
| Tuesday, April 16, 2019   | Planning Commission (if needed)<br>Work Session - 5:30p.m.<br>Regular Meeting - 6:00p.m.   |
| Monday, April 22, 2019    | Ward 2 & 6 - 7:00p.m.  |
| Tuesday, April 23, 2019   | Board of Zoning Appeals (if needed)<br>Work Session - 6:30p.m.<br>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](http://www.bedfordoh.gov) or call Lorree Villers, Clerk of Council, at 440-735-6510.

*Lorree Villers*  
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NN: 3-27-19

## Correction

A story in the March 13th issue of The Neighborhood News on Valley View Village Council incorrectly reported that council passed an ordinance to help residents pay stormwater fees. Council did not pass the ordinance. It failed for lack of a motion. An error was made in the reporting process.

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# Independence Council

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still 26 encounters taking place between \$5,000 and \$7,500. He said city council voted on the original ordinance without doing any research on the affect it would have and would like to see the city raise the ceiling back to \$7,500 by the end of the year.

Councilman Trakas, however, who sponsored the 2018 ordinance, said the ordinance has already saved thousands of dollars by bidding out instead of buying products without bids.

“The city was strictly interpreting the ordinance, and some proprietary, single-source and emergency repair products were hard to find using three informal quotes,” he said. “Department heads had concerns, and council addressed them. The initial \$2,500 to \$14,999 range of informal bids appeared to be too low of a threshold, so council agreed to up the dollar amount of products not bid to \$5,000.”

Trakas said council may need to tweak the ordinance again but that “taxpayers have already benefited by having a more robust competitive bidding process. Council in February approved two new contractual arrangements for parts that saved the city in the range of \$5,000 annually by the informal bidding process, so we are pleased to see competitive bidding both informally and formally working for the good of the community.”

Council also approved:

- An ordinance authorizing the retention of Donald Bohning & Associates, Inc. to provide general engineering services on an as-needed basis to the engineering department in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.
- An ordinance adopting the solid waste management plan for the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management District through 2033.
- The 2019 annual appropriation ordinance that provides for city expenses and is based on the city’s budget.

- An ordinance authorizing the city to enter into various memoranda of understanding with the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District for educational and technical assistance in carrying out Clean Water Act responsibilities for 2019 related to National Pollution Discharge Elimination System rules at a cost not to exceed \$31,500. The city is 100 percent eligible to be reimbursed by the NEORS D Stormwater Program for these funds.
- An ordinance authorizing payment to the Streams and Wetlands Foundation in connection with wetland and stream impact mitigation for the Rockside Woods Boulevard North road extension improvements project (Part A) in the amount of \$16,500.
- An ordinance authorizing payment to the Nature Conservancy in connection with wetlands and stream impact mitigation for the Rockside Woods Boulevard North Road Extension Improvements (Part A) Project in the amount of \$105,000.

## Harshaw Chemical public meeting set for April 2nd

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo Division announced the release of the feasibility study addendum and proposed plan for the former Harshaw Chemical Company Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) Site. Both documents are a product of the Corps of Engineers environmental response conducted under the authority of FUSRAP, for which the Corps is the lead federal

held April 2, at the Holiday Inn Cleveland South, 6001 Rockside Rd., Independence, beginning with a poster session at 6:30 p.m.; the presentation will start at 7 p.m. A court recorder will be available to record verbal comments after the presentation. Written comments may be provided that evening or by emailing [fusrap@usace.army.mil](mailto:fusrap@usace.army.mil) by May 14; or mailed to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo District, Attention: Environmental Project Management Team, 1776 Niagara St., Buffalo, New York 14207, postmarked by May 14.

The proposed plan documents the Corps of Engineers' preferred alternatives to address FUSRAP-related soil contamination at the Harshaw site at 1000 Harvard Ave.

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## Garfield Hts. Council news

By Ellen Psenicka

Garfield Heights City Council met Monday night and passed legislation to apply for the FM Global Fire Prevention Grant.

FM Global has developed a Fire Prevention Grant Program to provide fire departments with funding to support a wide array of fire prevention, preparedness and control efforts, including pre-incident planning, fire prevention education/training and arson prevention/fire investigation.

According to the legislation, the Garfield Heights Fire Department intends to use the grant funding to purchase pre-incident planning software and hardware. The grant does not require a financial match from the city.

