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Valley View mayor, councilman face off on TIF ordinance

By Danielle Toth

Councilman Brad Borowy and Mayor Jerry Piasecki engaged in a heated discussion at the Oct. 1 Valley View Village Council meeting regarding the absence of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) ordinance on the meeting's agenda.

Council deliberated the ordinance at its Sept. 10 meeting. It would authorize the mayor to enter into an agreement with Vernon Blaze, who has served as an Independence city councilman, chief administrative officer and financial coordinator, to provide strategic planning services related to TIF.

TIF is a financing method for redevelopment, infrastructure and other community-improvement projects. According to the ordinance, Valley View would hire Blaze to present TIF and its benefits to Piasecki, council and the Cuyahoga Heights School District. Hiring Blaze as a consultant would allow the village to explore this option and whether it is a good fit for the village, Piasecki said at the September meeting.

However, Borowy expressed his hesitation in passing the ordinance that evening, saying he would like to research TIF further and wasn't yet convinced it would help the village. Piasecki explained that TIF would boost the village's property tax revenue as it would now receive the county's portion of these funds and urged council to pass the ordinance. Council agreed to place it on first reading in order to learn more about TIF and its benefits.

The ordinance was noticeably absent on the Oct. 1 agenda, and Borowy asked Piasecki about the omission. Piasecki said he was going about hiring Blaze in a different way, namely without an ordinance requiring council approval. The mayor is allowed to approve purchases less than \$2,000 without council approval, although the original ordinance asked for \$5,000 to hire Blaze.

Borowy questioned why the mayor wanted to spend money to hire Blaze when Independence Economic Development Director Jeremy Rowan offered to discuss TIF with the village for free.

Piasecki responded that he does not want to get involved with Independence politics, especially during a mayoral election year. However, Borowy pointed out that Blaze is running for finance director of Independence in the Nov. 5 election. Piasecki responded by saying he is not yet an employee of the city.

He ended the discussion by saying, "I want to hire who I want to hire" and that the cost would be less than the original \$5,000.

Also at the meeting, Fire Chief Ken Papesh and Police Chief David Niro discussed the Sept. 26 accident on Granger Road in which a cement truck lost control while driving down the hill from Garfield Heights to Valley View, hitting six vehicles.

Fishing Fest Saturday at Ohio and Erie Canal Reservation

Children and their families are invited to attend the Cleveland Metroparks' Fall Family Fishing Fest on Saturday, October 12, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ohio and Erie Canal Reservation in Cuyahoga Heights.

Rainbow trout and catfish will be stocked prior to this free event along the Ohio and Erie Canal just down the hill from . CanalWay Center. Educational stations will provide opportunities for families to learn fishing skills or test their knowledge. Fishing will be open to anglers of all ages. Anyone age 16 years and older must have a current Ohio Fishing License to fish. Prizes will be awarded in several fishing categories for youth under 16-yearsolď

Bring a rod, tackle and a cooler with ice to store the "catch of the day." Bait will be provided and, while supplies last, loaner rods will be available. The event is rain or shine and there is no pre-registration.

Golf cart shuttles will provide rides throughout the event for seniors and persons with disabilities.

To provide the best fishing opportunities for children, event waters will be closed to fishing from immediately after stocking (likely Thursday, October 10) until the start of the Fishing Fest.

For more information call 216-206-1010.

VV police say 'unsafe speed for conditions' caused Granger Rd. crash

FREE



A cement truck traveling at 53 mph rolled over and hit multiple vehicles on Granger Road Sept. 26. Photo courtesy of Valley View Fire Department

The Valley View Police Department has determined the cause of the Sept. 26 Granger Road hill accident in which a cement truck lost control and rolled over and hit multiple vehicles to be "unsafe speed for conditions."

The driver, who was transporting building materials for Eric Epp, Inc., was traveling at a speed of 53 mph, according to the report. The speed limit on the hill is 35 mph. He has not been charged in the incident.

The report says the truck was traveling westbound down the hill while six vehicles traveling eastbound were stopped at the traffic signal at Canal Road. The truck driver failed to maintain control of his vehicle. After passing through the intersection, the truck struck the north side curb, causing it to cross over the center line and strike two vehicles. As the truck started to roll over, it struck a third vehicle. Then it slid on its side, striking three more vehicles before coming to rest partially off road on the north side of Granger Road.

Subsequent investigation also concluded the truck was in unsafe operating condition due to defective brakes, according to the report. This was confirmed through forensic investigation of the truck and a written statement provided by the driver.

