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**We would like to wish everyone a blessed Easter in this time of crisis for those in peril around the world and in our own backyards. May we stand together as we are forced to stand apart to celebrate the miracle that is Easter this Sunday. May we rise with Him to a brighter day ahead.**

## From the Mayor's Desk Important COVID-19 message

By Garfield Heights Mayor Vic Collova

In this unprecedented time of the coronavirus, we have all been inundated with news from around the world on the devastating impact of this pandemic.

Our president, our governor and many renowned members of medical staffs throughout the country have issued mandates and precautionary measures for all of us to follow. Here in Garfield Heights, we are trying to do our part to protect the residents and city staff as much as possible and avoid the spread of the virus in our community.

We have closed our Civic Center and Recreation Center to all visitors and nonessential staff. Senior Center transportation staff is delivering meals to lunch program participants and home-bound seniors. Staff also reaches out with phone calls to our seniors to check on their welfare. We also continue to have our monthly food pantry distribution dates on the third Wednesday from 1 to 2 p.m., and the third Thursday from 6 to 7 p.m. for Garfield Heights residents only at the Civic Center. Bags are repackaged for pick up.

We have cancelled all public meetings; however, city council meetings will continue via teleconferencing and are open to the public.

Needless to say, due to the Stay at Home order, the city is operating with a skeleton crew. Unfortunately, this has an impact on city services. The service department remains open for calls if residents have an emergency. Also, our police and fire departments are at full staff and ready to assist residents in need. They are our first responders and we certainly need them now more than ever.

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## 10-year-old boy shot in Maple Hts.

On April 2, at 5:22 p.m., the Maple Hts. Police Department received a call from an employee at South Pointe Hospital reporting that an adult female had just come into the Emergency Room with her 10-year-old son, according to a news release from MHPD.

The boy was suffering from a gunshot wound to his abdomen. His mother told police she was outside of her Libby Rd. home playing with her son when she heard three loud "pops" and then observed her son bleeding and saw he had been shot.

The mother drove her son to South Pointe Hospital and he was then transported to University Rainbow Babies Hospital. The injury was not life threatening and the boy is expected to make a full recovery.

Anyone with information related to this case is urged to contact the Maple Heights Detective Bureau: 216-587-9624 or Detectives@mhpd-ohio.com or CrimeStoppers.

## Partnership may breathe new life into CityView shopping center

By Ellen Psenicka

Cleveland.com journalist Michelle Jarboe reported last week that a company tied to Industrial Commercial Properties LLC of Solon recently acquired the mortgage on CityView shopping center in Garfield Heights, which has been tied up in court in foreclosure since 2009.

This is the same company that last November acquired the old Kmart property on Rockside Rd., also in Garfield Heights.

Jarboe also said real estate brokers familiar with ICP's plans say that the company has formed a joint venture with local attorney George Simon, who purchased the distressed debt on City View for an undisclosed price in August of 2017.

Simon is also an attorney and local restaurateur with L.A. Pete's in Independence and Simon's Restaurant & Deli in Brecksville.

The partners hope to create a business park at CityView and keep the Giant Eagle supermarket, the only big box business left at CityView, Jarboe reported.

When asked to comment on the cleveland.com online article, Garfield Heights Mayor Vic Collova told The Neighborhood News that plans for a business park were indeed in place at CityView and the deal is very close to being finalized.

"These are going to be very exciting times in Garfield Heights in the very near future," he said.

Just the shot-in-the-arm the city, which emerged from state receivership in 2013 and has struggled to keep on its financial feet every since, would more than welcome.

## LAKE CATHOLIC OF MENTOR COMES THROUGH FOR JENNINGS

Jennings Center in Garfield Heights was blessed to connect with Lake Catholic High School President Mark Crowley and receive protective equipment (PPE) following a conversation with Allison Quick Salopeck, president and CEO at Jennings, who is an alumna of Lake Catholic and parent of a current senior student.

Crowley dropped off goggles the school gathered from their science labs along with a few boxes of gloves. He also connected Jennings to Lake Catholic junior John Oleni. John made 600 face shields-at-cost-for Jennings staff. Personal protective equipment is extremely limited right now, and this is truly a gift, said Jennings officials. Individuals and organizations across Ohio can dedicate their time and skills by visiting [www.repurposingproject.com](http://www.repurposingproject.com).



Lake Catholic High School President Mark Crowley, at left, connected junior student John Oleni (center) with Jennings President and CEO Allison Q. Salopeck, at right. John made 600 face shields for the Jennings staff.

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Kimble would like to thank all its customers for their cooperation and understanding during these unprecedented times.


## Mayor's Desk

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Every day I am on conference calls with some organization, the federal, state and county governments, the Cleveland Clinic and especially Marymount Hospital discussing the latest statistics, projections and safe practices. Although we will do everything possible to keep our community safe, we can not do it WITHOUT ALL OF YOU!