The only other piece of legislation acted on Monday was the passage of an emergency ordinance to enter into a purchasing agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation to buy rock salt for the 2019-2020 season.

Mayor Vic Collova gave an update on the rubbish ticketing program in the city for those who violate laws regarding the time frame for putting out and taking in trash cans.

He said the number of violators has "decreased somewhat," but the city is still issuing about 130 warnings a week, with 329 households receiving tickets. Collova said the fine is \$180 per offense, with court costs added in those cases where fines are not paid by the deadline.

City Engineer David Krock said repaving of Canal Road is scheduled for this summer in Garfield Heights, Cuyahoga Heights and Valley View.

Development Director Noreen Kuban informed residents of a Lead Abatement Program sponsored by the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, which can be called for more information.

Council President Matt Burke has called a special council meeting for Thursday, April 4, at 6:30 p.m., at the Civic Center council chambers. The purpose of the meeting is to review the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding the True North/Shell sign located at 6004 Turney Rd.



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## PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on **Monday, April 8, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.**, before the **Maple Heights Planning and Zoning Commission** in the Maple Heights City Hall Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio, to consider the following applications:

**2019-PZ-07** An application from Arthur Gray of Local Landscape requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit per Sect. 1278.04(P) (Office, Business, Professional) to build a second 2-car garage on the property located in a Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District at 5570 Dunham Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

**2019-PZ-08** An application from Kimberly McAllister requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit to operate a Type A Day Care Center in a Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District at 5709 Dunham Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

All persons and/or their representatives desiring to be heard are invited to attend. The applications and all supporting materials are available for review during normal business hours in the Maple Heights Building Department, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio. Please call the Clerk's Office at least one week before the meeting at 216-587-9000 to arrange for handicap assistance to the second floor if necessary.

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## Chagrin Valley IT service

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Council also passed an ordinance to change the zoning district on both sides of Dunham Road between Corridon Avenue and Rockside Road from Residential Single Family to Neighborhood Commercial, to accommodate new businesses; an ordinance to adopt the Solid Waste Management Plan for the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management District; and a resolution supporting Substitute House Bill 62 and the increase in the state gas tax of 10.7 cents per gallon over the next two years, and an increase of the local gas tax share from 40 to 45 percent to local governments.

### Property legislation

Council passed many pieces of legislation dealing with property transfers in the city, including an ordinance authorizing the city's Land Reutilization Program to accept the titles to 10 tax delinquent parcels of vacant land through the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation on the following streets: Bellview, Waterbury, Cato, Garfield, Lafayette, Turney, Grant, Broadway, Adams and Granger.

Another ordinance passed by council accepted an additional six parcels from the county, on Hansen, Broadway, Morgan, Jefferson (2 parcels), and Raymond.

Council passed a resolution to purchase a vacant lot from Frances and Raymond Sorace on Milan Drive for \$2,800, to further the Milan-Harlan Sewer Improvement Project, with the purchase amount to be reimbursed

to the city through the project, and also passed a resolution authorizing Blackwell to sell a vacant lot at 16112 Woodbrook Ave. owned by the Land Reutilization Program for \$5,000 to Timothy Shoop for construction of a single family owner-occupied new home.

Also passed was a resolution for Blackwell to accept a donation of an unimproved property on Glenburn Avenue into the Land Reutilization Program from Amy Fisch, Jill Pastula and Wendy Snodgrass. The property was inherited from their father, according to the legislation.

A resolution authorizing Blackwell to enter into an agreement with Christian Unity Baptist Church to sell the church a city-owned vacant lot at 16847 Broadway Ave. at a cost of \$5,000, to be used for a parking lot, was placed on first reading before possible passage at a future meeting.

Placed on first reading by council was a resolution enacting a "temporary moratorium" on enforcement of a section of the city's codified ordinances requiring point of sale/property maintenance inspections, and an ordinance removing a section of the codified ordinances

to remove "daycare center, adult or child" as a conditionally permitted use in the Broadway Corridor Overlay District.

A resolution for the city to accept a \$50,000 Cuyahoga County grant to be used towards the Stafford Pool project was placed on second reading by council.

In recognition of their work in helping workers affected by the recent government shutdown, the Cuyahoga County Council honored members of Maple Heights Council's Community Life and Education Committee with a special presentation at the council meeting.

