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Amelia Earhart series continues

The fourth in a series of articles continues here about a group of Garfield Heights men who traveled to Saipan in the '60's in search of what really happened to Earhart and her navigator, Fred Noonan, and the answers they brought back!

By Ellen Psenicka

(In last week's Earhart installment, the Kothera group had unearthed bones from a shallow grave outside Liyang Cemetery, guided by a Saipanese woman named Anna, who said she had seen two white people digging that grave in 1937, under the watchful eyes of some Japanese. When the hole was dug Anna saw one of the Japanese use a samuri sword to behead the white man while the other Japanese kicked him into the hole. The Garfield Heights group therefore thought the bones they had discovered were navigator Fred Noonan's, but they were soon in for a surprise from an expert anthropologist.)

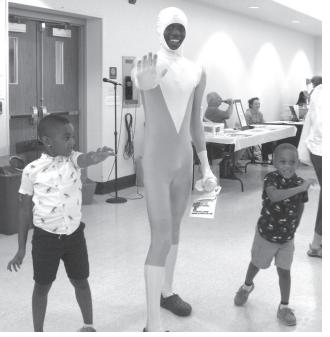
HOME AGAIN

The five friends made it home in May 1968 to their very supportive families, convinced they had recovered remains of Earhart's navigator, Fred Noonan. Newspapers interviewed them, they were guests on radio programs and made several television appearances. Again and again they poured over the movies and photos Marty had taken of the second excursion and got towork stateside on verifying the evidence they had collected.

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Ohio State anthropologist Dr. Raymond Baby, at right, is shown at a 1968 meeting with John Gacek (in photo) and the rest of the Kothera group in his office at the Ohio State Museum. Dr. Baby was asked by the men to examine the bones and bridge work they had brought from Saipan for his expert analysis.



G.H. SUMMER FEST FUN

Frozone of "The Incredibles" delighted children at the Garfield Heights Summer Fest celebration Aug. 11 at the Garfield Heights Civic Center.

Maple Heights Council amends fiscal recovery plan

By Judith Goldsworth

The city of Maple Heights, which was declared to be in a state of fiscal emergency almost five years ago, continues to work its way towards positive fund balances, as council passed legislation approving another amendment to its fiscal recovery plan at last week's meeting.

The resolution approves and authorizes Mayor Annette Blackwell to submit the amended Financial Recovery Plan to the Financial Planning and Supervision Commission, as mandated by the Ohio Auditor's Office.

In early 2015, then State Auditor Dave Yost placed the city in a state of fiscal emergency after the city was found to have a deficit of more than \$2.7 million, and a five-year initiative was implemented.

Blackwell, who was elected mayor in 2016, and other city officials have worked under the supervision of the auditor's office to bring the city out of that deficit, and as of yesterday, Aug. 13, Blackwell confirmed to The Neighborhood News that the city's unexpended fund balance was \$1,766,507.49.

In the amended plan as submitted to the auditor's office, it was noted that city officials have worked towards cost saving measures, such as participating in Southeast Area Law Enforcement (SEALE), Chagrin Valley Dispatch and the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council.

Other efforts to generate revenue as stated in the plan include tax revenue from economic development projects,

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Chris Hanke named new GHCS superintendent

By Danielle Toth

The Garfield Heights City Schools Board of Education unanimously approved hiring Chris Hanke as the new superintendent of the district on Aug. 6. The approval is a result of a thorough and exhaustive search process with many qualified candidates, the district said. However, Hanke's longevity in the district, as well as his experience and dedication to leading the Garfield Heights City Schools into a



Supt. Chris Hanke

new era, ultimately prompted the board to select him for the position.

Hanke is in his 19th year in the district, where he most recently served as assistant superintendent and director of human resources. He was previously principal of Garfield Heights Middle School and principal of the learning center. He began his tenure as a history teacher at Garfield Heights High School.

"I am deeply appreciative of the opportunity to serve as the next superintendent of the Garfield Heights City Schools," said Hanke, who assumed his role on Aug. 7. "Beginning as a classroom teacher and serving the district and community in a variety of leadership capacities uniquely prepares me to continue enhancing the educational journeys of the great students of the Garfield Heights City Schools."

