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Newburgh Hts. raises tobacco buying age to 21

By Danielle Toth

The Village of Newburgh Heights voted at its May 7 council meeting to raise the minimum legal sales age for all tobacco products from 18 to 21. This includes e-cigarettes and vape pens.

In doing so the village aims to lessen the accessibility of tobacco to minors and further the health, safety and general welfare of residents, according to the legislation.

"The intention of passing the ordinance is to prevent our residents from becoming adult smokers," said Dorene Kray, the councilwoman who introduced the ordinance. "Most cigarette smokers start smoking during their teenage years. Nowadays statistics show that more than 35% of Cuyahoga County students have used an electronic vapor product. This ordinance is one step towards helping a healthier village population. Smoking causes many health issues, and I want to help our youth by taking early steps to nicotine addiction."

Newburgh Heights follows several other local communities, including the city of Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, Lakewood, Euclid and University Heights, in raising the minimum legal age. Ohio Governor Mike DeWine has also proposed raising the purchase age for tobacco and vape products throughout the state.

Also at the meeting council accepted the bid from CA Agresta Construction of \$93,427 for the Harvard Avenue West Gateway project.

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 Boulevard at Fleet Avenue.

Additionally, council authorized the village to begin obtaining materials for an aesthetic bridge branding project once the new Harvard Bridge over I-77 is complete. The bridge will display the village name.

Council also authorized the mayor to submit a Natureworks grant program application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to secure financial assistance for improvements to the village's dog park. These will include upgrades to dog play elements, seating, landscaping, fencing, signage and an improved all-purpose trail connection to Cleveland Metroparks Washington Reservation.

Finally, council conducted a first reading of an ordinance that would provide for two hours paid time off to full-time personnel on any given Election Day to allow city employees to exercise their right to vote. Prior to receiving payment for Election Day hours, any employee who takes paid time off under this policy is required to provide a written statement to the village's fiscal officer that the employee voted in the election, according to the legislation.

G.H. Schools to host 'State of the Schools,'

Garfield Heights City Schools hosts a 'State of the Schools' presentation for the community tomorrow, Thursday, May 16, from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the high school's Center for Performing Arts lobby, 4900 Turney Rd.

Superintendent Terry Olszewski will present highlights from the 2018-2019 school year, including academics, positive behavior intervention supports, student organization achievement and community volunteerism.

Following this presentation, District Treasurer Allen Sluka will offer a financial forum update outlining the current state of fiscal matters in the District.

Bedford man arrested in G.H. bank robberies

Police have arrested and charged a 49-year-old Bedford resident in connection with the two recent robberies of Garfield Heights banks.



Jason Smith

Jason E. Smith is suspected of robbing the Ohio Catholic Credit Union at 13623 Rockside Road on April 2 and the First Federal of Lakewood at 12648 Rockside Road on April 29, according to police.

He was taken into custody at his home by the Garfield Heights Police Department with assistance from the Cleveland office of the FBI on May 10.

S.V. residents can trade 'Home' signs for ice cream!

Slavic Village Development (SVD) is trying a new strategy to get rid of the countless "We Buy Homes"-type signs throughout the neighborhood.

For every sign residents bring in to SVD's offices at 5620 Broadway Ave., they will receive a voucher for a free cone at Daisy's Ice Cream at 5614 Fleet Avenue.

The organization will give multiple coupons for multiple signs; however, it asks that the signs come from the Slavic Village area.

It is illegal to post signs in rights of way in Cleveland, SVD Executive Director Chris Alvarado said. They are also a blight on the community, he said.

"These companies are detrimental to neighborhoods because they do not offer anything close to 'market value' for their homes," Alvarado said. "They also do not make improvements to these homes. Rather, they hold onto them until they find somebody to buy them for substantially more than they were sold for. And oftentimes these homes sit vacant for months or years while these companies neglect them."

Alvarado pointed out that there is no business name attached to the signs, which

he said is because the companies do not want people to look them up on the

Better Business Bureau to see if they are legitimate.

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Garfield Heights City Council news

Passed at Monday night's meeting of Garfield Heights Council were ordinances to update the salaries of the police and fire departments for 2019 in accordance with the Garfield Heights Charter.