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## M.H. Mustang wrestlers complete historic season

The 2018-19 Maple Heights High School wrestling team finished an outstanding 22-2 in dual meets and were crowned as champions of five tournaments during the course of an historic season dedicated to the late 10-time state championship Coach Mike Milkovich, Sr.

The Mustangs won team titles at the Hudson Holiday Tournament, the 4th annual Maple Heights Holiday Tournament, the 9th annual Maroon &

White Duals, the Villa Angela/St. Joseph Viking Duals and the Lake Erie League Tournament. The team turned in a remarkable performance at the Lake Erie League Tournament by winning individual championships in 11 of the 14 weight classes.

Capturing individual Lake Erie League titles for the Mustangs were Daniel Eggleton, Kolin Howard, Justin Bencie, Dwayne Eggleton, Chris Williams, Antoine Holloway, Richard

### Annual Candlelight Vigil

Golubski Deliberato Funeral Home will host its Annual Vigil Light Ceremony in the Garfield Heights Civic Center on Sunday, April 14, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. Residents within the community who have experienced a loss in their lives are encouraged to attend this free Vigil Light Ceremony. We open this invitation to not only those families we have served, but to every family who has experienced a difficult time.

The evening service will include guest speaker. Since seating is limited, we ask that you call Golubski Deliberato Funeral Home at (216) 883-3900 for reservations or questions. You may also call to reserve a Vigil Light even though you are unable to attend.



Gibson, Billy Flynn, Chrisean Merritt, Charles Medley and Nikaleb Matthews. Bencie was named the tournament's Most Valuable Wrestler.

Coach Jamie Milkovich's Mustangs finished as runners-up in the Kenston Sectional Tournament with Daniel Eggleton, Howard, Bencie, Dwayne Eggleton, Holloway, Merritt, Medley and Matthews all qualifying for the North Canton Hoover District.

The Mustangs put together another strong showing at the district tournament with an impressive third place finish behind champion Brecksville and runner-up Wadsworth. Howard, Holloway, Merritt and Charles all qualified for the Ohio State Tournament in Columbus. Holloway and Merritt were named to the Academic All-Ohio team.

## Meetings

### Cuyahoga Valley Genealogical Society

"Genealogy on Your Mobile Device" by Roger Marble will be on the program for the Monday, April 1, meeting of the Cuyahoga Valley Genealogical Society at 7 p.m. at the Independence Civic Center, Willow Room, 6353 Selig Blvd., Independence. Call President Bobbi Hamm, 330-225-0890 for more information.

### Garfield Heights Ward 3

The Garfield Heights Ward 3 block watch will meet Monday, April 1, at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd., Room 108, at 6:30 p.m.

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## County to give facelift to Center Road in Bedford

By Judith Goldsworth

Center Road in Bedford is expected to be redone through Cuyahoga County this year in a long awaited resurfacing project, Bedford City Manager Mike Mallis stated at the Bedford Council meeting last week.

Center Road is also known as Warrensville Center Road in Maple Heights, and that section of roadway is also expected to be resurfaced this year, according to Mallis and county officials.

Mallis said preconstruction meetings would be held in the coming weeks.

### Railroad crossing improvements

Mallis also reported that Cleveland Commercial Wheeling and Norfolk Southern rail lines are going to be doing upgrade improvements to the West Grace crossing this year.

"We don't have a timeline for that, but those upgrades are going to include about a half million in investments... Most likely it will be the actual crossing of the track, and there are going to be some light upgrades as well. When we get more details on that we'll share that at an upcoming meeting," Mallis said.

### Trash warnings issued

"Working with our auxiliary unit of the police department, we were out last week issuing warning notices for trash and trash cans either out early or left out afterwards," Mallis continued.

"Once we go out and there are repeat violators, it ultimately will end up in a citation. It is not our desire to do that but what we would like to start seeing is cans coming in after trash day and not being out throughout the weekend," he said, adding that the city has so far issued 50-plus warnings.

### Legislation passed

After two readings at previous meetings, council passed an ordinance to adopt a new credit card policy for city officials to comply with a new state-mandated policy.

As recommended by Finance Director Frank Gambosi, the new credit card policy will ensure compliance with "proper public purpose expenditures and record keeping as mandated by House Bill 312."

Also passed was an ordinance updating compensation for overtime work as the existing legislation had not been updated for almost 30 years.

"We needed some clarification in a couple of areas in regard to people being promoted, how we pay them and so forth. This clarifies that ordinance," Gambosi stated.