In his new role, Hanke said he would like to ensure Garfield Heights City Schools students are either collegeor career-ready. By teaching students 21st-century skills, he wants to prepare them for the future.

"Whether our students move on to a career to support themselves and their families, the military or a two-or four-year college, we want them to have a clear path forward," he said. "We're developing a strategic plan that will involve stakeholders, teachers and support staff and give us a roadmap of where we need to go."

Hanke, who has worked in education administration for the last decade, said he wanted the superintendent position so he could effect change in the district. He's enjoyed working in Garfield Heights.

"Garfield is a medium-sized district with a family feel among the staff, community and students," he said. "We do a good job of communicating effectively with our stakeholders, and we have excellent partnerships with community government and Marymount Hospital that I'd like to continue."

Hanke received his undergraduate degree from Ohio University and his master's in education administration from Cleveland State University. He also received his superintendent's license from Cleveland State. He recently celebrated his 11-year anniversary with his wife, Sara. The couple have a 3-year-old daughter, Anna.

Grief support group

If you are in pain from grief due to the loss of a loved one, you are invited to join the next GriefShare ministry outreach at Faith Fellowship Church, 10277 Valley View Road, Macedonia.

This is a 13-week program, and is facilitated by trained ministry leaders. Session dates include: Saturdays, August 31 through November 16, 9:15 to 11:30 a.m. - \$20 workbook fee. Surviving the Holidays, Saturday, Novem-received \$24,400. ber 23, 9:15 to 11:30 a.m. - \$5 workbook fee. Scholarships are available. For more information, email at: ffc@faithfellowship.org or visit www.faithfellowship.org.

R-C blood donation sites

The American Red Cross has an emergency need for blood and platelet donations to help end a summer blood

loading the free Red Cross blood donor app, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

With the help of a \$1 million donation from Amazon, the Red Cross is thanking those donating through Aug. 29 with a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card via email.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities include:

- •Aug. 14: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Maple Heights Library, 5225 Library Lane, Maple Heights
- •Aug. 27: 1 to 6 p.m., Marymount Hospital, 12300 McCracken Road, Garfield Heights
- •Aug. 28: noon to 6 p.m., Teamsters Local 507, 5425 Warner Road, Unit 7, Valley View



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Indy Fire Dept. has smoke, CO detectors for seniors

An Independence Fire Department program provides smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, as well as home safety inspections, to city residents ages 65 and older.

The program is funded through a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant for fire prevention and safety, Fire Chief Steve Rega said. Independence wrote a proposal outlining its idea for the program and

We provide smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to keep our seniors safe during fire-related emergencies," Rega said. "We can reduce death due to fire by having these early warnings so residents can get out."

Two firefighters are always present during the 30- to 45minute house calls, which the department schedules at the resident's convenience, Rega said. The smoke detectors have a 10-year life expectancy, so seniors don't need to worry about changing the batteries. After 10 years, they can be thrown away and replaced. The carbon monoxide detec-Make an appointment to donate blood now by down-tors last five to seven years. Both devices beep when they are starting to fail and need to be replaced. Rega also recommends residents have their furnace checked annually.

> "Keeping your heating devices maintained decreases your chances of having a carbon monoxide issue," he said.

> Current standards require one smoke detector on each level of a home and one in each occupied bedroom, Rega said. Carbon monoxide detectors are required on each level of the home.

> During their visit, firefighters also educate seniors on slip and fall hazards and provide helpful information on how to improve safety in the home, such as by removing rugs, adding banisters or changing footwear.

The Independence Fire Department has visited 150 homes so far in conjunction with the program, Rega said. It is trying to hit a target of 200 homes and will continue providing the service until supplies run out.

"After that, we'll see how we can supplement the program from year to year within our budget," Rega said. "We try not to let people be in a situation where they don't have the proper protections."

Firefighters also survey residents after the visit to get their feedback about current and potential programs so the department can see where to focus its efforts, Rega said.

