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Local candidates seek office in Tuesday's election

On Tuesday, November 5, voters will go to the polls to elect mayors, councilpersons, school board members and more in local races. Below is a rundown of those seeking office in The Neighborhood News readership area.

BEDFORD

COUNCIL WARD 2: Walter Genutis. COUNCIL WARD 4: Paula Mizesak. COUNCIL WARD 6: Harry Carter, Donald A. Saunders. BOARD OF EDUCATION: (Vote for not more than 2) Eva Boyington, Joseph V. Mestnik, Barbara Patterson.

CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS

COUNCIL: (Vote for not more than 3) Rick Centa, Renato Contipelli, Lois J. Henley. BOARD OF EDUCATION: Lyndie Schukert and Gary Suchocki running unopposed.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS

COUNCIL WARD 1: Mike Dudley, Sr. COUNCIL WARD 2: Charles F. Donahue, Jr., Tenisha Mack. COUNCIL WARD 3: Michael T. Nenadovich. COUNCIL WARD 4: Shayla L. Davis. COUNCIL WARD 5: Jason X. Blake. COUNCIL WARD 6: Matt Burke. COUNCIL WARD 7: Tom Vaughn. BOARD OF EDUCATION - 4 YEAR TERM: (Vote for not more than 2) Joseph M. Juby, Ashley Thomas, Gary A. Wolske. BOARD OF EDUCATION - 2 YEAR TERM: (Vote for not more than 1) Joan Chamberlin, Nichelle N. Daniels.

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MAYOR: Gregory P. Kurtz, Anthony L. Togliatti. FINANCE DIRECTOR: Vern Blaze, Patricia L. Wisnieski, Chris Zamborsky. COUNCIL MEMBER AT LARGE: (Vote for not more than 7) Dawn M. Corrigan, Bruce J. Flower, David S. Grendel, Kyle Kaiser, Kathleen Kapusta, Tom Narduzzi, Kenn M. Synek, Jim Trakas, Dale A. Veverka, Chris Walchanowicz. BOARD OF EDUCATION: (Vote for not more than 2) Hanna Harb, Andrea Marek, Joanie Mencl.

MAPLE HEIGHTS

MAYOR: Annette Blackwell, Cornelius Sandford, Sr. COUNCIL DISTRICT 2: Carla Hunter, Toni Jones. COUNCIL DISTRICT 4: Dana D. Anderson, Terry Woody, Sr. COUNCIL DISTRICT 6: Tina Stafford-Marbury, Richard Trojanski. BOARD OF EDUCATION: (Vote for not more than 2) Jalen M. Brown, Wendall C. Garth, Gloria J. Jackson.

NEWBURGH HEIGHTS

MAYOR: Trevor K. Elkins running unopposed. COUNCIL: (Vote for not more than 5) William Dunman, Dorene B. Kray, Steve Moran, Gigi Traore, Linda L. Giersz, Terry L. Miller.

VALLEY VIEW

MAYOR: Jerry Piasecki is running unopposed. CLERK-TREASURER: Carol L. Tomasko is running unopposed. COUNCIL: (Vote for not more than 5) Michael Ray Bertovich, Brad R. Borowy, Julie Ann Mayne Jakubczak, Matthew R. March, Daniel J. Westfall, David Wingensfeld, Jeffrey O. Wyatt

Retiring longtime Councilman Joseph Suster honored by Garfield Heights Council

By Ellen Psenicka

It was the last Garfield Heights council meeting Monday night for three of its members who chose not to run for reelection - Joe LaMalfa, Eugene Glenn and Joe Suster - but after almost 30 years serving as representative from Ward 5, it was Suster's night as he was honored by a council resolution for "outstanding and dedicated service" to the city.

Surrounded by family and friends, Suster was presented the resolution by Mayor Vic Collova, who said Suster had been a mentor to him and he "couldn't thank him enough" for three decades of service to the city of Garfield Heights.



Aaron Sign Shop owner James Grenig and his wife, Cindy, listen as Mayor Collova reads a resolution honoring Grenig for his tireless service to the city.