Six people were transported to local hospitals, but all have been discharged with no significant injuries, Fire Chief Ken Papesh said at the Oct. 1 Valley View Village Council meeting. Garfield Heights, Cuyahoga Heights, Brooklyn Heights and Independence fire departments assisted at the scene.

Jones Rd. Church site of Benefit Rummage Sale for children's literacy

A benefit Rummage Sale, sponsored by Women of Faith Ministries and Jones Road Family Development, will be held on Friday, October 11, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, October 12, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Jones Road Church, 8000 Jones Road, in Slavic Village.

Clothing, books, videos, household items and lots more will be for sale, along with hot dogs, chili dogs, chips, beverages and bakery. Proceeds will benefit the Literacy Through the Arts Afterschool Program and Summer Camp. 216-883-8572.

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Garfield Heights Kiwanis donates dictionaries to fifth-grade students

By Danielle Toth

The Garfield Heights Kiwanis Club handed out dictionaries to fifth-graders throughout the Garfield Heights City School District Sept. 19.

President Debra Sarnowski was on hand with Kiwanians Karen Dutton from St. John Lutheran Church and Meredith Seeley from Marymount Hospital to pass the books out to a fifth-grade class at Elmwood Elementary School on Turney Road. District employees will deliver the remainder of the dictionaries, which are the student's to keep.

child at a time," Sarnowski told students. "Mark Twain continue the program on an annual basis. Funding for said the difference between the right word and the this and other programs comes from the club's

almost-right word is the difference between lightning and a lightning bug.

Superintendent Chris Hanke and Elmwood Principal Gwen Abraham also attended the presentation.

"I'd like to thank the Kiwanis, who have been a great partner with Garfield Heights City Schools," Hanke said. "This is a huge help to our students and the district to enhance our students' learning."

Kiwanis donated dictionaries to 273 children in the public schools, as well as students at St. Benedict Catholic School. Sarnowski got the idea from an inter-"Kiwanis is all about changing the community one national Kiwanis conference she attended and hopes to





Garfield Heights City Schools fifth-graders pose with their new dictionaries alongside Kiwanians and school administrators. Left to right: Kiwanian Meredith Seeley, Kiwanian Karen Dutton, Superintendent Chris Hanke, Elmwood Principal Gwen Abraham and Garfield Heights Kiwanis Club President Debra Sarnowski.

fundraising activities throughout the year, and all the money the organization raises goes back into the community, Sarnowski said.

"We thought this was such an important project that would align with our mission of changing the commu-nity one child at a time," Sarnowski said.



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Slavic Village bike patrols open lines of communication with residents

The Cleveland Police tionship with some of the Fourth District is hosting men and women of the bike patrols to get to know its residents better.

Brandon Kutz, commander of the fourth district, said police have conducted bike and foot pa-trols throughout the district for about two years now thanks to funding from the St. Luke's Foundation. However, they recently decided to change up the manner in which they deploy the patrols by asking residents to "host" them.

"That simply means that we schedule the patrol ahead of time and ask the host to meet with our officers as they start the patrol," Kutz said. "We also ask that the host arrange for several other neighbors to meet with the officers. This gives the officers the opportunity to meet the residents that we work for and for the

fourth district.' Kutz said he has received

good feedback so far.

on East 50th Street hosted a patrol on Sept. 2. It began at her home, where she served bakery and refreshments. Officers then proceeded to Independence Road and down Fleet Avenue to the Polish Legion of American Veterans, Lincoln Post 13.

The patrols are so residents can express their concerns but also to try to break the barrier that's there and create a more open line of communication," Fields said.

The officers will stop and talk to anyone that is out and about during the patrols, Kutz said.

Odetta Fields, who lives

residents to have a rela- there have been patrols to attend.

residents at Odetta Fields' home on East 50th Street. Sept. 24 and 26. Patrols

The fourth district also hosts monthly community meetings on the fourth Kutz said. "We also do some some useful discussions." Wednesdays of eachmonth at 7 p.m. at Covenant Community Church, located at 3342 East 119th St. It is Since the Sept. 2 patrol, open to anyone who wants

"I usually give a brief talk questions and answers. The on in the district, and then

are now over for this year. about anything new going goal is to engage the community, provide useful inwe have guest speakers," formation and allow for

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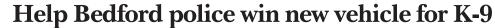
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FLEET AVENUE





The Bedford Police Depart- the department win a brand suvgiveaway. ment is a finalist in a K-9 new Chevy Tahoe SUV with vehicle giveaway!