Independence previously received the FEMA grant in 2011 and used it for its Philips Lifeline program. This is a device installed on a phone line that allows a person to call for help by pushing a button worn by the user.

"With the senior population, we do what we can to prevent accidental fire, and trips and falls that can lead to injuries that can be debilitating or life-threatening," Rega said. "Getting the word out on how to improve safety in the home is very vital. It is an important thing for us to do. Part of the fire department's mission is to prevent fires and injuries, so by doing this, we hope that we prevent those things before they happen."

Please contact the Independence Fire Department at 216-524-4001 for more information or to register for the smoke and carbon monoxide detector program.

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.

The most recent giveaway is for two tickets to Sokol Greater Cleveland's Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 14, at Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; music starts at 7 p.m. Deadline to enter is Friday, September 6. Winners will be notified by phone and are limited to one winning entry every six months. Stop in today during normal business hours and enter the drawings!





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Maple Heights Council

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such as a new KFC restaurant, Checkers restaurant and Big Truck Rehab Center; increase of the Local Government Fund; a Bureau of Workers' Compensation refund in the amount of \$76,070; selling of 11 city-owned homes at \$6,000 each through an agreement with Slavic Village Development; and a new delinquent property tax repayment pro-

The amended financial recovery plan has now been submitted to the Financial Planning and Supervision Commission of the auditor's office for their review, according to the resolution passed last week.

"Based on the implementation of the items in this plan, the city anticipates applying for termination of Fiscal Emergency status in 2019, "both Blackwell and Council President Ron Jackson stated.

Other legislation passed

Also passed at last week's meeting was an ordinance amending existing legislation to require annual filing of notice of a vacant property and annual payment of notice fee, and establishing a penalty. As amended, this title now reads "Notice of Foreclosed, Forfeited or Vacant Properties;" the fee for filing the notice is \$250, effective Jan. 1, 2020, and must be filed and paid before March 31 of each year. Failure adversely impacted sidewalks and sewers. to file will result in a late filing fee of \$750.

Council also passed a resolution to enter into a contract for the Maple Avenue Watermain Replacement Project, with Fabrizi Trucking and Paving, not to exceed \$447,866.48. The city has been awarded \$453,020 by the Cleveland Water Department for replacement of the main, from Beech Avenue to Libby Road.

City Engineer Ed Hren, in correspondence to the city, stated that after the July council meeting he had met with the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works "to discuss providing supplemental funding from the district's water main repair dollars that are collected as part of our sewer maintenance fees, for the Maple Avenue project... the county confirmed this to be an appropriate use of the district funds and has committed up to \$120,000 in funding for the project. This additional funding will limit the city portion... to a maximum of \$25,000.

Also passed was a resolution to enter into a contract with D.E. Williams Electric, Inc. to provide services for the Maple Heights City Hall, Police Station and Fire Station No. 1 Site Lighting Renovations Project, at a cost of \$36,600. The city has already received a \$61,782 Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) Energized Community Grant towards the project, according to the legislation.

And council also approved legislation to give consent to the Ohio Director of Transportation to complete bridge inspection program services as needed in the city. "The state shall assume and bear 100 percent of all of the cost for Bridge Inspection Program Services," according to the resolution.

Tree removal legislation

Placed on first reading was an ordinance, introduced by Blackwell, to enact new legislation creating a cost-sharing program with private property owners for removal "of dead, diseased or damaged trees," and trees whose roots "have

The ordinance states that if it is approved, beginning April 1, 2020, the city "will pay an amount not to exceed \$500 per private property, or a total amount of \$10,000 per year," to share in the expense of removing dead, diseased or damaged trees on as many properties as the funds will cover. Under the current ordinance, the trees must be taken care of by the property owner.

County offers free fentanyl test strips at area businesses

fentanyl testing strips to several local businesses in the Cleveland area to be given out to the public, free for the asking, including Sunoco gas station, 7025 Fleet Ave., and Walgreens, 6410 Broadway Ave.

The strips are easy to use and can detect fentanyl in drug residue. Fentanyl is a deadly synthetic opioid that is 50 times more powerful than morphine, according to the board. attestyourdrugscc.com.

The Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Anyone using illicit drugs, including heroin, cocaine, crack Board (ADAMHS) of Cuyahoga County has distributed or meth, can use these strips to see if the drugs contain fentanyl and then make an informed decision about using that drug. Fentanyl has also been found in illicit pills made to look like OxyContin and Xanax, the ADAMHS board said. Fentanyl is the leading cause of drug overdoses and overdose deaths in Cuyahoga County.

Learn more about fentanyl test strips and where to get them

Library news **INDEPENDENCE**

The following special programs are among those being offered this month at the Independence branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, located at 6361 Selig Drive. Registration is required. Call 216-447-0160.

The Race to the Moon and its Ohio Connections for adults. Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first lunar landing. NASA Engineer Jeffrey Woytach revisits early spaceflight and Ohio's contributions to one of the most significant milestones in history on Saturday, Aug. 17, at 2 p.m.

Celtic Rush. Enjoy as this group of friends entertains with their traditional Irish music, as well as nontraditional tunes including waltzes and polkas, for the entire family on Saturday, Aug. 31, at 2 p.m.





Mayor Vic Collova, Parks & Recreation Director, Robert Dobies, Sr. and Staff

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.!Thanks to Mother Nature for the beautiful weather and to the crowd of about 150 in attendance THANK YOU The pool will close this week after Saturday, August 17th (final day)

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Also placed on first reading was a resolution overruling a decision by the Planning and Zoning Commission to deny the application of Levine Architecture, on behalf of Centuria Dowdy and Authentic Experiences II, for a conditional use permit to operate a child daycare in an Office/Industrial Zoning District.

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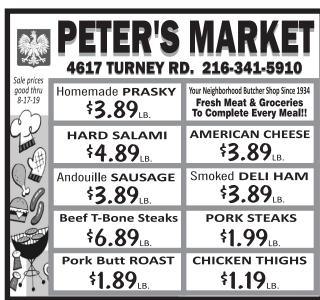


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Jewelry, collectibles, antique model cars. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 9am - 5pm. 14516 Rockside Rd., Maple Hts.

Huge garage sale! Aug. 15, 16 & 17, 9am-5pm. 9714 S. Highland Ave., Garfield Hts.

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2019 Maple Heights Community-Wide Garage Sale Scheduled for September 12th thru 15th



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land, Garfield Hts.

Maple Heights Mayor Annette M. Blackwell and the Department of Human Services are pleased to announce the return of the Community-Wide Garage Sale to be held on September 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th.

Hours of garage sale: Thursday, September 12th 10 am - 5pm Friday, September 13th

10 am - 5 pm Saturday, September 14th 9 am - 5 pm

Sunday, September 15th 9 am - 5 pm

The garage sale will be held at various residences throughout the city. Cost to register is \$5.00. Registration and sign pick up is at the Maple Heights Senior Center, located at 15901 Libby Road. Deadline for registration is Friday, September 6th. Beginning Wednesday, September 11th, a list of participating homes and items can be picked up at City Hall or the Senior Center. For further information, please call 216-587-5481.

PERSONALS

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Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past, have asked for many favors: this time I ask you for this special one (mention favor). Take a dear Heart of Jesus and place it within your heart where your Father sees it, ther in his merciful eyes, it will become your favor, not mine. Amen. Say this prayer, 3 times for 3 days and your favor will be granted. Never known to fail. Must promise publication of prayer. D.D.

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AMELIA EARHART

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One of the first things on their list was to contact a $couple \, of \, former \, Marine \, privates \, who \, several \, years \, earlier$ had told journalist Fred Goerner they had volunteered for a digging detail on Saipan which they believed unearthed the remains of Amelia Earhart and Fred

The following are excerpts taken from Mr. Goerner's 1966 book "The Search for Amelia Earhart.

"Everett Henson, Jr. worked for the Federal Housing Administration as an appraiser. He was an intelligent man in his mid-forties, who had served with the 2nd Marine Division during World War II and fought through the battle of Saipan in 1944. Sometime in late July or early August 1944, his company had been bivouacked just south of what was left of Garapan City.