Shown above at left is Mayor Vic Collova presenting a resolution of appreciation to retiring Councilman Joe Suster for his nearly 30 years of service, with Suster's wife, Donna, at his side. Photos by Michael Psenicka

Two of his constituents got up later in the meeting and presented him a token of their appreciation and sang his praises as their councilperson who was always responsive to their needs and never failed to be accessible.

Also honored at the meeting with a resolution was longtime resident James Grenig of The Aaron Sign Shop in Garfield Heights for his tireless and unselfish work for the city and his generous spirit.

Also passed at Monday night's meeting was an ordinance to renew an agreement with OHM Advisors to provide engineering services to the city for 2020, 2021 and 2022.

An ordinance to enter into an agreement with Cuyahoga County for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant was okayed as was a resolution commemorating October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The next regular council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12, as city offices will be closed on Monday, November 11, in observance of Veteran's Day.



Local Trick-or-Treat times

- Bedford, Cleveland, Garfield Heights, Independence, Newburgh Heights and Valley View: Thursday, October 31, 6-8 p.m.

- Cuyahoga Heights: Thursday, October 31, 6-7:30 p.m.

- Maple Heights: Thursday, October 31, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

- The Neighborhood News will hand out treats from noon to 5 p.m. on Halloween. Stop by and meet our "spooky" kitties!

GHPD seeks information on child enticement case

According to Garfield Heights Police, last Thursday there was a child enticement complaint. The 10-year-old female victim was waiting for the school bus in the 13800 block of Granger Road when a bald, African-American male with a medium to full-length beard approached her and stated, "Your dad told me to drive you to school." The suspect left when another student entered the area.

After school the student was dropped off in the same area. The same suspect approached her again stating, "Your dad told me to take you to the park." The girl told the suspect she was calling her dad, at which time he left. In both incidents the male was in a gray 4-door vehicle, possibly a Toyota.

On Monday morning the same student was waiting for the bus. She observed the same male parked inside a red, unknown vehicle. However, he did not make any comments.

If you have any information that may be helpful in identifying this male, please contact the Garfield Heights Police Department at 216-475-1234.

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Newburgh Heights Council approves bill to collect outstanding traffic camera citations

At the Oct. 15 Village of Newburgh Heights Council meeting, council members approved an ordinance authorizing Mayor Trevor Elkins to enter into a collection and legal services agreement with a law firm to perform debt collection services for more than \$10,000 in outstanding traffic camera citations.

Council voted to allow Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co. L.P.A. to bring civil actions in Garfield Heights Municipal Court against motorists who have received citations for speeding and not paid their fines.

While some motorists may think they are not liable for these citations, that is absolutely not the case, said Luke McConville, solicitor for the village. Unpaid citations that go to court can also affect a person's credit, he said.

Also at the meeting, Mayor Elkins reminded council that trick-or-treat will be on Halloween, Oct. 31, from 6 to 8 p.m. The following streets will be closed to through traffic: East 41st Street, East 42nd Street from Bridgeview to Alpha avenues and Beta and Gamma avenues at Washington Park Boulevard. Residents will have entry.

On Halloween, the police department will be out in

force with seven cars and at least two bicycles patrolling the village, Chief John Majoy said. Additionally, on Oct. 25, there will be an OVI checkpoint on Harvard Avenue in conjunction with the Ohio Highway Patrol and the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office. Nearly 30 officers will be present. More details will be available the day of the checkpoint, as required by Ohio law.

Councilwoman Dorene Kray reported that Nov. 22 will be Newburgh Heights' annual turkey dinner giveaway in conjunction with American Legion Post 627. Kray asked for volunteers to help deliver meals, as well as names of families in need. Contact Kray at dkray@newburgh-oh.gov for information.

Council passed the following ordinances and resolutions:

- Authorizing the mayor to file an application with the Cuyahoga County Department of Development for a Community Development Block Grant. This is to obtain a \$150,000 grant for improvements to Washington Park/Dog Park.

- Authorizing the purchase of two new Ford Interceptor cruisers with police package at a cost of \$94,348 payable over four years.