A resolution was also okayed to apply for grant funding from the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Ohio Traffic Safety Office under the Impaired Driving Enforcement Program and the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. It was stated that most of the grant money, if received, would go to manning OVI checkpoints.

Two ordinances on second reading were passed without having to go to a third and final reading - the first to increase the sanitary sewer rate from \$1.70 to \$2.20 per lineal front foot, and the other to issue \$2,100,000 of notes in anticipation of the sale of bonds to pay for improving streets within the city.

Mayor Vic Collova encouraged residents to participate in and attend this year's Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 27, which begins at 10 a.m. down the newly paved Turney Road.



Modesty Miller, Garfield Heights 7th grader, and Gregory Moore, 8th grader, were chosen by Garfield Heights United as "Mayors for a Day" after winning an essay contest sponsored by the organization. They were given plaques by James Feeney of Garfield Heights United and are pictured here at Monday night's city council meeting on either side of Mayor Vic Collova. Also in the photo at far left is Fire Chief Kenneth Strope and Law Director Tim Riley. Photo by Wendy Walters

S.V. residents can trade

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"We've called these companies, and they hang up as soon as they figure that we want the signs down," he said. "I myself have taken down over 100 of these signs over the last few years."

The signs will be used to create an art installation as part of SVD's "Rooms to Let" exhibition art event May 18-19. During the event, dozens of local artists will display their works in three vacant homes on East 53rd and 54th streets that are slated for demolition. There are also vacant lot installations, live performance art and hands-on activities.

For the purpose of the art installation, SVD would like residents to turn in signs by the weekend. However, it

will continue to hand out Daisy's Ice Cream vouchers while supplies last. So far 24 signs have been turned in.

"We're hoping to spread awareness that these 'cash buyers for houses' signs are targeting sellers who think they have no other options while also supporting a local business that proudly calls this neighborhood home," Alvarado said.

Tony Brancatelli, Cleveland Ward 12 councilman, said he applauds Slavic Village's creative solution to "help clean up these predatory and unsightly signs."

"I also encourage residents to start calling the phone numbers on the 'We Buy Homes' and 'We Buy Cars' signs and sending them on wild goose chases with bad addresses and bad locations of cars," he said.

all donors who give blood or platelets now through June 10 will receive a \$5 Amazon.com gift card via email.

Donors of all blood types can attend these upcoming blood donation opportunities:

- May 20: 1 to 7 p.m. Independence Community Center, 6363 Selig Drive, Independence
- May 21: 2 to 7 p.m. Valley View Community Center, 6828 Hathaway Rd., Valley View
- June 6: 2 to 7 p.m. Maple Heights Library, 5225 Library Lane, Maple Heights
- June 8: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Elizabeth Baptist Church, 6114 Francis Avenue, Cleveland

Red Cross has critical need for type O blood; all type donors needed

The American Red Cross has a critical shortage of type O blood and urges donors to give now to help patients facing trauma and other life-threatening situations. Right now the Red Cross has less than a two-day supply of type O blood available for emergency rooms.

As a thank-you for helping replenish the blood supply,

More NN 'Freebies' offered

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

New on the Freebies list is two tickets to the Sokol Summer Exhibition on Sunday, June 2, at Oddfellows Fresh Air Camp in Glenwillow, plus two duck dinners at the Sunday Sokol Dinner from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 23, at Bohemian National Hall. Deadline to enter is May 30.

Also on the Freebies list is two tickets to the Buckeye Country Superfest on June 8 at Ohio Stadium in Columbus, featuring George Strait, Blake Shelton, Chris Janson and others. Deadline to enter is Thursday, May 30.

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James Deal, 65 Center Rd., Bedford, OH 44146 Unit #802, 5x18, Unit appears to contain chairs, clothing, ski, household items, tomato cages, bags, boxes and misc. items.

Pamela Small, 750 Washington Ave. Apt. C, Bedford, OH 44146 Unit #631, 5x10, Unit appears to contain floor lamp, papasan chair, books, tote, bags, misc. items.

Redi Storage, 4620 Northfield Rd., North Randall, OH 44128 216-714-5869 is hosting the following auction on www.storagetreasures.com ending at 4:00pm on Friday, May 31st, 2019.