"One evening a Marine captain had asked for volunteers from Henson's platoon for a patrol the next morning. The captain mentioned there was some digging connected with the detail and it would probably take most of the day. Henson and a friend, Private First Class Billy Burks, had volunteered. The captain, whose name was Griswold... had taken the two privates to a small native cemetery south of Garapan near the Japanese hospital and fairly close to the western shoreline. He told Henson to walk around the graveyard in one direction and the captain and Burks would circle it the other way; they were to look for graves replied. outside the boundary of the cemetery

"Henson found a small area marked by coral or rocks which had been painted white. He called Griswold and Burks, and the captain had carefully coordinated the area against some notes or a map he had, then ordered them to dig. About three to four feet down, two skeletons had been found and the remains were placed in containers the captain had brought with him.

"While they were excavating, Henson had asked the captain what was behind the whole thing. Griswold new Ohio Historical Society. replied, "Have you ever heard of Amelia Earhart?

"When Henson answered he had heard of her, the captain added, "I think, then, that's enough said."



From left are Everett Henson, Jr., Tracy Griswold and Billy Burks, during interviews in late 1968 with members of the Kothera group. Henson and Burks said that, under Griswold's direction, they had dug up a grave on Saipan in 1944, and found bones Griswold had hinted belonged to Amelia Earhart.

Marty was convinced that the grave site where both the Griswold contingent and the Kothera group had retrieved bones were one and the same but needed the proof of locating those bones dug up by Burks and Henson in 1944 to validate they were Earhart's and Noonan's. The group went in search of Griswold, Burks and Henson.

The men located Captain Tracy Griswold in Erie, Pennsylvania, and a meeting was arranged at Cleveland Hopkins Airport for the following week when Griswold was on a layover on his way to Chicago. Griswold, although very cordial, told the Garfield Heights men that although he had been on Saipan during and after the invasion and had been in intelligence work on previous invasions of other islands, he was not the man who had ordered the two Marine privates to dig up a grave outside Liyang Cemetery.

The plan was to next visit Billy Burks and Everett Henson and show them photographs of Griswold to see if they would recognize him. John Gacek and Marty had time in their schedules so they were enlisted to track down Burks, who they located in Dallas, Texas.

Burks told Gacek and Marty essentially the same story he and Henson had told Fred Goerner years earlier. He and "Snake" Henson had been enlisted by Captain Griswold to dig up a grave and retrieve remains from a spot outside a cemetery in a clearing at the base of a breadfruit tree pointed out by Griswold. From everything Burks told Marty and Gacek about the excavation location, it jibed perfectly with the spot the Kothera group had dug up.

When Marty showed him a series of nine photos which included one of Griswold, Burks picked out the picture of Griswold in less than two minutes and said the captain was a tall, spare man, and that the photo of Griswold he had picked out "looked like him to me," quoting from Davidson's

As they dug, Burks told Gacek that Henson had asked Griswold who they were digging for and he replied, "Did you ever hear of Amelia Earhart?" He said that conversation ended abruptly and the men finished digging and put the assortment of bones in a box, maybe an old rations box. They put the box in the Jeep they had come in and left, after Griswold had admonished the men to "forget about" their afternoon's work.

Gacek and Marty then flew to California to talk with Everett "Snake" Henson, who corroborated everything Burks had already told them. When Marty and Gacek presented Henson with the same nine photos, one of which was Griswold, he sifted through them and stopped when he got to Griswold's picture. Gacek asked him if that was Tracy Griswold. "Hell yes, that's Griswold," Henson

SEEKING TO IDENTIFY REMAINS

John Gacek had been selected by the Kothera group to keep the bones and gold bridgework they had found on Saipan and to seek proper identification as far as it was possible. He consulted an old friend, Dr. Carl Brudzinski. and learned he had gone to school with Dr. Raymond S. Baby, tops in the field of anthropology. Dr. Baby was on the staff of Ohio State University in Columbus and the

Late in June 1968, Dr. Baby had returned home from a field trip excavating a prehistoric Indian burial mound and returned Gacek's phone call of several weeks prior. He and the others had agreed they would not reveal to Dr. Baby who they believed the bones belonged to until after he had identified them as white or Oriental.