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## Changes to Grab and Go meal program in Garfield Hts.

"In continuing to follow the governor's guidelines and mandates while trying to meet the food needs of our students and families, we have modified our district's Grab and Go breakfast and lunch program once again, stated Allen D. Sluka, Treasurer/CFO/Business Services for the Garfield Heights School District.

Please note the following changes:

- The time for pickup for food will continue to be from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

- Pickup will now be at two sites: High School and Middle School.

- Pickup will now be every other day beginning Monday, April 6. Please see pickup dates below during the district's mandated closure period:

April 6, 8, 14, 16, 20, 22, 24, 27, 29, May 1. (April 10 is Good Friday and April 13 was a scheduled PD day.)

On these days, two breakfasts and two lunches per child will be given out, one for the current day and one for the next day.

Pickup will be curbside service so you will not need to leave your car under any circumstance.

Pickup of food will be at the front main doors of each school. Just pull in front and someone from the school will be there to help you.

In order to comply with federal requirements, those picking up meals will be asked to give the names of students receiving a meal and the school they attend (does not have to be a Garfield Heights school).

## Xellia gets FDA approval to make drugs at Bedford plant

By Judith Goldsworth

Xellia Pharmaceuticals, a Denmark-based pharmaceutical company specializing in providing anti-infective treatments against serious infections, has received approval from the Food and Drug Administration to begin manufacturing drug products at its plant in Bedford, company officials announced recently.

This expansion of manufacturing within the United States is expected to alleviate possible disruptions in pharmaceutical manufacturing and supplies caused by

the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, Xellia officials stated.

Xellia acquired the former Ben Venue Laboratories facility on Northfield Rd. two years after Ben Venue left that location in late 2013, resulting in about 1100 employees losing their jobs. Xellia currently employs about 220 workers at the Bedford site.

"Since acquiring the site in 2015, Xellia has made significant investment to create a modern, world-class facility that will allow the company to continue to provide a reliable and consistent supply of its vital anti-infective products across the U.S.," the company stated in a press release.

Until the FDA's approval last month, the focus at Xellia's Bedford plant was on packaging, labeling and distributing drug products manufactured at other Xellia facilities, following the initial FDA approval for the facility in 2016.

Xellia will now start commercial manufacturing at the Bedford site, alongside its existing sterile injectable production plant in Copenhagen, and will use the Bedford facilities to maximize production of aseptic injectables, including the powerful antibiotic Vancomycin. "The increased capacity will be used to grow and scale Xellia's own pipeline with dedicated production lines for its established and innovative anti-infective injectable drug products," officials said.

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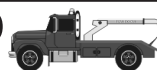
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## Waste collection and the pandemic: What county residents need to know

The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District wants all residents to know that their normal waste collection service may have changed due to the pandemic.

While people may be tempted to spend their time at home cleaning out the garage and closets, now is not the time to take all this trash to the curb or to a local donation center.

Be advised, at this time: Bulky waste collection has been suspended in most communities. All waste must be contained in a cart.

Donation centers (Goodwill, Salvation Army, Simple Recycling, etc.) are closed. Do not leave donations outside these facilities.

Scrap metal recycling facilities are also closed to the public.

Residents must hold onto these items until collection services return to normal. Check your city website for posted changes to trash pick up.

Please be considerate of waste collection workers and the critical, essential services they continue to provide during this difficult time, said county Solid Waste District officials.

## Several shots fired into Maple Hts. homes

Last Saturday, April 4, at approximately 3:41 a.m., Chagrin Valley Dispatch Center received a call for shots fired in the area of 14806 Krems Ave., in Maple Heights. MHPD officers arrived on scene and discovered that numerous gun shots had been fired and that 14806 Krems had sustained damage along with other structures in the area.

Information was obtained that a silver four-door Honda had pulled up in front of the residence and a male, described as being 5'9" to 6'0" tall with a slim build, exited the car and fired several rounds in the direction of 14806 Krems Ave. He then fled the area in the Honda.

At this time there are no reported injuries. MHPD is conducting the investigation. Anyone with information related to this case is urged to contact the Maple Heights Detective Bureau: 216-587-9624 or Detectives@mhp-dohio.com. As always, information can also be supplied to Crime Stoppers.

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**Help Wanted****Garfield Heights Service Department**

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## Facelift for Dan Kane Morganic Community Garden

The Dan Kane Morganic Community Garden at E. 65 St. and Kenyon Ave. in Slavic Village is getting significant improvements this year before the start of the planting season at one of the oldest neighborhood gardens in the city of Cleveland.

New fencing, new gates, improved entryway and perimeter repairs are being made at this 50-plot garden.

"Community gardens contribute to a healthy lifestyle by providing fresh, safe, affordable herbs, fruits and vegetables," said Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli. "They also help to relieve stress and increase a sense of wellness by getting people active, which improves overall physical health," said Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli.