- Authorizing the mayor to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) Member Community

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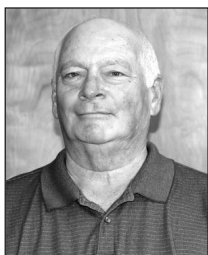
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Cost Share Program. This is to obtain funds to perform preconstruction flow testing on the sewer on East 42nd Street, which is a qualified project for such funds.

Purchases and approvals included:

- The purchase of crack seal material from DJL Material at a cost not to exceed \$2,250.

- Approval of quote from Abraxus Salt for road salt at a cost not to exceed \$37,600.

- Approval of quote from Industrial Surface Sealer for sealing of parking lot at administration building at a cost not to exceed \$2,520.

- Approval of quote from Schroeder Plastering for repair to exterior wall of fire department at a cost not to exceed \$2,640.

- Approval of creation of a housing committee.

Broadway Ave. in S.V. to close for movie shoot

North Broadway Avenue in Slavic Village will be fully closed to vehicular traffic in the area between East 55th Street and Barkwill Avenue on Nov. 4, 5 and 6, while movie crews film scenes from an upcoming production tentatively called "Judas and the Black Messiah."

There will be scenes filmed on these days during daylight hours in which simulated handgun fire takes place. Cleveland police will supervise to facilitate safety.

People wishing to access residences and businesses on Broadway that can only be accessed from within the closure will be able to enter and exit on foot between moments of filming.

Buses that travel on Broadway Avenue between Pershing and East 55th Street will be rerouted off of Broadway during filming days.

The movie tells the true story of the 1969 rise and assassination of Fred Hampton, the leader of the Illinois Chapter of the Black Panther Party. Crews are filming in several buildings at Broadway and East 55th.

There haven't been any celebrity sightings yet, but Daniel Kaluuya is starring as Fred Hampton and "Black Panther" director Ryan Coogler is producing the movie.

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Bedford Council introduces legislation to 'censure' Councilman Saunders

By Judith Goldsworth

A resolution of the "public censure" of Bedford Councilman Donald Saunders regarding unspecified "unbecoming" actions was placed on first reading at last week's city council meeting.

"Subsequent to taking office and while a member of Bedford Council, Councilman Donald Saunders has engaged in actions which council has determined are unbecoming that of a Bedford councilperson, and negatively impact himself, council and the community as a whole," according to the legislation, which also states his conduct "has detrimentally impacted council as a whole as well as the city of Bedford and its residents."

Council did not discuss the legislation on the floor of council during the vote to place it on first reading. Saunders and fellow council members Walter Genutis and Paula Mizzak abstained from the vote.

City officials asked by this reporter to state the reason for the censure declined to comment.

The legislation will be on the agenda at Council's next meeting, to be held at 8 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 4, at Bedford City Hall, 165 Center Road.

Sewer rates going up slightly

Sewer rates will be going up next year for property owners in the city of Bedford. However, senior citizens and the disabled will once again receive a discount on their rates, according to two pieces of legislation passed last week.

The monthly minimum charge for sewer service in the city is currently \$24.46, according to legislation passed by council in 2018. That will go up to \$25.44 per month beginning January 1, 2020, in addition to a slight increase in charges for water usage over the minimum charge, as approved by council at last week's meeting.

Also approved was an ordinance to provide for a rate reduction in sewer rates for senior citizens and the permanently disabled, which will also go into effect in January 2020. The current discount rate is a minimum monthly charge of \$17.12; that will go up to \$17.80, according to the ordinance.

Information had been mailed out to all city residents informing them of the upcoming increase and the requirements for the discount, Finance Director Frank Gambosi stated.

Separate from the rate increases, but relative to sewer service in the city, council placed an ordinance on second reading authorizing City Manager Mike Mallis to apply for a 2019-2020 Community Development Block Grant through Cuyahoga County in the amount of \$150,000 for a Sewer Maintenance Program.

If council approves the legislation at a future meeting and the city receives the grant, the funds would be used for televising of Bedford's sewer system to identify areas in need of repair.

Energy improvements

Council passed a resolution authorizing Mallis to initiate energy improvements at city facilities, as recommended by an audit conducted by Gardiner. The Energy Based Performance Solution (EBPS) includes calculations for energy and operational savings for the city, which wants to implement the actions, including participation through NOPEC (Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council) programs, as well as use of NOPEC grant funding.