The Kothera group made the trip to Columbus on June 25, where a meeting with Dr. Baby had been scheduled in his office at the Ohio State Museum, with Marty getting permission to tape and film the interview. As the men dumped the tie boxes full of bones on Dr. Baby's desk, the anthropologist picked up a bone and made an educated guess that it was female because of the sharpness of the edge of the bone. He also explained that this bone was from cremated remains and that the reduction could also have been from a previous dig in the same location. He picked up another bone and said it appeared to be from a male. He asked that the men leave the bones and bridgework with him and he would gather as much information about them as possible.

The group had surmised that if Amelia had been killed and buried along with Noonan, she had probably been cremated first. She was believed to have died of dysentery by most of the Saipanese they had interviewed, which fit with the Japanese custom of burning the bodies of those who had been ill prior to death. They thought the Japanese had chosen that particular grave site because it was so close to the crematorium, only 10 yards away, and one of the items the men had found in the grave was a

The men were elated as they left Dr. Baby's office for home. With male and female bones tentatively identified by Dr. Baby from those they had brought to him, it looked like they not only had discovered the remains of Fred Noonan but also those of Amelia Earhart.

(Series Continues Next Week)

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Community police reports

Bedford

On July 30 at about 10:50 a.m., police received a report of a man heading down Grant Street with a bloody face and shirt who was walking unsteadily. Police located the man in the 300 block of Grant. He fell down and got back up a few times as police approached and was bleeding from his face, arms and legs. He also had a strong odor of alcoholic beverage emanating from his breath. Fire department personnel recognized the man as he is known to drink often and had fallen on July 29, causing injury to his face and requiring hospital transport. On this occasion, the man said he was assaulted at a bus stop near Warrensville Center Road in Maple Heights but did not want to pursue charges. He was transported to the Bedford Medical Center for evaluation. Officers reviewed camera $footage\,from\,Southgate\,Shopping\,Center\,but\,were\,unable$ to locate an assault.

Cleveland

On Aug. 9 at about 3:45 p.m., a vehicle struck a 15year-old and 17-year old while they were riding their

bikes. The incident was not a hit/skip. EMS transported officers arrived, they noticed the northern door of the both victims to MetroHealth Medical Center.

Garfield Heights

Public Indecency

On Aug. 6, police responded to the area of Broadway and the I-480 ramps for multiple calls about a man with no shirt or shoes in the middle of the roadways. Upon arrival, officers located the man on the sidewalk in front of the El Dorado Motel at 13701 Broadway Ave. The man was sitting on the sidewalk completely naked. When he saw the officers, the man threw his shorts and cell phone into the middle of Broadway and laid facedown on the sidewalk. He was detained and placed in the rear of a cruiser. The man admitted to using meth and said he was staying at the motel with a friend he met on Grindr. He has an active warrant with Brooklyn police, who responded to advise and release him. The man's friend confirmed he was staying the night with him at the El Dorado and had left the room with his clothes on. The man refused medical treatment. He was issued a summons for public indecency and intoxication, released to the friend and advised of the warrant.

Trespassing

On Aug. 8 at about 7:10 p.m., officers responded to 10000 Broadway Ave. (Arctic Ice Corp.) for a report of suspicious activity. The caller stated there was a white and that someone might be attempting to break in. When for OVI, driving under suspension and failure to control.

building was slightly ajar and suspected someone was inside. As they approached the rear of the building, they saw three men, who fled southbound. Two of the men encountered obstacles and were held at gunpoint until officers could secure them in handcuffs. The third man fled to a wooded area on the east side of Broadway Avenue. Officers located him walking along the train tracks and secured him. The suspects were carrying spray paint canisters, and officers observed fresh paint on several areas inside the building and on the rear exterior. There were also signs of forced entry into the building. The men admitted to entering the unsecured building. The building's property manager responded to the scene and said he would like to press charges. The men were arrested and charged with criminal mischief and criminal tres-