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Valley View mayor

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"We couldn't be happier with the work our guys did," Papesh said. "They didn't miss a beat when working together with our police department. It's good to see. The village should be happy with its safety services.'

Borowy expressed concern over the safety of the hill. and Piasecki responded that the village is looking into options with the Ohio Department of Transportation. Completion of the Rockside Road extension is one of the options.

Council passed the following ordinances and resolutions:

•Accepting a plat and dedication for the widening of the south side of Schreiber Road;

Mitigation Assistance FMA Program. The village hired an appraiser that originally appraised at \$125,400. The homeowner paid for a second appraisal, which was \$172,000. The State of Ohio Review Appraiser, who makes the final decision, determined the value to be \$172,000:

• Accepting a proposal for the Canal Road, Cloverleaf Parkway, Stone Road and Frances Drive partial depth flexible pavement repairs for \$28,075 from Donald Bohning & Associates;

• Designating Paul Dey as the project manager and person responsible for implementing the FEMA Hazard Mitigation program.

NN 'Freebies' offered

The newest Freebie is two general admission tickets to the I-X Trick or Treat Street being held at the I-X Center Oct. 19, 20, 26 and 27. Deadline for entry is Wednesday, October 16.

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!

Fish fry at St. Andrew's

St. Andrew Eastern Orthodox Church, 16029 Maple Park Dr., Maple Heights, will be serving fish fry dinners from 4-6:30 p.m. on Friday, October 11. For more information or carryouts, call 216-475-9365.



JAMES DEAL, 7705 NEW YORK AVE., CLEVELAND, OH 44105, 5X18, 11:25 AM, Unit #802 APPEARS TO CONTAIN: CLOTHING, CHAIRS, SKI, TOMATO CAGES, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, BAGS, BOXES, MISC ITEMS. \$50 CLEANING DEPOSIT.

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CHANDREIA GORDON, 3697 EAST 154, CLEVELAND, OH 44120, 10X15, 9:55 AM, UNIT #429 APPEARS TO CONTAIN: HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, COMPUTER COMPONENTS, TELEVISION, SNOW SHOVELS. RAKE. SHOE SHELF, TABLE, BOX FANS, BINS AND TOTES, BAGS, BOXES, MISC, ITEMS \$100 CLEANING DEPOSIT.

PHILIP Q HATCHER, 4843 DONOVAN DR., GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OH 44125, 10x10, 11:10 AM, UNIT #736 APPEARS TO CONTAIN: LANDSCAPING EQUIPMENT, WHEELBARROW, SALT SPREADER, LAWN TOOLS, LAWN MATERIAL, MISC. ITEMS. \$50 CLEANING DEPOSIT.

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NEWELL WICKHAM, 14209 BRUNSWICK AVE., MAPLE HEIGHTS, OH 44137. 10X30. 10:05 AM. UNIT #1124 APPEARS TO CONTAIN: PALLETS/MOVING EQUIPMENT. SPORTS RACK FOR VEHICLE. COOLERS. METAL TOOL BOXES. SHELVING. FURNITURE. BOXES. BAGS. TOTES. MISCITEMS. \$100 CLEANING DEPOSIT. N.N.: 10-9-19 & 10-16-19

2019-PZ-21 An application from Evelyn Lewis of The Bloo Print, LLC requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit under Sects. 1278.04(D) and 1278.04(U) of the MH Codified Ordinances to operate a Restaurant and Lounge in a Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District at 5180 Northfield Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

2019-PZ-22 An application from David Parker of DLP Corporate Properties requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit under Sect. 1278.04(W) of the MH Codified Ordinances to operate a Retail Business for the sale of tobacco products in a Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District at 5241 Warrensville Center 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.

> Leonette Cicirella Clerk of Council City of Maple Heights

The Neighborhood News Wednesday, October 9, 2019 The City of Bedford is eligible to apply for up to \$150,000 in Federal Community Development Block Grant funds administered by Cuyahoga County and \$50,000 in funds from the Community Development Supplemental Grant Fund 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 discuss the local housing and community development needs, or to submit opinions in writing to the address below.

The Public Hearing will be held on Monday, October 21, 2019 at 5:30 PM at:

> **Bedford City Hall** 165 Center Road Bedford, OH 44146

For further information, please call 440-232-1600.

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One dead in car crash on I-480 near I-77 O'Reilly Auto Parts to open in Slavic Village

two-vehicle crash on I-480 between a median wall and a driver, 34-year-old Garfield before the Valley View bridge at I-77, according to the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP).