The proposed improvements contained in Gardiner's audit report include street lighting which could be funded through the grants, as well as the water heater in the Municipal Complex, Mallis said.

Working towards the goal of improving signage in the city, council passed an ordinance amending a contract with Guide Studio, Inc. Earlier in the year, council passed legislation authorizing Guide to design and develop a signage and wayfinding program to highlight the city's amenities and encourage economic development, at a cost of \$19,000. The new legislation will allow the city to pay an additional \$600 on the contract.

Also concerning signs in the city, council placed on second reading an ordinance authorizing the city to apply for a \$50,000 Cuyahoga County Community Development Supplemental Grant, for Phase II of the City Sign Initiative.

Also on agenda

Council passed an ordinance allowing city employees to make insurance plan premium contributions on a pre-tax basis for the calendar year 2020, so they will not have to include the amount of compensation used to pay their premiums as taxable income.

An ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of \$935,000 in notes, in anticipation of issuance of bonds, to pay costs of a new pumper and ambulance for the fire department was placed on second reading.

Legislation for the city's 2020 budget, stated as totaling

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\$37.9 million, was placed on first reading as was an ordinance authorizing Mallis to sign a grant of conservation easement to West Creek Conservancy, as this property owned by the city is a natural habitat for plants and wildlife.

Updates

Mallis said that the sidewalk program has started in the city, to be completed in three or four weeks, also the Union Street waterline project is moving along, to be completed by Thanksgiving. The city has been working with Cuyahoga County as far as a date for repaving of Union Street, with an estimated time frame of 2020, he stated.

Another water line project on Egbert was underway, to be completed in the coming weeks, and infrastructure improvements were being done in the Tinkers Creek Commerce Park/Art of Beauty area, he said.

As they have done for the past several council meetings, residents of the Colony Club apartments spoke at the meeting on issues they have been having since the complex changed ownership to Beztak Properties of Farmington Hills, Michigan. They cited issues with rent increases, no senior discount, rodent infestations, decreased exterior upkeep, numerous parties, large dogs and what they perceive as a lack of response by management to their problems.

Mallis responded that he had spoken with Beztak Regional Manager Laura Gillespie, adding she was aware of the issues and that there were still plans to meet with the residents at the complex. Gillespie has stated that the company took each resident inquiry seriously and "welcomed the opportunity" to speak with residents.

"I can't promise anything, but I'm trying to get somebody to have a meeting with all of you folks," Mallis said. "And I will come and attend that meeting... when I get a response, I will contact you."

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Maple Heights ups tobacco-buying age to 21

By Judith Goldsworth

Maple Heights Council, at its October 16th meeting, passed an ordinance making it illegal for individuals under the age of 21 to purchase cigarettes and tobacco in the city. This brings Maple Heights in line with the new state law which took effect October 17th making it a misdemeanor to sell or provide cigarettes and other tobacco or vaping products to anyone under 21.

The Maple Heights ordinance, introduced by Mayor Annette Blackwell and Council President Ron Jackson, states, "Tobacco use is the foremost preventable cause of premature death in the United States, responsible for nearly half a million deaths per year in the United States, and costing the nation approximately

\$300 billion in healthcare and lost worker productivity costs each year... second-hand smoke exposure contributes to approximately 41,000 deaths among non-smoking adults and 400 deaths in infants each year."

According to the legislation, 95% of all adult smokers begin smoking before age 21, and "there is strong evidence that people who begin smoking at an early age are more likely to develop a severe addiction to nicotine than those who start at a later age... 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."

NEORS D grant program agreement approved

Also at the meeting, council approved a resolution authorizing Blackwell to enter into a Member Community Infrastructure Grant Program Agreement with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS D) for the Maple Heights Southwest Sewer District Sewer Improvements, Phase One Project.

City Engineer Ed Hren has recommended that the city enter into the agreement for the sewer improvements, which have been estimated to be in the amount of \$1,135,180, according to information provided by the NEORS D.