Council moved to accept two recommendations of the Planning Commission at the meeting. The first motion was to accept the recommendation regarding JP Martini, Martini Construction Company of Cleveland, and Marvin Hewatt, 700 Turney Road Center, LLC, Lawrenceville, Ga., on a proposal to renovate the exterior of the former Sunoco service station into a convenient store and gas station.

The other motion approved was to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation regarding Yolanda Lewis of Walton Hills, on a proposal to open a new beauty salon located at 794 Broadway Ave.

### Also on agenda

Council members Sandy Spinks and Paula Mizesak were absent from the meeting so there were not enough council members present as required to pass several other pieces of legislation on the agenda.

An ordinance for the city 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 at a cost of \$9,435 was placed on second reading at the request of Mayor Stan Koci.

Also placed on second reading at Koci's request was a resolution for the city to enter into a contract with Oak Group, Inc., to provide additional master plans examiner and building official services for Bedford's building department.

Placed on first reading were the following ordinances: to levy assessments for delinquent water bills on properties owned in the city (about \$28,000 owed for 58 parcels); to amend existing legislation entitled "Use of Public Ways for Small Cell Wireless Facilities and Wireless Support Structures" of the city; and to amend an existing ordinance authorizing the city to enter into an agreement with the village of Orange so it can use the Bedford Jail facilities.

### Announcements

On Saturday, April 13, at 10 a.m., the annual Easter Egg Hunt for children will be held by the Recreation Department at the Bedford High School Stadium, Mallis said.

Gambosi said the Bedford Schools Foundation Fun Run, Art Show at the high school, and Bedford Rotary Pancake and French Toast Breakfast will be taking place on Sunday, April 28, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visit <http://www.bedfordfoundation.net> for more information.

Koci said council has decided on its summer meeting dates, which will be on the following Mondays: June 3, July 1 and August 5. The Bedford City Schools were also looking for part time school bus drivers with no CDL required, Koci said.

Mallis, Koci, Law Director John Montello and other city officials listened to comments from Nordham Drive residents who spoke at length at the meeting about issues they were having with their landlord, and said a civil case was currently being heard in Bedford Municipal Court. Montello said he did not have information on the case and had not seen a police report, but said he would look into it.

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## Fugitive task force looking for Maple Hts. man

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Jackson, 29, is a black male standing about 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighing about 168 pounds. His last known address is the 5400 block of



**Jackson**  
Grasmere Avenue in Maple Heights. He is also known to frequent the area of 15800 Huntmere Ave. in Cleveland.

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# Community police reports

## Garfield Heights

### OVI, Endangering Children

On March 17 at about 4:10 a.m., an officer heading west-bound on I-480 observed a vehicle driving at a high rate of speed with its left turn signal on. The vehicle changed lanes several times and then began weaving in and out of the lanes, sometimes straddling the dividing line. The driver eventually turned the signal off but continued driving at speeds of 85 to 88 mph, then changed lanes without signaling.

The officer activated his lights and siren to pull the vehicle over, and it stopped abruptly on the right shoulder of I-480 just west of Granger Road. This almost caused the officer to rear-end the vehicle. The driver activated the left turn signal even though she pulled over to the right.

When the officer spoke to the female driver, he noticed a strong odor of alcoholic beverage coming from within the vehicle and that

the driver had glassy eyes and seemed anxious.

A female child was seated in the front seat leaning against the passenger door without a child booster seat or seat belt. The driver stated the child was 7 years old, but police later learned she was 4.

The driver could not locate her license. She almost handed the officer a license but took it back and put it in her purse. It was later found to belong to another woman.

The driver could also not locate her insurance. She was advised to keep looking while the officer went back to his cruiser. She then kept blowing her horn and holding the papers outside the driver's window for several minutes.

Another officer arrived on scene to assist. When the officers reapproached the vehicle, the driver was talking on her phone, saying she was unsure whether the officers were real police. Officers asked her to step out of the vehicle, which she did. However, she refused to comply or put her phone down when asked to step toward the guardrail.

When told she was under arrest, the woman attempted to jerk her arm away from the officer who was holding it. She needed to be physically restrained by both officers and escorted to the patrol car because she wouldn't walk on her own. Officers originally placed the girl, identified as the woman's daughter, in the back seat with her mother, but the mother kept yelling and telling the child that she shouldn't trust the police. At this point, officers separated the mother from the child. The child's grandmother later picked her up at the station.

