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G.H. Civic Center to open after May 15th; garbage service back to normal

By Ellen Psenicka

Mayor Vic Collova announced at Garfield Heights Council's virtual meeting last Monday, April 27, that Kimble Recycling & Disposal will go back to its normal trash collection services effective immediately.

Earlier in April, Kimble had restricted trash and recycling materials to only what would fit in its waste cart and recycling cart. No bulk items were being picked up, and yard waste would only be collected if it fit in the customer's waste cart. All these restrictions have now been lifted, the mayor said.

Collova also said the civic center, which has been closed due to coronavirus restrictions, will be opened to the public after May 15, excluding the senior center.

He said the city could lose as much as \$1 million by the end of 2020 due to the virus. To compensate for this shortfall, Collova said all city employees have been reduced to a 32-hour work week for the next 10 weeks, including a voluntary cutback of his own salary. He said there have been layoffs in the recreation department, senior center and one in the law department.

"We've gotten no help from the stimulus package so far," the mayor said, but hopes that would be changing.

The following legislation was passed at last Monday night's council meeting:

- To issue and sell notes not to exceed \$3 million in anticipation of issuance of bonds to pay costs of improving streets and roads by resurfacing, grading, draining, curbing, paving, and improving and constructing catch basins and other improvements designated in the plans.

- To authorize the mayor to renew an agreement on behalf of the city with Court Community Service. Collova said the cost has gone up \$100 a month, the first increase in several years, and is well worth it for the outstanding job it does for the city.

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Recycling in Cleveland - is it a *waste* of time?

By Ellen Psenicka

Cleveland residents learned last week following a Fox 8 I-Team investigation that all the items they had put out for recycling in the past four weeks are now sitting in a Lorain County landfill.

Mayor Frank Jackson issued a statement Thursday explaining why that is the case. He said residential recycling is collected by employees from the Cleveland Department of Public Works and those materials are taken to the city's Ridge Road Transfer Station before being hauled away by a third party agency for processing.

Jackson said the city's contract for handling residential recycling expired April 1, 2020, so his administration went out for bids on two different occasions. The first time no companies bid to take the city's recycled materials. The second time the city tried to secure a new contract for these services, only one bid was received.

This bid would have charged the city of Cleveland tonnage costs that were well above market prices – potentially increasing program costs by \$6 million annually, the mayor said.

These unbudgeted, increased costs can be attributed to several factors, he said.

First, fundamental changes in the global market for recycled materials have changed dramatically since Cleveland's citywide program was launched. Back then the city was paid for its recyclables, but that is no longer the case.

Second, the company that bid on the latest contract had higher than anticipated transportation costs due to the fact that materials would be hauled to Southwest Ohio.

"Finally," Jackson said, "the rate of contamination in materials is higher than we would like to see – about 68% of recycled materials are contaminated and have to be sent to a regular landfill – which increases the price we would have to pay."

He said a consultant has been hired to evaluate the entirety of how the city addresses the local waste stream – including regular solid waste and recycling. As a part of this effort the consultant has been asked to identify what actions make sense based on the local context, what is consistent with the city's commitment to environmental sustainability and what is financially responsible.

"We expect this work will take a few months to complete and during this process we intend to have opportunities for public input," the mayor said.

In its I-Team report last week, Fox 8 investigators said the mayor stated he does encourage residents to continue separating the recycling so they don't get out of the habit.

As a city, we remain committed to being good environmental stewards and we remain committed to recycling," Mayor Jackson said.

Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli serves on council's Municipal Services & Properties Committee. He said he will be requesting a hearing at his May 12th committee meeting to gather more information on recycling to clarify how the city should be moving forward.

County weighs in

The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District issued a media alert last Thursday concerning Cleveland's recyclable materials being landfilled. The district wants Cuyahoga County residents to know that this situation pertains to the city of Cleveland only.

Curbside recycling collected in the other 57 communities in the county are sent to three northeast Ohio material recovery facilities to be processed. The problems experienced by Cleveland were due in large part to residents not recycling properly. Proper recycling reduces the cost of recycling by reducing the amount of non-recyclable material that has to be removed from the marketable materials.

Recycling is as important as ever, district officials said. County residents can continue to support the success of their community recycling program by reducing contamination and recycling right. Recycle right by only placing cans, cartons, glass bottles and jars, mixed paper and boxes plus plastic bottles and jugs unbagged in your recycling cart or bin.

Some drop-off recycling options are available for Cleveland residents, including for aluminum cans, mixed paper and cardboard at different locations throughout the city. See a list on the county's website: www.cuyahogarecycles.org/cleveland

Mike's back, already!!