The sewer repairs will be in the southwest quadrant, primarily in the Schreiber/Dunham area, and will include the repairs that will reduce the possibility of the manhole blowouts on Schreiber Road, according to the city's website.

The NEORS D will provide funding for up to 75% of project costs.

Amended budget OK'd

Council also approved an ordinance providing for an amendment to the 2019 budget, as recommended by Finance Director Tinita Tillman.

More NN 'Freebies'

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 newest addition to the Freebies list is two tickets to the 2019 I-X Christmas Connection, being held Nov. 22-24, at the I-X Center. Tickets are good for any one day. Deadline to enter is 5 p.m. on November 18.

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!

Genealogical Society to meet Monday

The Cuyahoga Valley Genealogical Society will meet on Monday, November 4, with "Comparing Genealogical Giants: Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.org, Findmypast.com and MyHeritage.com," presented by Sunny Morton.

Become familiar with all four sites, subscription and free access options and how they compare for overall historical, tree and DNA record content. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the Independence Civic Center, Willow Room, 6353 Selig Blvd., Independence. Call President Bobbi Hamm 330-225-0890 for more information.

As a public service, I am reprinting the ratings for Judges in November 5th's election in Cleveland. These ratings are from Judge4yourself.com which is made by cooperating bar associations with the help of dozens of experienced lawyers. Judge4yourself.com is a service of The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, The Norman S. Minor Bar Association, The Ohio Womens Bar Association, The Cuyahoga Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, and The Asian American Bar Association of Ohio.



Councilman
Anthony Brancatelli
Cleveland, Ward 12

I have spoken to numerous Residents, Block Clubs, as well as Social and Civic Organizations in an effort to get more voters focused on our Judicial elections. As noted at Judge4yourself.com, "The election of judges and the decisions they make can have profound consequences for us, our families, our businesses and our community. In our society, judges have been given enormous power. Only a judge can decide whether a convicted criminal is imprisoned and whether a jury must decide a civil claim." Our community should continue to stay involved and vote.

Vote YES on the following Issues 3, 6, 20, 21 and 22

- Issue 3** Is a vote in favor of renewing and increasing a property tax to fund Cuyahoga Community College District.
- Issue 6** Is a Cuyahoga County vote in favor of requiring county council confirmation of the county executive's appointment to sheriff and redefining the requirements for the sheriff's term, removal process, powers and duties.
- Issue 20** Is a Cleveland vote in favor of establishing that in order to run for city office, a candidate must have ben an elector in Cleveland for a minimum of 12 months, must file nominating petitions at least 90 days before the primary election, and must use standard forms of the Secretary of State.
- Issue 21** Is a Cleveland vote in favor of requiring that the mayor's estimate for the city budget is available online on the city website or available in print upon request and eliminating the requirement that the mayor must make 1,000 printed copies of the budget estimate.
- Issue 22** Is a Cleveland vote in favor of making the following changes to the city charter: updating Required Provisions of Rules of the Civil Service Commission; removing the grading classifications; and clarifying the language relative to classification, assessment, eligibility, and/or rejection of candidates for appointments and/or promotions in the classified service of the city.



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Candidate	AABAO	CCDLA	CMBA	NSMBA	OWBA	PD/ cleveland.com
<u>Marilyn B. Cassidy</u>	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Endorsed
<u>Joseph Russo</u>	Not Recomm.	Not Recomm.	Not Recomm.	Refused to Participate	Not Recomm.	

Cleveland Municipal Court Housing Division FTC 01/02/2020

Candidate	AABAO	CCDLA	CMBA	NSMBA	OWBA	PD/ cleveland.com
<u>Ronald J.H. O'Leary</u>	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Endorsed
<u>W. Moná Scott</u>	Refused to Participate	Refused to Participate	Refused to Participate	Refused to Participate	Refused to Participate	

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“It is so important for all women to go see their primary care physicians every year, and hold a good discussion about which testing is right for them,” she said. “Making an informed, shared decision is one of the most important things the patient can do for themselves to ensure they are screened appropriately and the cancers are caught in a timely fashion.”