The woman was cited for operating a vehicle while under the influence, OVI-refusal, weaving, speed, no child restraint and failure to signal. She was charged with resisting arrest, obstructing official business and endangering children.

### Vandalism

On March 18 at about 4:45 p.m., officers responded to the 4600 block of Birchwood Road for a vandalism complaint. The complainant said she observed and videotaped a male juvenile spray-painting a neighbor's garage.

The complainant said the boy is a fifth-grade student and lives next door to the home he painted. Earlier in the week, she saw the same child spray-paint another neighbor's garage. Another

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## Community police reports

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neighbor also discovered their garage wall was spray-painted. Officers checked the area and observed spray paint damage.

Police went to the juvenile's residence. The child told the officers that he spray-painted one garage but did not spray any other garages. The spray cans were located in a neighbor's garbage can. The juvenile was placed under arrest and transported to jail. Charges are pending through the Youth Bureau. The area and observed spray paint damage.

### Shoplifting

On March 22 at about 7:30 p.m., officers responded to the area of McCracken Road and East 117<sup>th</sup> Street for a vehicle that fled the Marathon station on Broadway Avenue after a shoplifting incident. Officers located the vehicle and initiated a traffic stop. The female driver gave officers a false name and birthdate, as well as a false social security number.

The woman was arrested for petty theft. Officers located a pair of wire cutters on her person. She also had several packages of meat from Save-A-Lot but no money, receipts or grocery bags on her person.

### OVI

On March 23 at about 2:30 a.m., police responded to Broadway Avenue at East 131<sup>st</sup> Street for a report that a man had crashed into a tree and was unconscious.

Upon arrival, the officer could not wake the driver by pounding on the window. In case the man was experiencing a medical emergency, the officer forced entry into the vehicle by breaking the front driver's window. The officer removed the driver from the car and smelled a strong odor of alcoholic beverages on his person.

Once on the sidewalk, the driver gained consciousness. He refused medical care but was placed under arrest for operating a vehicle under the influence and driving under suspension. The man refused standard field sobriety tests but submitted to a breath test. He had a .232 BAC. He also had two prior OVI convictions in 2013.

During an inventory search of the vehicle, officers located 2.6 grams of suspected marijuana under the driver's seat and a glass pipe with marijuana residue near the passenger seat floorboard. Officers also located a bottle of an alcoholic beverage.

On March 22 at about 3:30 a.m., officers responded to the area of Turney and McCracken roads where an officer observed a vehicle weave across the lanes and fail to maintain a marked lane. The vehicle also did not signal for lane changes and went left of center several times.

Officers approached the female driver and observed a strong odor of alcoholic beverages on or about her person, as well as bloodshot eyes and slurred speech. She declined to perform standard field sobriety tests.

After being asked several times, the woman finally exited the vehicle. She was unsteady on her feet and almost fell into the officer. She was placed under arrest for operating a vehicle under the influence. At the jail, she refused to provide a breath sample. She was found to be under administrative license suspension and has two previous OVIs. She was cited for OVI, OVI-refusal, driving under suspension, marked lanes, weaving and turn signals.

On March 18 at about 6:10 p.m., officers responded to a report of a motor vehicle accident at the Eldorado Motel on Broadway Avenue. They received information that one of the drivers was intoxicated. Upon arrival, officers spoke with a female who admitted to driving the vehicle at the time of the incident.

Officers placed the woman under arrest for operating a

vehicle under the influence. During the vehicle inventory, officers found a glasses case with five hypodermic syringes, one with a brown liquid substance consistent with heroin; a metal spoon; a metal pipe with residue; a small, clear plastic baggie with residue; and a lighter. The woman admitted to using heroin about four hours prior to operating the vehicle.

The woman was charged with OVI, possession of drug abuse instruments and possession of drug paraphernalia.