Jovaun Woodfolk, 11816 Browning Ave., Cleveland, OH 44120, Unit #1015, 10x10, Unit appears to contain sofa, door, glass display case, glass cabinet, lawn chairs, misc. items. Items to be auctioned off by whole unit, cash only. \$50.00 cleaning deposit.

Garfield Heights ward meeting scheduled

Garfield Heights Ward 2 Councilman Joe LaMalfa invites all residents to meet the new ward leader in Ward 2, Chuck Donahue, at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd., on today, Wednesday, May 15, at 6:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors of Washington Park Community School will conduct a Special Board Meeting to choose food vendor for 2019-2020 school year.



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Bedford Council passes \$377K for street improvement program

By Judith Goldsworth

Bedford Council approved legislation for a contract with Barbicas Construction, Inc., to improve streets in the city this year, at a cost of \$377,127.25, at its meeting last week.

Streets to be included in the 2019 Street Improvement Program include Caryl, Kenyon, Norann, Powers and others, with crack sealing to be done at Columbus and Rockside that was not completed last year, City Manager Mike Mallis said.

As stated in the ordinance, the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works will reimburse the city up to \$33,000 for the cost of materials used in the crack sealing program related to the Columbus/Rockside work.

Since the Barbicas contract does not include construction, inspection and engineering fees, council passed another ordinance providing for a payment of \$25,400 to GPD Group (design engineering fee \$7400; construction administrative/inspection fee \$18,000) for the street improvement program.

Recreation rebate ok'd

An ordinance enacting a "Recreation Rebate Program" in the amount of \$50 for Bedford residents who sign up as members of the Bedford Heights Community Center

was passed, making the rebate program officially a part of the city's legislation.

Bedford residents would be required to pay applicable yearly membership fees for the community center in neighboring Bedford Heights, allowing them complete use of the facility. However, they would be entitled to a yearly rebate of \$50 on those fees, according to the legislation.

Also passed was an ordinance for the city to enter into a contract with RKS Management Company to clean the Bedford Police Department at a cost of \$1600 per month.

"After doing some math, we proved it would be a definite cost saving measure and we believe the quality of work will improve as well," Mallis said.

At the recommendation of Fire Chief Dave Nagy to assist fire department personnel in lifting patients, council passed an ordinance to purchase a Stryker EMS PowerLOAD cot from Stryker EMS at a cost of \$47,975.20.

The city successfully received a \$35,981.40 grant from the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation which will pay a significant portion of the cost, Mallis stated.

A motion to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation regarding Damon

Maddox, construction manager for Wide Open West Cleveland LLC (WOW) of Berea, for a proposal to install a telecommunications utility cabinet at 15 Henry Street, was approved.

Also approved was a motion to reappoint Helen Briggs to a 4-year term to the Planning Commission.

Public hearing May 21st

Three pieces of legislation on the agenda to change zoning uses of areas of the city remained tabled at last week's meeting as a Planning Commission public hearing on the ordinances will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, at City Hall, 165 Center Rd.

The legislation was recommended by Planning Consultant George Smerigan, who was hired to study land use in the city and determined that various properties could be rezoned to encourage their use and development.

One ordinance would rezone properties at Northfield and Rockside roads (Meadowbrook shopping area) from business (shopping center district) to mixed use; another would rezone properties at Bartlett and Rockside roads from shopping center district to multi-family residential; and yet another ordinance would

enact a new chapter of the codified ordinances to change shopping center districts in the city to mixed use districts to allow for more flexible use and encourage economic development.

Placed on first reading

Two ordinances and a resolution pertaining to street lighting in the city were placed on first reading for additional discussion by council before passage at a future meeting.

Also placed on first reading was the following legislation: to approve the 2019 Tax Budget; to request that the county auditor release funds from the tax levy, which asks that the county give the city 75% of taxes already collected; and to levy assessments for garbage/refuse collection, recycling and disposal in the city, during the tax year 2019 and collected in 2020. Cost of trash collection is \$14 a month, officials stated.