For all those inquiring about Neighborhood News publisher Mike Psenicka's health after his back operation last week, he extends his thanks for all the prayers and well wishes and wants to assure everyone he's back in action at the paper. "It takes more than major surgery to keep me down," he proclaimed.

Work begins on East 55th

On Monday, May 4, weather permitting, Perk Company, Inc. was scheduled to begin work on the East 55th Street renovation, maintaining traffic on East 55th from Fleet Ave. to Mound Ave.

South bound traffic is being maintained on the east side on East 55th. North bound traffic will be detoured with signs posted.

"Thanks to the Perk Company for their fast progress on this project," said Cleveland Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli. "We look forward to East 55th getting completed soon; it will be a tremendous improvement in our infrastructure."

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Newburgh Hts. Council news

The Village of Newburgh Heights held a regular council meeting on Tuesday, April 7, and passed an ordinance to amend Dog Park rules and regulations and enacted penalty provisions for violations of Dog Park rules.

According to the legislation, the new rules will relax license provisions and make the Dog Park, located on Washington Park Blvd., more accessible to a greater number of residents. Penalty provisions are included in the amended ordinance to more effectively enforce the

Dog Park's rules and regulations.

Whoever violates any of the rules and regulations established for the Dog Park is guilty of a minor misdemeanor for a first offense; for each subsequent offense such person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

Also passed was legislation allowing paid administrative leave for part-time first responders in limited circumstances during the COVID-19 pandemic.

A change order was approved with Fabrizi Trucking & Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$33,550 for replacement of certain water service lines in connection with the E. 42nd Street Sewer Separation Project.

A resolution canceling the regularly scheduled council meetings on April 21 and May 19, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, was also okayed.

A first reading was held for a resolution expressing support for the Crown Act (Creating a Respectful and Open Workplace for Natural Hair). The bill calls for the Ohio General Assembly to introduce and pass legislation creating statewide protections and prohibiting discrimination based on hair style or texture within workplaces and K-12 public and charter schools.

Section of Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath closed for repairs

The National Park Service has closed a section of the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail, between Canal Explo-

ration Center and Frazee House in Valley View, from now through Friday. Contractors will be repairing the Tinker's Creek aqueduct bridge decking and stone retaining walls. No detour is available. The closure is necessary for public safety.

The trail will not be open during the evening this week, as originally announced. Workers discovered unforeseen damage to the bridge over Tinker's Creek, and will not be able to safely open the trail until it is repaired.


G.H. Civic Center

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- To enter into an agreement with Cuyahoga County to repair the slope located at 4909 Orchard Ave. Without intervention, the mayor said, the house on Orchard could end up in the nearby creek. The county is picking up the total cost of the repair.

- To enter into an agreement with the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District for police mutual aid.

- Passed for a second reading was an ordinance to issue and sell bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$3,475,000 for the purpose of refunding at a lower interest cost certain of the city's outstanding various purpose improvement refunding bonds, dated as of November 10, 2010.



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Kimberly Bobo, 11702 Lenacrave Ave., Cleveland, OH 44105, #313, 10x20, Ending at 1:00PM. Unit appears to contain: household furniture, lawn furniture, outdoor equipment, lamps, baskets, compressor, shelving units, notes, boxes, misc. items.

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Community police reports

Cleveland

Burglary/Theft

On Friday, April 17, police responded to the 7200 block of Irma Ave. for the theft of some household appliances. The victim stated that on April 12 she had discovered her washer and dryer missing from her basement. 4th District detectives requested to follow up.

Garfield Heights

Theft

The manager of CUI Property at 4889 NEO Parkway reported that on April 9, at 4:35 a.m., surveillance video showed a suspect entering a trailer on the lot and stealing a Stihl weed wacker and Stihl combo motor. Victim advised to forward video to Detective Bureau.

Felonious Assault

On Monday, April 20, at 4:19 p.m., police were dispatched to the area of E. 84 St. and Reed Ave. for multiple reports of gunshots. While enroute, they received a call from a resident in the 4900 block of Donovan stating that a man was hiding in the bushes, claiming to have been shot at. Officers located the man at Reed Ave. and E. 84 St. They proceeded to a large gathering of people in front of a home in the 4900 block of E. 84 St., and were approached by the homeowner who said she was in the house with three of her children when shots were fired in her driveway. A witness told police he saw a vehicle drive up to house, two parties get out and proceed to begin shooting at one of three men making a delivery at the

house, who police learned was the man who later was hiding in the bushes on Donovan. He could not provide any further information and was unsure why he appeared to have been targeted. No parties on scene were willing to provide a written statement at time of report.