Organizers are looking for a no cost or low cost 20 foot shipping container to be used as a storage shed. Please call 216-664-4233 if you are interested in getting a plot for gardening or have access to a shipping container.



### Have a Blessed Easter Sunday!

"Our thoughts and prayers are with all of our friends, families, and neighbors during this incredible and uncertain time. May the Lord give us all strength and understanding in our new normal."



### Mayor Jack Bacci and Family

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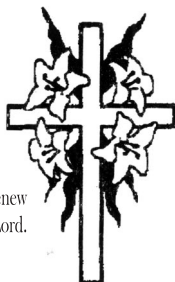
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# Bedford operating 'near as normal' in light of crisis

By Judith Goldsworth

"Please know that the city is operating as near as normal, with limited face-to-face contact with each other and the public," Bedford Mayor Stan Koci stated at a unique presentation given by himself and City Manager Mike Mallis, and held in lieu of a council meeting Monday night.

In accordance with "social distancing" guidelines in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the regular city council meeting was cancelled, and Koci and Mallis gave the presentation, which was livestreamed on the Internet and is now available on the city of Bedford YouTube channel.

"Obviously, due to the coronavirus and the fact that we have no council business where we have to vote on anything tonight... we have suspended tonight's meeting," Koci stated, adding that he and Mallis were present to give information to residents.

Koci also added that on Monday, April 20, there will be a "virtual" council meeting held via the Zoom app, "where we will all be in our homes and safe confines... all in accordance with the Ohio Attorney General's ruling on how to handle those types of meetings, so it will be open. We will have the ability to do feedback for citizen comments as we normally do at the end of each meeting."

Koci stated that the Metroparks were open for walking or riding bicycles, however, gathering spots such as playgrounds and Viaduct Park were closed.

The city's chipper service has begun this week, Koci said, but advised that residents must call the Service Department to get on the chipper list by Friday, the week before chipper service begins for the month.

Residents in need of assistance can call the United Way at 211 for a wide variety of helpful services, Koci said. "And please, if you can, volunteer to help at one of our local food banks or Meals on Wheels. They are in desperate need of some able bodies to deliver food to people in need." For more information, residents can call City Hall at 440-232-1600.

Koci said that Councilwoman Sandy Spinks came up with the idea of having residents throughout the city go out into their driveways at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 11, weather permitting, with flashlights or lanterns. "Let's

light up the night and show our neighbors that we are okay," he said.

Mallis confirmed that police, fire, public service and other critical services were a priority, adding that the fire department recently took delivery of a new rescue squad, the police department was increasing patrols and checking on workers in essential businesses, and the motorcycle units and bike patrols would start up again with the warmer weather. "Safety is a primary focus," he stated.

Mallis commended city staffers for working with state and federal officials and with the Art of Beauty cosmetics manufacturing company on Egbert Road. The company recently began production of hand sanitizer, a crucial component in minimizing the coronavirus threat. "Kudos to our staff and kudos to the Art of Beauty for thinking

outside the box," he said.

Staffers have also been working on the city's website, bedfordoh.gov, to transform it into a public information forum to keep residents up to date on the constantly changing developments in the pandemic, Mallis said.

He urged residents to sign up for Constant Contact, an online notification service, as well as follow the city's Facebook and Twitter platforms and the bedfordoh.gov website. "We will continue to put as much information out there as possible," he said.

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James Deal, 7705 New York Ave., Cleveland, OH 44105, #802, 5x18, Ending at 12:55PM. Unit appears to contain: chairs, ski, household items, clothing, bags, boxes, misc. items.

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The following food pantry distributions are taking place in The Neighborhood News readership area. Registration may be necessary. Anyone with additions to the list are asked to email to: [nnews1923@aol.com](mailto:nnews1923@aol.com) to be included in future issues.

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**Garfield Heights Civic Center**, 5407 Turney Rd. – Third Wednesday of the month from 1-2 p.m., and third Thursday from 6-7 p.m. Garfield Heights residents only.

**The Rock Church**, 9403 Garfield Blvd. - Saturday, April 18, 8 to 11 a.m., drive through only. People with carts need to queue in line with the cars. Security will be present to maintain safety and order. Garfield Heights residents only.

## Southeast Cleveland

**University Settlement**, 4800 Broadway Ave. – Monday-Friday from 11:30 to 2 p.m. If you or someone you know has needs, please call 216-641-8948 or email to: [usiemergency@universitysettlement.net](mailto:usiemergency@universitysettlement.net)

**Holy Name Church**, 8328 Broadway Ave. - Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. 216-271-4242

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**Greater Cleveland Food Bank** - Call for times and pickups: 216-738-2067

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Cleveland College Prep, 4906 Fleet Ave. - Monday through Friday, 4 to 5 p.m. Lunch and breakfast. 216-341-1347

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