Davon Martell Walker Hardy was traveling eastbound in the far left lane of I-480 when he crossed three

A 26-year-old Cleveland OSHP said. He continued nounced dead, according man died Oct. 4 following a off the right side of the road to the OSHP. The other guardrail before striking a Heights resident Philip concrete bridge support pillar. The second vehicle struck the median wall before coming to a stop.

EMS transported Hardy, verted traffic while they who was not wearing a cleared the scene. The cause lanes of traffic and struck a seatbelt, to Marymount Hos- of the crash remains under vehicle from behind, the pital where he was pro- investigation.

Cecil, was treated on scene.

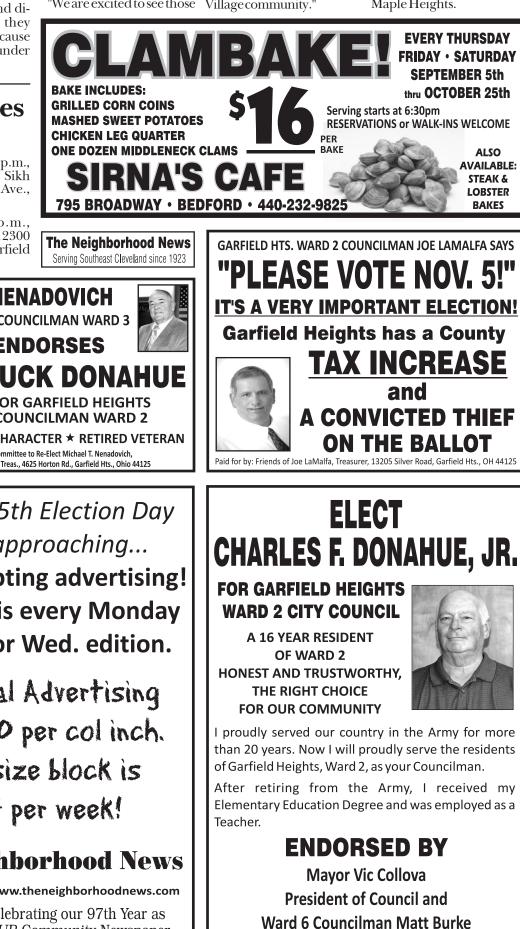
The crash occurred at about 3:30 p.m. Authorities closed the eastbound lanes and di-

Construction is underway oldboarded and emptybuildfor a new O'Reilly Auto Parts ings demolished to make has about 5,344 locations, on the corner of East 65th roomfor a new O'Reilly Auto according to the company's Street and Broadway Avenue, according to Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli.

"We are excited to see those

Parts." he said. "This nearly \$1 million dollar investment willbringadditionaljobsand retail to the Broadway/Slavic Village community.'

O'ReillyAuto Parts currently website. In The Neighborhood News readership area, there is a location at 5489 Warrensville Center Road, Maple Heights.



Red Cross blood donation opportunities

The American Red Cross urges eligible donors to give blood or platelets. Donors of all blood types are needed to ensure a stable blood supply.

Appointments can be made by downloading the free Red Cross blood donor app, visiting RedCross Blood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor skill on any Alexa Echo device.

As a thank-you, those who North, Independence. come to give blood or platelets during the month of Octoberwillautomaticallybe entered for a chance to win one of five \$500 gift cards redeemable at hundreds of merchants, courtesy of Tango Card. Terms apply; see rcblood.org/gamefordetails. Heights

Localopportunities include: •10/9: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Kent State University Col-

lege of Podiatric Medicine, 6000 Rockside Woods Blvd.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

By order of the Council of the City of Maple Heights, sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Agent, at Maple Heights City Hall, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio 44137, until 12:00 Noon, local time, on the <u>24th day of October, 2019</u> for the **"RAYMOND ROAD ASPHALT REPAIRS**" in the City of Maple Heights, Ohio, NO FAXED COPIES ACCEPTED.

Plans and complete specifications may be procured at the office of Chagrin Valley Engineering, Ltd., 22999 Forbes Road, Suite B, Cleveland, Ohio 44146. Bidders shall deposit the sum of \$100.00 for the plans and specifications. This sum is not refundable. Checks shall be made payable to: Chagrin Valley Engineering, Ltd.