High ranking for fire department

The Bedford Fire Department received a ISO (Insurance Service Office) Class 2 rating, which is a rating achieved by only 4.8% of the 41,000 fire departments nationwide, Mallis stated. A Class 1 rating is the highest any fire department can achieve, he explained.

"An ISO rating is an insur-

ance analysis and in 2013 our rating came up to a 3, which is very good," Mallis said, adding that factors such as staffing, training, and equipment came into play when determining the rating. "We got that notification about two weeks ago, and that number actually went to a 2, which is outstanding to have that," he said.

Having such a high ISO rating means that residents might be able to save on their insurance rates as well, he added. Mayor Stan Koci, a longtime former firefighter, added, "They fully deserve all the accolades... this is a phenomenal thing they did and not easy to do."

In other news, a branch of the Cuyahoga County Title Bureau is "very close" to relocating to the space next to the already opened Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles office in Meadowbrook Market Square on Rockside Road, Mallis stated.

Announcements

• There will be a Shred Day in the parking lot of City Hall, 165 Center Rd., on Saturday, May 18, from 9 a.m. to noon.

• The Rib Fest will take place in Bedford's Public Square the weekend of May 31-June 1, and the Strawberry Festival will be held the following weekend.



G.H. COMMUNITY BLOCK WATCH

Ward 2 Councilman JOE LAMALFA

Joe would like to invite all residents to meet the new Ward Leader in Ward 2, CHUCK DONAHUE, at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Road, Weds., May 15th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Cuyahoga County Solar Co-op

The Cuyahoga County Department of Sustainability and the nonprofit Solar United Neighbors present a free informational meeting for those interested in going solar.

The meeting will take place on Wednesday May 22 at the Southeast Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library
70 Columbus Road, Bedford, Oh 44146 from 6pm till 8pm.

Attendees will learn about the technical aspects of solar power; the 30% Federal Solar Tax Credit; various financing options including the Cuyahoga County's low interest HELP Loan Program.

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Valley View parks and recreation renewal levy to appear on Nov. ballot

By Danielle Toth

Valley View Village Council voted at its May 7 meeting to place a renewal tax levy for parks and recreational services on the Nov. 5 ballot.

The existing 2.3-mill levy means that for every \$100 of home valuation, Valley View residents pay 23 cents for the tax. The renewal would be effective for five years: 2019 to 2023. The village uses the levy funds for park projects and maintenance.

The maintenance portion of the levy provides for the wages of the groundskeepers division of the service department for the hours those employees work in the parks, including their equipment and materials, said Todd Von Ville, director of recreation for the Village of Valley View. The levy also funds youth athletic programs, including soccer, cheerleading, baseball, softball, flag football and basketball.

Valley View does not charge its residents a fee to register for youth sports or any fees for equipment, uniforms, league dues, etc. The levy supplies the funds for these expenses.

Council also approved six ordinances allowing the

mayor to make offers and enter into agreements to purchase six homes as part of the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program:

- 8903 Murray Road in an amount not to exceed \$180,900
- 8514 Murray Road in an amount not to exceed \$178,875
- 9366 Murray Road in an amount not to exceed \$163,875
- 9800 Gleeson Drive in an amount not to exceed \$130,150
- 9700 Frances Drive in an amount not to exceed \$125,400
- 8701 Fosdick Road in an amount not to exceed \$58,900

In 2018, the Federal Emergency Management Agency approved the village's application for the FMA program for the elevation of eight homes and acquisition of six homes in the Special Flood Hazard area, which are land areas at a high risk for flooding. Seventy-five percent of the

program is federally funded through FEMA, while 25 percent must come from a local, non-federal source.

On Jan. 8, council passed an ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into a project agreement with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) for local cost-sharing as part of the program. NEORS will provide one half of the remaining 25 percent of funds, and Valley View will provide the other half.

The purpose of the FMA program is to provide an opportunity to implement mitigation measures that will reduce the risk of people and property following a disaster or flood.

The village also accepted a bid for the Valley View Flood Mitigation Assistance Program 2017 Home Elevation Project Phase 1 for 5901 Canal Road, 9101 Murray Road and 9816 Stone Road.

In this case, Valley View received a bid of \$568,750 from LC Fluharty Construction to elevate the homes. Seventy-five percent of the funds for this project came from the FMA program, while the remaining 25 percent will come from the village.