On Aug. 11 at about 3:45 a.m., police responded to the 10900 block of McCracken Road for a report of a vehicle that had flipped on its side with occupants inside. Upon arrival, officers observed a vehicle sitting in the middle of the road. The vehicle had struck two electrical boxes on the side of the road. Officers were able to escort the driver and sole occupant from the rear hatch of the vehicle. The man had slurred speech and difficulty standing/walking. He also had a slight odor of alcoholic beverage on his person and watery eyes. The man said he did not drink any alcoholic beverages or take any street drugs and sedan parked in the driveway of the abandoned building refused standardized field sobriety tests. He was arrested

Be aware of buses and school zones as local students return to class this month

opening in the next several days. Garfield Heights students go back Aug. 22, while Maple Heights returns Aug. 21. In Cuyahoga Heights, students in grades six through 12 return Aug. 20, while those in kindergarten through fifth grade return Aug. 21. Bedford students resume classes Aug. 19, and Independence goes back Aug. 28. Washington Park Community School in Newburgh rear of the school bus in either direction when a bus stops

Cleveland Municipal School District students went back Heights goes back Aug. 14. Cleveland Central Catholic to load or unload children, according to the Ohio to school Monday, Aug. 12, and other area schools will be High school opens Aug. 27 for freshmen and Aug. 18 for grades 10, 11 and 12. Trinity High School returns Aug.

> Motorists should be aware of school bus activity and obey school speed limit signs. In Ohio, on a road with fewer than four lanes, drivers must stop at least 10 feet from the

Revised Code. If a road is divided into four or more traffic lanes, only those vehicles traveling in the same direction as the school bus must stop.

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Garfield Heights Council approves hiring of human resources manager

By Ellen Psenicka

Garfield Heights Council, at its meeting Monday night, passed legislation to create the position of Human Resource Manager for the city.

Mayor Vic Collova said he could not recall the city ever having a human resource manager, certainly not in his tenure, and the position was sorely needed.

He said it would be a part-time position, and that the job would also entail updating the city's policy and procedures manual.

In his report to council, Collova said Sunday's Summer Fest at the Civic Center "by far topped them all" in attendance and family fun, and there were no incidents at all to report. "What a great time we had," the mayor said.

Other legislation passed by council Monday included the following:

vehicles no longer of use to the city;

• To participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or local transportation improvement programs for the Broadway Avenue Reconstruction Project and the Midwest Neighborhood Storm/Sanitary Sewer System Reconstruction Project Phase 4:

- •To access fees for the cost of garbage and refuse collection and unpaid fees for lot maintenance (weeds and grass cutting) for collection by the county on the next tax collection;
- •To amend current city expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019;
- •To declare the month of September as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month;
- •To enter into an amended agreement with the

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•To authorize the sale of several municipally owned Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging so the city will receive funding to cover the added cost of meals at the senior center and delivered meals.

> An emergency ordinance to execute a collective bargaining agreement between the city and Local 2729 and Council 8 AFSCME, AFLO-CIÓ authorizing two more personal days to be used in 2019 was placed into the legislative committee for further review.

> The next regularly scheduled council meeting is set for Monday, Sept. 9.



Cuyahoga County 2019 Competitive Municipal Grant Program

The City of Maple Heights is eligible to apply for funding from Federal Community Development Block Grant funds administered by Cuyahoga County through the Department of Development. Funds can be used for a variety of housing, economic development and community improvement projects. Residents are invited to attend a public hearing to voice their opinions on local housing and community development needs, or to submit opinions in writing to the address below. A list of eligible activities and application requirements will be provided at the

The Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 12:30 P.M. at

> **Maple Heights Senior Center** 15901 Libby Road Maple Heights, Ohio 44137

For further information, contact Leonette F. Cicirella, Clerk of Council, at (216) 587-9000.

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Bids will be opened and read at the time and place stated above. Those who submitted Proposals or their representatives are invited to attend.

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Tinita Tillman Finance Director Maple Heights, Ohio

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