Each bidder is required to furnish with its proposal, a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in accordance with Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. Bid security furnished in Bond form, shall be issued by a Surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety. Each bid must be made upon the Proposal Form provided in the set of specifications and must be accompanied by a bank check or cashier's check drawn on a solvent bank in Cuyahoga County in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount bid, or a bid bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the amount bid, as a guarantee that if said bid is accepted, a contract will be entered into and a Surety Bond satisfactory to said City in an amount equal to 100% of the total bid will be furnished. Checks shall be made payable to the City of Maple Heights, Ohio.

Each Proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. Each bidder must submit evidence of its experiences on projects of similar size and complexity.

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

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Cuyahoga County and the City of Maple Heights, Ohio, as determined by the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, Wage and Hour Division, (614) 644-2239.

The right is reserved to accept any bidder, to reject any or all bids, and to waive informalities should it be deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Maple Heights to do so.

Bids are to be submitted in accordance with the plans and specifications on file in the office of the Purchasing Agent. Sealed bids must be marked, **"RAYMOND ROAD ASPHALT REPAIRS"**

> Tinita Tillman Finance Director Maple Heights, Ohio

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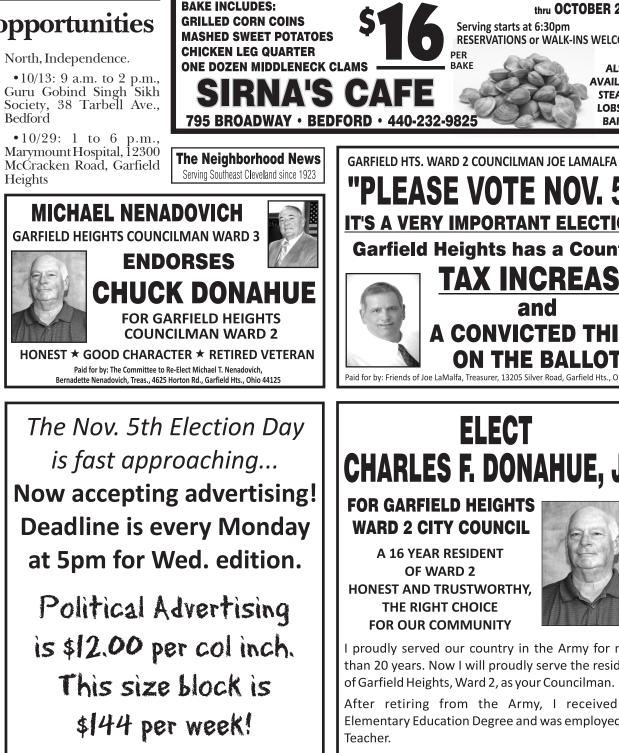
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Ward 2 Councilman Joseph LaMalfa

Ward 3 Councilman Michael T. Nenadovich



Reader's CHOICE RECIPES

Oatmeal Applesauce Raisin Bars

1 24 oz. jar chunky applesauce

1/2 tsp. allspice

1/2 tsp. ginger

1 box Duncan Hines classic yellow cake mix

1/2 cup golden raisins

1/1/2 sticks unsalted butter, melted

A sprinkling of cinnamon sugar

Put the applesauce in a strainer and let it drain overnight. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Spray a 9-by-13-inch pan with Pam for baking. In a medium bowl, mix together the strained applesauce, cinnamon, allspice and ginger. Set aside. In mixer bowl with flat beater and set on low speed, blend together the cake mix, oats and raisins. Add the melted butter and mix until all is moistened. Press half of the cake mix/oat mixture into the bottom of the pan. Spread all of the applesauce mixture over that. Spread the other half of the cake mix/oat mixture over the applesauce. Press this last half into the applesauce mixture as best you can. Sprinkle cinammon sugar overall. Bake 35 minutes. Let cool completely in pan, then cut into 24 squares.

Doris Watson, Maple Heights

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Maple Hts. Council places tobacco sales legislation on first reading

By Judith Goldsworth

In response to numerous deaths and lung injury cases related to the use of e-cigarettes or "vaping," reported throughout the United States, proposed legislation to raise the age to purchase cigarettes and tobacco products in Maple Heights to 21 was placed on first reading at city council's meeting last week.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), a federal agency under the Department of Health and Human Services, released a report on its website last week stating that as of Tuesday, October 1, 19 deaths associated with vaping in 15 states have been reported, as well as 1,080 lung injury cases in 48 states, including at least 15 in Ohio. The CDC also released an alert last week, urging individuals to refrain from using vaping products. The cause of the vape-related deaths and illnesses remains Road repairs approved under investigation, CDC and Ohio Department of Health officials stated

week in a press release that as part of the state budget, "The a facelift after council passed a resolution authorizing sale of tobacco and vaping products to anyone under 21 is banned beginning October 17th." DeWine has also announced an effort to curb the dramatic rise in youth vaping, and to support the Ohio General Assembly's proposed ban of flavored vaping liquid in e-cigarettes, his office stated.