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Community police reports

Bedford

Robbery

On May 11 at about 12:30 p.m., officers responded to Game Stop Video at 422 Northfield Road for a robbery report. An employee reported that two men about 20 years of age stole a game console. Both wore black hooded jackets and ran in the direction of Rockside Road.

Criminal mischief

On May 11 at about 4:30 p.m., a caller reported that someone in the 100 block of Eldridge Boulevard was fir-

ing potatoes from a PVC pipe and that their neighbor had almost been hit by one. When police arrived at the home, the resident denied any wrongdoing.

Cleveland

Motor vehicle theft

• On May 13 at about 1:45 p.m., a Garfield Heights resident reported that he had parked his 2008 Ford Escape in the 3400 block of Regent Avenue on May 10 at about 10 p.m. The vehicle is now missing and was taken without keys.

• On May 11 at about 5:40

p.m., officers responded to the 3500 block of Sykora Road for a report of a stolen vehicle. The victim reported that he had parked his Chevy Silverado in the driveway at about 7:30 a.m. When he returned at about 5:30 p.m., the vehicle was gone. He also stated the vehicle has a hidden kill switch so it was most likely towed.

Garfield Heights

Motor vehicle theft

On May 12 at about 11:30 p.m., officers responded to the Sunoco at 6009 Turney Road for a report of a motor vehicle theft. The victim said he left his car running with the keys inside at a pump while he went into the gas

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station. When he returned about three minutes later, the vehicle was gone. The officer will review surveillance footage with the manager.

OVI

•On May 12 at about 1:45 a.m., officers observed a car traveling at a high rate of speed on I-480 eastbound. A hand laser device showed a speed of 87 mph. The officer initiated a traffic stop near Broadway Avenue, but the driver continued eastbound before slowing between Lee and Warrensville roads. The driver appeared to be intoxicated, smelled of alcoholic beverage and had bloodshot eyes. He stated he did not have anything to drink. Officers conducted standardized field sobriety tests and concluded he was intoxicated. He was arrested and taken to jail, where he consented to a breath test. His BAC was 0.126. He was charged with OVI and cited for speed.

•On May 11 at about 2:45 a.m., an officer traveling north on E. 139th Street approaching Thornhurst Avenue noticed a blue Honda Civic in front of him that had a cracked tail light emitting white light when the driver hit the brakes. The officer activated his siren and overhead lights. The driver temporarily stopped on E. 139th Street at Thornhurst then turned west on Thornhurst traveling at about 40 mph. The car turned onto E. 136th Street without stopping at the stop sign then turned east on South Parkway Drive, also without stopping at the stop sign. The vehicle then traveled at about 20 mph until it reached the 13000 block of South Parkway.

The driver exited the vehicle and began running south on foot. The officer gave chase. The man kept reaching into the front of his pants, a place commonly known to hide a weapon. The officer yelled at him to stop reaching

several times during the pursuit, but he did not stop. Fearing for his safety, the officer deployed his taser. One probe struck the man in the right ankle, but he was able to run away and the officer lost sight of him.

The officer then conducted an inventory of the man's vehicle. Inside, he immediately detected a strong odor of alcoholic beverage. There were four open 24 oz. cans of beer and an open bottle of vodka. In the center console was the man's driver's license and about \$200 cash. On the passenger floorboard was an Apple iPhone. Throughout the vehicle the officer found baggies with a white residue suspected to be cocaine, but the samples were too small to collect.

The officer remained in the area looking for the suspect. At about 3 a.m., he observed the suspect walking on E. 131st Street toward Saybrook Avenue. The officer pulled up behind the man, who immediately dropped to his knees and put his hands behind his head. He was taken into custody. When asked why he ran, the man said he was scared and drunk. He also stated he is an alcoholic and struggles with a cocaine addiction. He said he was clean for 13 months and then relapsed and was in Garfield Heights trying to buy cocaine when he was stopped by the officer. At the jail, the man consented to a breath test. He had a 0.095 BAC. He was charged with obstructing official business and cited for OVI, stop signs, stop lights and failure to comply.