In addition, adult women of all ages should perform breast self-exams at least once a month, according to the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

There are three ways to self-examine, according to the foundation:

•In the shower

Using the pads of your fingers, move around your entire breast in a circular pattern moving from the outside to the center, checking the entire breast and armpit area. Check both breasts each month, feeling for any lump, thickening or hardened knot. Notice any changes, and get lumps evaluated by your healthcare provider.

•In front of a mirror

Visually inspect your breasts with your arms at your sides. Next, raise your arms high overhead. Look for any changes in the contour, any swelling or dimpling of the skin or changes in the nipples. Next, rest your palms on your hips and press firmly to flex your chest muscles. Your left and right breasts will not exactly match (few women’s breasts do), so look for any dimpling, puckering or changes, particularly on one side.

•Lying down

When lying down, the breast tissue spreads out evenly along the chest wall. Place a pillow under your right shoulder and your right arm behind your head. Using your left hand, move the pads of your fingers around your right breast gently in small circular motions covering the entire breast area and armpit. Use light, medium and firm pressure. Squeeze the nipple; check for discharge and lumps. Repeat these steps for your left breast.

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New nature preserve in Slavic Village opens with a flurry of seed 'bombs'

The four-acre Morgana Bluffs Nature Preserve and Learning Center in Cleveland's Slavic Village neighborhood was dedicated recently by kids and guests chucking milkweed seed "bombs" into the new urban park. The seed bombs will promote the growth of milkweed, the sole host plant of the endangered monarch butterfly.

The dedication ceremony, which included public officials, neighborhood advocates, project partners and members of Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland (BGCC)'s Broadway Club, marked the opening of the preserve on property where the powerhouse for the massive Cleveland Worsted Mill Co. complex once stood. The Broadway Avenue site is next to BGCC's Broadway Club, the Morgana Run Trail and Cleveland Metropolitan School District's Mound STEM School.

The preserve will be used for nature-based programming. It is open to the public.

"All kids need outdoor experiences to become responsible and productive adults," said Ron Soeder, president and CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland, which coordinated the project along with the City of Cleveland, Cleveland Metropolitan School District, the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, the Clean Ohio Fund, the Ohio & Erie Canalway, Slavic Village Development Corporation and West Creek



Attendees and Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland members release milkweed seed "bombs" at Morgana Bluffs Nature Preserve and Learning Center in Slavic Village.

Conservancy. "This project will give approximately 1,700 youth in this neighborhood access to a place where they can discover nature. This project is an investment in the neighborhood and the opportunity to turn a vacant lot into a community asset."

The entire learning center "campus" – the project site plus the adjacent school, trail and BGCC properties – totals about 13.5 acres.

The project, which features trails, boardwalks and an amphitheater, was funded with money from the state's Clean Ohio Greenspace Conservation Fund (\$297,790), a Green Infrastructure Grant from the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (\$242,420) and the Ohio & Erie Canalway Strategic Initiative Program (\$46,230). In addition, key in-kind services were provided by West Creek Conservancy (consulting and planning), Cleveland Metropolitan School District (donated conservation easement) and Slavic Village Development (consulting and planning). Third Federal Foundation has also agreed to assist with grounds maintenance.

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Obituary

William R. Bican



 William R. Bican, age 70. Beloved husband of Betty Ann. Loving father of Billy, Amy, and Joey (Amy). Dearest papa of Allison, Andrew, Madilyn, and Molly. Loving son of Joyce and the late William J. Bican, Jr. Brother of Ed (Karen), Mary Florek (Eddie), Donna Szczepaniak (Mike), George, and Susie Kozora (the late Dave). Brother-in-law of Kathryn Hess and Michael Hess (Kim). Uncle Biyah and Great-Uncle Biyah to many. Mr. Bican was a veteran of the United States Navy. Following in his father's and grand-

father's footsteps, Mr. Bican was the third generation owner of Bican Bros. Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Church (E. 55th and Hamm Ave.) PLEASE MEET AT CHURCH. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery. Family and friends are welcome on Friday, November 1, 2019 from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Bican Bros. Funeral Home, 5215 Fleet Ave., Cleveland, OH 44105. At the request of the family, memorial contributions may be made in William's memory to Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Legion Post 309 Fish Fry

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•On Oct. 16 at about 11:10 p.m., police responded to the 4600 block of Turney Road for a robbery report. A man called 911 stating he had been robbed of his cell phone at gunpoint while in the area. He said he was walking north on Turney when a man on a bike came up behind him and cut him off. He demanded the man's phone and money. The man said he didn't have any money, so the suspect said "give me your phone or get shot" and lifted his shirt to show a grey handgun tucked into his waistband. The victim gave up his phone and the suspect fled toward Garfield Boulevard.