Criminal Damaging

On Thursday, April 23, a woman residing in the 10300 block of Runnymede Ave., reported that sometime after midnight and 6 a.m., someone had broken her front door window, thrown eggs all over her front porch and taken some of her children's toys that had been outside.

Robbery

While officers were checking the area for a vehicle involved in a possible theft at a SaveALot on Friday, April 24, at 8:30 a.m., they were advised of a robbery attempt at the BP station at 11650 Granger Rd. which involved the same vehicle as the SaveALot incident. Police spotted the car coming toward them as they were driving southbound on Turney at McCracken. While the car was stopped at a red light on Turney at Vernon, police ordered the driver at gunpoint to shut off the vehicle and for he and his passenger to get out of the car. The driver complied but the passenger slid into the driver's seat and took off, fleeing eastbound on Vernon and lost control on Edgepark, striking a tree. He fled on foot but was overtaken by police and held in custody. The original driver said his passenger had wanted to steal steaks from SaveALot but failed to do so, and then had him drive him to the BP station where another foiled robbery attempt took place. Both suspects arrested and held on no bond for robbery.

Traffic Offense – Fleeing

On April 26, at about 4:37 a.m., a car was observed parked in a handicapped space at CVS, 11223 Granger Rd., with no visible parking placard. The driver ignored a police officer attempting to get his attention and took off westbound on Granger. The car's registered owner was found to have an active warrant for a weapons offense.

GHPD pursued the car and notified Valley View and Brooklyn Heights PD. BHPD implemented "stop sticks" as the car approached Granger Rd./Tuxedo Ave., which made contact with the front right tire and made it slowly lose air and come apart. Ohio State Patrol also joined in the pursuit. Ultimately the car lost its tire and came to a stop on Oak Park Ave.

Driver issued citations and taken to jail, charged with speeding, reckless operation, no seatbelt, fleeing and eluding and lanes of travel.

Assist Fire Department

On April 27, at 2:48 a.m., officers responded to the 12800 block of Grannis Ave. to assist GHFD with two vehicles on fire in a driveway, completely engulfed in flames. The fire was extinguished by GHFD and is currently under investigation by them. The fire did not appear to have spread to the two nearby residences.

Theft – Firearm

On April 29, victim told police he parked his car at a friend's house in the 4900 block of Donovan Dr. the day before, shortly before midnight. He returned to his car at 3:50 a.m., and found his Apple AirPods, wallet and handgun had been stolen.

Felonious Assault

On May 3, at about 12:30 a.m., police were dispatched to the 13900 block of Royal Blvd. for a report of shots fired. A witness said he, his mother and a friend were sitting on the side porch of his home when a white vehicle drove by and one of the occupants shot about 5 to 6 rounds from the vehicle.

Police found spent casings on the roadway and that bullets had struck the house to the right of where the persons had been sitting. Damage to the house was photographed and spent casings collected from the street. A fired bullet was also collected from the kitchen counter that had come through the side of the home.

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Bedford Council passes tax abatement bill for local firm

By Judith Goldsworth

Bedford Council passed several pieces of legislation at Monday night's meeting, live streamed on YouTube, including an ordinance to create a Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) agreement with APEC Holdings, a company already based in Bedford that plans to move its operations into the former Bedford YMCA building on Northfield Rd.

"This is a tax abatement proposal and agreement between the city and APEC," City Manager Mike Mallis said, explaining that the engineering firm was going to put "an expensive investment into that facility, well over half a million dollars," before moving their employees there.

The abatement is for 10 years at 75%, and with council's approval, presenting the agreement to the Bedford School District is the next step, Mallis said.

Also passed was an ordinance for a contract with Silco Fire and Safety for installation of security cameras and accompanying equipment on city buildings, at a cost of \$30,900.

"It will include the installation of new cameras at the firehouse, and we are upgrading our camera system in our municipal jail and interrogation room," as well as other areas, Mallis said.

An ordinance regarding the resurfacing of Forbes Rd. was also passed. The legislation states that the anticipated project cost is \$388,000, with the county contributing 50% of the cost, up to a maximum of \$194,000. Oakwood, a neighboring municipality which shares a portion of Forbes Rd. with Bedford, has chosen not to participate in the project this year, the ordinance states.

And okayed was legislation for a contract with PVS for liquid ferric chloride, which is used to treat water at the city's Wastewater Treatment Plant before it is released into the city's waterways. PVS's bid for the water treatment chemical came in at \$608 per dry ton, versus the next lowest bid, which was \$729 per dry ton, Mallis said.