### Motor Vehicle Thefts

Police reported several motor vehicle thefts last week:

March 18 at about 7:40 a.m. on the 9500 block Midwest Avenue

March 22 at about 9:40 p.m. on the 12000 block of Rockside Road  
March 22 at about 9:45 p.m. on the 4300 block East 139<sup>th</sup> Street

### Criminal Damage

Police also reported several break-ins and thefts from automobiles last week:

March 19 at about 12:20 p.m. on the 5000 block of Henry Street

March 20 at about 11:10 a.m. on the 12000 block of Granger Road

March 21 at about 6:15 a.m. on the 12000 block of Reindeer Avenue

March 23 at about 6:20 a.m. on the 13000 block of Thraves Road

March 23 at about 8:50 a.m. on the 12000 block of Southern Avenue

March 24 at about 11:30 a.m. on the 5200 block of East 88<sup>th</sup> Street

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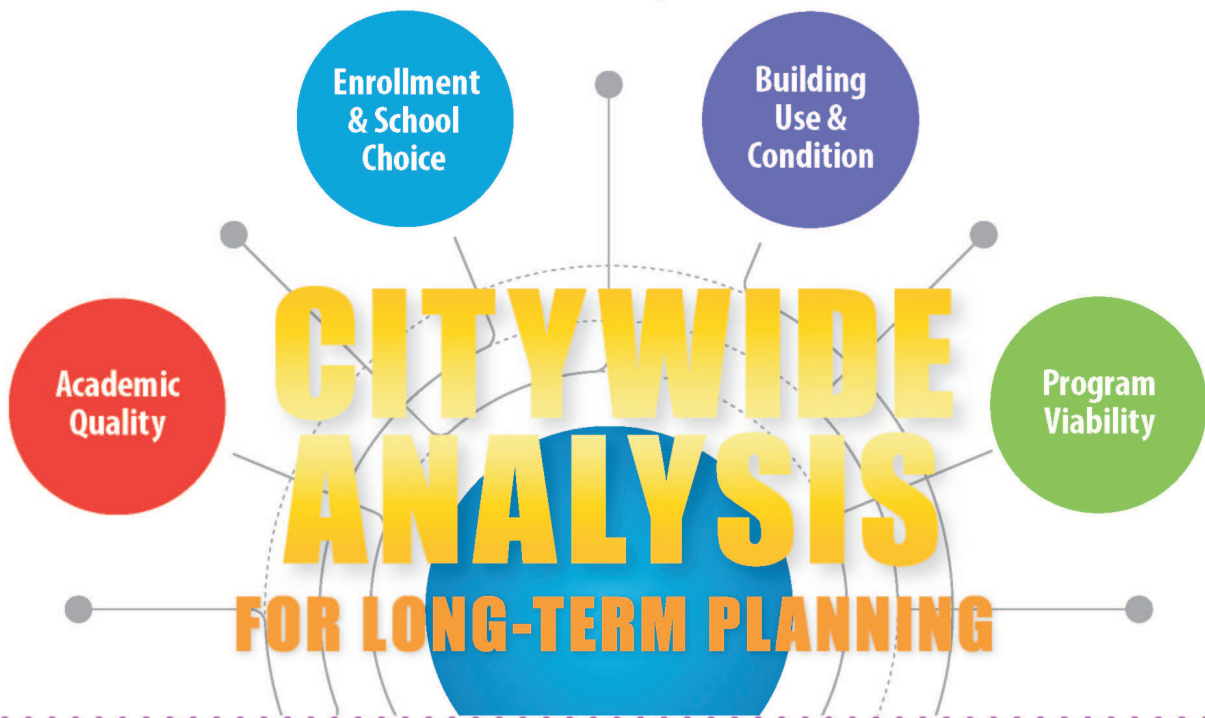
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| <b>EAST</b>      | Tuesday, April 2    | 6:00 PM | East Technical High School, 2439 E. 55th St., 44104         |
| <b>SOUTHEAST</b> | Thursday, April 4   | 4:00 PM | Third Federal Savings, 7007 Broadway Ave., 44105            |
| <b>WEST</b>      | Saturday, April 6   | 1:30 PM | Max S. Hayes High School, 2211 W. 65th St., 44102           |
| <b>NORTHEAST</b> | Saturday, April 13  | 1:30 PM | Collinwood Recreation Center, 16300 Lake Shore Blvd., 44110 |
| <b>SOUTHWEST</b> | Wednesday, April 17 | 6:00 PM | New Tech West School, 11801 Worthington Ave., 44111         |
| <b>NEAR WEST</b> | Thursday, April 11* | 6:00 PM | Garrett Morgan High School, 4016 Woodbine Ave., 44113       |
|                  | Thursday, April 18  | 6:00 PM | Garrett Morgan High School, 4016 Woodbine Ave., 44113       |

\*This meeting has been added to accommodate members of our community who observe Holy Thursday.

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