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•On Oct. 19 at about 4:05 p.m., police observed a vehicle on Turney Road swerve into the curb lane recklessly, then accelerate to a high rate of speed. The officer pulled behind the vehicle, which stopped in traffic at Antenucci Boulevard then passed through the intersection. The officer activated his lights and siren to stop the vehicle. The driver looked back at the officer and swerved around another vehicle, almost causing a crash, then fled south on Turney going 40 mph in a 25 mph zone and weaving from the curb lane into the center lane. The vehicle then turned into a driveway in the 5700 block of Turney Road, accelerated into the backyard and stopped.

The officer ordered the driver out of the vehicle at gunpoint. She exited but refused to comply with orders to get on the ground. She eventually sat down, and the officer placed her in handcuffs. He then stood her up and detected a very strong odor of alcoholic beverage and observed slurred speech and bloodshot eyes. The woman began screaming and violently resisting the officer, so he directed her to the ground until backup arrived. However, she continued to resist when being placed in the rear of the cruiser.

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Community police reports

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Police discovered two children in the vehicle. They remained at the scene with a relative at the mother's request. Police also observed a half-full glass of liquor in the cup holder of the vehicle. The driver had several suspensions and two active warrants. She was transported to jail but could not be given a breath test due to her violent actions. She was cited for OVI, refusal with prior conviction within 20 years, driving under suspension, fleeing/eluding, reckless operation and open container in a motor vehicle and charged with endangering children and resisting arrest.

• On Oct. 8 at about 11:35 p.m., an officer on patrol saw a vehicle traveling northbound on East 94th Street near Park Heights Avenue at a high rate of speed. The vehicle also failed to stop at the stop sign. The officer activated his overhead lights and pursued the vehicle, which did not stop and continued to drive around the area until finally pulling into a driveway in the 4900 block of East 88th Street. The driver exited the vehicle without being told to do so, so the officer drew his service weapon and pointed it at the man, who seemed confused and had trouble following directions. Police noticed an immediate odor of alcoholic beverage, and the man spoke with slurred words. He was charged with OVI, failure to comply, speed and stop signs.

Reckless operation

On Oct. 18 at about 3 a.m., an officer observing traffic on I-480 eastbound at Broadway Avenue saw a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. Using a laser unit, he confirmed the speed to be 112 mph in a 60 mph zone. The vehicle swerved in front of a semi without using a signal, almost causing an accident and continued weaving in and out of lanes recklessly. The officer stopped the vehicle. The driver said he was racing a friend from work. The man was cited for speed, reckless operation and improper lane change.

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Indy PD Meet & Greet

The Independence Volunteers in Police are hosting an Open House Meet and Greet for the Independence Police Department on Thursday, November 7, at 7 p.m. in the White Oak Room at the Civic Center. All residents are invited and encouraged to attend for a chance to meet these individuals who protect and serve the community.

Troop 389 Reunion

St. Monica Troop 389 will hold its 65 Year Reunion on Sunday, November 10, following the 10:45 a.m. Mass at St. Monica Church. The reunion will be held in the St. Monica School cafeteria. All past and present scout families are welcome. Contact Scoutmaster Paul Blados at 216-524-0392 for more information.

Blood donor opportunity

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Wednesday, November 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Crown Centre II, 5001 Rockside Rd., Independence.

Attention Parents!

Send us a picture of your little ghost or goblin dressed up for Halloween and it might be featured in next week's Neighborhood News! Email as a high resolution jpeg or pdf attachment and include the child's name and city of residence. Email to: nnews1923@aol.com



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(From local branches of the Cuyahoga County Public Library)

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