"Tobaccouse is the foremost preventable cause of premature death in the United States, responsible for nearly half a million deaths per year," the Maple Heights ordinance states, adding, "Electronic nicotine delivery system use among minors has recently tripled, and use of these systems is associated with and may encourage the use of conventional tobacco products.'

Health will be available to attend a Committee of the Whole meeting prior to the ordinance's second reading, Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella stated.

Stafford Park lighting

Stafford Park, the site of significant criminal activity in recent years, will be getting improvements to its lighting system, to be paid through state funding, after council passed a resolution authorizing a contract with RWJ Wiring Incorporated to do the work.



Stav Alive

funding had been allocated to Maple Heights for imaccording to the legislation.

Repair and replacement of the Stafford Park lighting are considered a qualified expenditure of the state funding through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. In June, council passed legislation authorizing Blackwell and City Engineer Ed Hren to use up to \$50,000 of the funding to implement the improvements. Hren sought several proposals, and RWJ Wiring submitted the lowest and best bid in the amount of \$34,838.28, according to the legislation.

The work is expected to take about 30 days to complete.

The asphalt on Raymond Street between Philip and Tatra streets, and on Libby Road between Granger Road Ohio Governor Mike DeWine's office announced last and the west bridge approach in the city, will be getting Hren to begin preparing plans and specs and to advertise for bids for the work.

> Service Director Tony Ciresi had notified Blackwell and Hren that the asphalt paving conditions on the streets are so deteriorated that plowing the road surface this coming winter "will not be possible," according to the resolution.

> Raymond Street, deemed to be "very poor" in Hren's street inventory, provides access to the Lee Road and Northfield Road areas, and the asphalt on the Grangerwest bridge approach section of Libby Road, a main artery in the city, "is susceptible to excessive deterioration," Ciresi stated.

Representatives from the Cuyahoga County Board of Ciresi and Finance Director Tinita Tillman, Hren stated and preserve and protect families," according to the in correspondence to council that he has prepared a street resolution.

The state had notified Blackwell that \$100,000 worth of inventory to rate pavement conditions in the city, for use in the development of a potential 2020 citywide pavement provements to senior and youth recreational programs, maintenance program, and has confirmed the severity of the conditions on the streets named in the legislation.

Overrules P&Z decision

Cicirella noted that council also passed, by a vote of 5 to 1, a resolution overruling the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission and will grant a conditional use permit to operate an automotive repair and service business including towing operations without overnight storage in a General Commercial Zoning District.

The applicant in the case, Rashid Rashid of Champion Auto Care & Towing Inc., listed on its website as having an address of 20680 Southgate Park Boulevard, was seeking a conditional use permit. Rashid filed an appeal of the Planning and Zoning decision and presented it to council at its Sept. 18 meeting, according to the resolution. The permitwas granted by council and the Building Department as been ordered to provide the conditional use permit.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

According to the American Cancer Society, more than 268,000 women and approximately 2,670 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer in the United States this year. Approximately 41,760 women and more than 500 men are expected to die from the disease. Council approved a resolution, introduced by Councilwomen Toni Jones, Ebony Miller, Tanglyn Madden, Sharri Thomas and Edwina Agee, and cosponsored by Council President Ron Jackson, to designate October 2019 as "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in the city.

"Education about the symptoms of breast cancer, early As discussed in a September meeting with Blackwell, detection strategies and treatment are critical to save lives



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Cleveland

Assault

On Oct. 1 at about 7 p.m., officers responded to the 7600 block of Ottawa Road for a report of an assault. The victim said he was walking home from Broadway Avenue and Jones Road when a group of men wearing black jumpsuits approached him and demanded he hand over his money. He declined, and one of the men picked up a brick and hit him in the back of the head, utility pole. When police arrived, they saw a man hit him, stole \$400 from his pocket and then fled in an unknown direction. Detectives will follow up on the incident.