•On May 7 at about 10:20 p.m., an officer sitting off of Turney Road near Sladden Avenue observed a dark car with a temporary tag pass south in the curb lane at a high rate of speed. He paced it going 35 mph in a 25 mph zone. It changed lanes from the curb lane to the center lane without signaling.

The officer stopped the vehicle at Russell Avenue and discovered the driver had an expired license and was not wearing a seat belt. The driver also appeared very excited

and was talking quickly. His pupils were pinpointed and did not react to light. The officer conducted standardized field sobriety tests, most of which the driver failed. The officer suspected the driver to be under the influence of drugs. The officer located a baggie containing marijuana and two bottles of oil-type liquid. He also found a white powder in the front console cup suspected to be cocaine and additional suspected cocaine in the driver's front pants pocket as he was being booked into jail. The driver was charged with OVI and possession of drugs; cited for speed, no signal, seat belt and expired license; and issued a summons for marijuana. He refused a urine test.

Assault

On May 10 at about 7:05 p.m., officers responded to the parking lot of the abandoned Kmart at 12501 Rockside Road. There was a very large crowd of several hundred people, and officers learned the majority were from Maple Heights and had reportedly been kicked out of a prom party. The people were playing loud music and dancing.

There was also a black Chevy Malibu driving around the parking lot at a high rate of speed attempting to run over a group of 30 or more pedestrians. The car made several laps until it was stopped by traffic. A group of people ran up to the car and began punching the driver. The driver and another occupant of the car exited the vehicle and began to physically fight with several people. Officers approached with lights and sirens, and the crowd quickly dispersed. The driver was ordered to get on the ground and was taken into custody. The passenger and another man continued fighting despite police telling them to stop. Police had to separate the two, and both parties continued to resist officers until they were tased. The driver was charged with assault and the passenger with assault and resisting arrest. The other party, a juvenile, was released to his mother with a report to be forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

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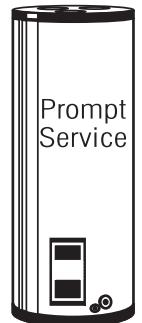
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Village of Cuyahoga Hts. Council news

Cuyahoga Heights Council met last Wednesday and was introduced to American Legion Post 627's 2019 Miss Poppy, Olivia Grace Bahr. Olivia is five-years-old, attends Riverside School, plays t-ball and soccer and loves to sing and dance.

The following resolutions were passed by council:

- Authorizing a change order with Vandra Brothers Construction for repairs and resurfacing on Grant Avenue and East 49 Street;
- Purchasing environmental insurance coverage related to the Nicky Boulevard Storm Sewer Extension and Slope Stabilization Improvements Project;
- Entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health relating to sampling and analysis of storm sewer outfalls.

Council also approved the mayor's appointment of David Palucki as the service department mechanic.

The finance committee approved playground repair/painting not to exceed \$9,880, annual member-



2019 Miss Poppy, Olivia Grace Bahr, is shown with Cuyahoga Heights Mayor Jack Bacci.

ship in SWAT, not to exceed \$20,000, replacement computer for police mayor's court and finance

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Federal Reserve officials tour S.V.

Cleveland Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli reports that Senator Sherrod Brown recently arranged for Federal Reserve Vice-Chair Randal Quarles and staff member Mona Elliot to visit Slavic Village and meet with key stakeholders and local banks. Brancatelli took them on a tour of Slavic Village and then for an informal meeting at Third Federal Savings.

He said the goal was for them to share the experiences of the impact of the foreclosure crisis in Slavic Village and then hear from local stakeholders on how they can work together for recovery utilizing policies at the Federal Reserve.

"The conversation was very engaging and well received with our guests," the councilman said. "Thanks to Senator Brown for arranging this visit."



Pictured above at left is Federal Reserve Vice-Chair Randal Quarles and Federal Reserve Board staff member Mona Elliot with Saucisson owners Melissa Khoury and Penny Barend at their butcher shop on Fleet.

Historical Society Plant Sale

The Garfield Heights Historical Society will hold its annual Plant Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, at the museum, 5405 Turney Rd. Plant donations will be gladly accepted. Phone 216-475-3050 or email: info@ghhist.org.

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