Garfield Heights

Robbery

On Oct. 2 at about 8:50 p.m., officers responded to the Dollar Tree at 12668 Rockside Road for a robbery report. A store employee said a man approached her he was family of the man who had been trapped in the register with a small package of crackers. She scanned the item and placed it in a bag. The man then said "give me the money" while holding his hand in his jacket near the belt line as if he had a gun. The employee took a step back, and the man reached across the counter and pushed the cash register open, removing money from the drawer. He then walked out of the store and across the parking lot. Police will follow up on the incident

Theft of a motor vehicle

8706 Garfield Blvd. for a report of a stolen vehicle. The warded to the juvenile bureau. complainant, an employee of Cirque Du Kids Day Care, reported the business' bus missing. A parent said they saw it heading east on Garfield Boulevard. The complainant said the bus has an ignition issue and can be started without a key. Surveillance video shows the bus leaving the lot at about 7:15 a.m. but no one entering the vehicle.

The vehicle, which has Cirque Du Kids graphics on the side, has since been returned to the daycare.

Fleeing

officer's vehicle. Police attempted to stop the vehicle, but it sped off.

Officers discovered the vehicle was stolen out of Cleveland. The driver attempted to brake at the intersection of Turney Road and Ella Avenue but skidded and crashed into a utility pole at East 93rd Street. Several juveniles exited the vehicle and fled the scene. Mill Creek housing on Archer Road. The juvenile was taken into custody. Police found several handguns in and would never hurt anyone at school. the vehicle.

Motor vehicle accident

the 4700 block of Warner Road for a report of an accident. Multiple callers reported a vehicle hit a causing him to fall to the ground. They continued to trapped in the vehicle who was bleeding from his head. chain-link fence. The driver was escorted from the He was extricated from the vehicle and transported to MetroHealth Medical Center with serious injuries. Witnesses stated a female driver ran from the scene. Officers checked the area, found the juvenile driver, and took her into custody. When searching her, officers found a baggie that contained 15 other baggies of a white, chalky substance, marijuana and a digital scale. The girl admitted to driving the vehicle during the accident.

> car. He said the driver called him after the accident for advice on what to do. He also said his wife had been following the vehicle in question and forced the car off the road, which was inconsistent with witness statements. During an inventory of the car, police found a wallet that did not belong to either the drive or passenger.

Upon arrival at jail, the girl complained of pain in her ankle and shoulder. She was transported to Marymount Hospital. Officers also discovered she was listed as a missing person. They attempted to contact On Sept. 30 at about 7:30 a.m., police responded to her caseworker and 696 KIDS. The report was for-

> The next day officers learned the man in the car suffered two broken vertebrae and had a hip and knee injury. He also suffered various abrasions and a laceration near his eye. Based on this information, a juvenile prosecutor determined the girl could be charged with it was no longer pointing in his face and it discharged felony vehicular assault and would be transferred to the a round. He ran toward Speedway at 5122 Turney Cuyahoga County Detention Center.

Menacing

Garfield Heights Middle School, 12000 Maple Leaf On Sept. 29 at about 3 p.m., officers observed a Drive, for a menacing report. An officer at the school victim's foot.

vehicle fail to stop at the intersection of Summerdale stated that on Sept. 26, school staff advised him that a Avenue and East 106th Street and fail to yield to the student had threatened to blow up the school. The student was suspended from school and picked up by his mother.

The officer took a statement from the teacher who heard the student make the threat. She said the student was pushing a pencil into his wrist so she took it away. The student then became upset and threatened to blow up the school. The assistant principal spoke to the Officers found one juvenile running through yards in student, who admitted to the threat. The student told police he was upset that a student was picking on him

OVI

• On Sept. 27 at about 1:10 p.m., police responded to On Sept. 28 at about 7:30 p.m., officers responded to the 13600 block of South Parkway for a report of a vehicle that crashed into a home. Upon arrival, officers observed that the vehicle had driven over the tree lawn, through the bushes and then came to rest before a vehicle as he was unable to walk without assistance. He was transported to Marymount Hospital where he refused a urine test. He later admitted to staff that he had taken PCP. Police discovered the man had struck a vehicle near East 136th Street and Caine Avenue and kept driving until he crashed at South Parkway. He was cited for driving under suspension, OVI, failure to control and fictitious plates.

• On Sept. 27 at about 11:15 p.m., officers responded While on scene, a man approached officers and said to the 9600 block of South Highland Avenue for a report of a vehicle that crashed into a home's gate. As police approached, they saw the driver fumbling around in the vehicle. When asked if she had been drinking, the woman replied that she only had a few drinks at the casino. The driver failed multiple standardized field sobriety tests and provided a breath sample of .203. She was taken into custody for OVI.

Felonious assault

On Sept. 25 at about 12:25 a.m., an officer was dispatched to Marymount Hospital for a report of a man with a gunshot wound to the foot. The victim said he was visiting his aunt on Park Heights Avenue to pick up his girlfriend there. When he exited the vehicle and shut the door, an unknown man pointed a gun in his face. There was a second unknown man standing next to him.

The victim reflexively smacked the gun downward so a round. He ran toward Speedway at 5122 Turney Road. When he arrived, he looked back and saw the men fleeing in the opposite direction. He also noticed he had a gunshot wound to his foot. He walked to On Sept. 27 at about 8:10 a.m., officers responded to Marymount Hospital. Officers observed an entrance and exit wound from a small caliber bullet in the



Local police chiefs weigh in on 'red flag' law proposal

By Danielle Toth

Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine revealed revised legislation Monday regarding his plan to reduce gun violence.

In August, following a mass shooting in Dayton that killed nine people, the governor proposed gun law reforms that included stricter background checks prior to firearm purchases. He also recommended a "red flag" law, which would allow both law enforcement and private citizens to request that a judge ban a "dangerous" person from owning firearms. The judge could do this on a temporary basis and then reevaluate the case later.

Seventeen states and the District of Columbia already have "red flag" laws on the books.

However, Monday's legislation did not call for stricter background checks or a "red flag" law. Instead, DeWine's plan states that beginning Jan. 1, 2020, gun buyers can obtain a voluntary certificate from the county sheriff to show they passed a background check. However, sellers are not required to request a certificate before selling a gun. Additionally, DeWine wants to expand the "pink slip" law, which allows mentally ill gun owners to be detained for up to 72 hours, away from their guns, to include those suffering from drug or alcohol addiction.

However, that doesn't mean a "red flag" law is permanently off the table in Ohio. Former Gov. John Kasich supported "red flag" laws and Senate Bill 506 would create a federal grant program to encourage states to adopt "red flag" laws.

Local police chiefs had mixed responses to "red flag" laws.

"I am in favor of any law designed to increase safety and awareness," said Newburgh Heights Police Chief John Majoy. "In this particular case, it gives law enforcement and families the opportunity to be proactive and remove guns from those who pose a threat to themselves or others. I only hope the reporting mechanism is not too cumbersome so it will not detract families from pursuing this action."

Maple Heights Chief Todd Hansen, however, said he is worried a "red flag" law would have a negative effect on lawabiding citizens.

"My opinion is there are already laws that allow guns to be removed from people via court order," he said. "We take weapons in cases of domestic violence from offenders

Harvest Fest 2019 Harvest Fest is an autumn gathering for family and friends and a fundraiser to support the Garfield Heights Community Gardens Saturday, October 19th 1:00pm - 4:00pm Garfield Heights Civic Center 5407 Turney Road * -Activities Include: Havride Games and Crafts for Kids 1 **Face Painting Pumpkin Decorating** Food and Bake Sale 1 Prize Raffle & Gift Basket Raffle ickets for activities can be purchased at the door. Raffle tickets will be sold pre-sale and day of event.

and alleged offenders until the court has adjudicated the law enforcement," he said. cases. Doctors can 'pink slip' patients who have had a change in mental status. Psychiatrists and physicians can violate their doctor/patient confidentiality if they feel the patient is a danger to themselves or others. There are probably other examples.

I am a fan of the U.S. and Ohio constitutions, the right to keep and bear arms being prominent in both. 'Red flag' laws, as now being put forth, are good-faith efforts to regulate bad behavior. The laws will ultimately end up affecting lawabiding citizens, not the criminals. The criminals do not abide by laws; this is why they are criminals.

Garfield Heights Police Chief Robert Byrne said he believes families and/or law enforcement should be given some way of notifying the courts of an individual in crisis that has access to firearms.

'Red flag' laws allow a proactive approach to volatile situations that may reduce the potential for tragedy, which is an obvious benefit to communities, families and

Independence Police Chief Michael Kilbane said that while anything law enforcement can do to prevent violence is great, the criminal justice system needs to make sure it does not violate people's constitutional rights to do so.

"The alleged defendant must be represented with due process and a judicial review based on credible evidence, he said. "We want to avoid a situation where somebody makes an accusation without evidence to back it up and then someone is deprived of their constitutional rights." Bedford Deputy Chief Rick Suts declined to comment.

"It's such a hot-button topic; we don't want to give personal opinions," he said. "We'll make recommenda-tions to the legislature if asked, but, as a police department, we will stick to enforcing the laws impartially.

Cuvahoga Heights Police Chief Brian Sturgill and Valley View Police Chief David Niro also declined to comment.