On first, second reading

Three pieces of legislation regarding street lighting in the city, which appear on council's agenda for passage every year, were placed on second reading, as was an ordinance levying assessments for garbage collection,

recycling and disposal.

An ordinance to retain GPD Engineering Services for sanitary sewer flow metering was placed on first reading. Part of the process for the renewal of the EPA permit for the city's wastewater treatment plant requires the city to conduct a study "as it relates to bypasses and other measures taken down at the plant," Mallis said.

Cost of the analysis as proposed by GPD is \$88,800, according to the ordinance, which will be discussed by council before possible passage at a future meeting.

Council unanimously approved a motion to abide by the Zoning Board of Appeals decision to accept a variance on an existing ordinance that states a single family dwelling shall be limited to a maximum square footage of 30% of the lot area in a residentially zoned district, requested by Angelo Amato (Ang's Contractors, LLC) representing Barbara R. Bruno of 230 Paul St.

Announcements

The fire department has taken delivery of its newest vehicle, a rescue pumper; Kimble has reinstated its normal collection services after several weeks and is once again picking up bulk items; and 50 trees have been planted in the city, paid for through a Cuyahoga County grant, Mallis said.

He noted that city buildings will remain closed at least until June 1, as government restrictions caused by the coronavirus continue.

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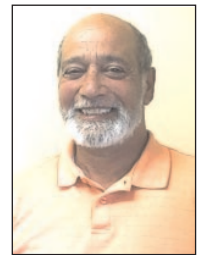
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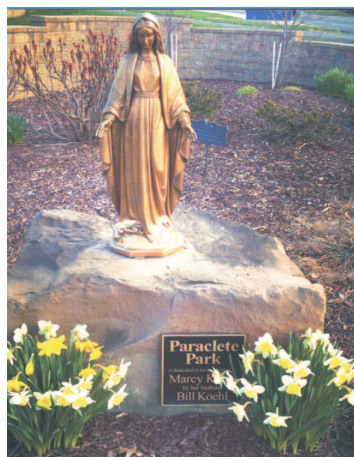
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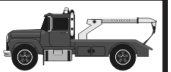
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The person must say this prayer for 3 consecutive days, after 3 days the favor will be granted even if it may appear difficult. This prayer must be published immediately after the favor is granted without mentioning the favor. Only your initials should appear at the bottom.

D.D.

NOVENA TO SACRED HEART

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

D.D.

May *Grab and Go* schedule for G.H. schools

Since the beginning of the statewide ordered school closure period, the Garfield Heights City Schools' food services operation has been providing meals to students in the community.

Please be advised that throughout the month of May, the GHCS will still be offering meals twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. at both Garfield Heights High School and Middle School.

These dates include **May 7th, 12th, 14th, 19th, 21st, 26th and 28th.**

On these days, students will receive two breakfasts and two lunches per child, one for the current day and one for the next day.

Pickup will still be curbside, so everyone should remain in their cars. Pull up to the front main doors of each school and someone will be there to help you.

RUTH VACCHER

Mom, Grammy

It has been 9 years since you became an angel. There is not a day that goes by that we don't thank God for all the memories that we have of both you and Dad. Happy Mother's Day, Mom. You will always be the most wonderful Mother and Grammy. We wish you were both here to celebrate your day. I truly miss our mother/daughter good times together.

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Death Notices

PATRICIA ANN BURKE (LAMBUS), at the age of 87, entered into eternal rest on Sunday, April 26, 2020 in Cuyahoga Heights, Ohio.

Patricia was born in Wheeling, West Virginia on February 16, 1933. She is preceded in death by husband Robert V. Burke, Sr. (deceased). Daughter of Elwood Lambus and Marcella (Prettyman) Lambus (deceased). Sister of Elizabeth (Edward DeTemple) (deceased), Robert Lambus (deceased), survived by sister Kathrine (Paul Ike Comer). Beloved mother of Robert, Jr. (Janet), Elwood (Joann), Constance (Jack), Richard (Cindy), Ronald (Nancy), Lawrence (Joyce), Cheryl, Douglas, William, Carolyn, Timothy. Grandmother of (23) grandchildren, (26) great-grandchildren, (2) great-great grandchildren. Patricia also adored her dogs Dolly and Sheba (deceased).

Patricia was a graduate of Wheeling High School where she was a cheerleader and majorette. She was an avid cook and worked at Karb's Tavern for 35+ years. She was a caregiver for many people, enjoyed her ice cream, potato chips, and Pepsi. She was a diehard sports fan and her favorite sports teams were the West Virginia Mountaineers and the Pittsburgh Steelers. She played sports with all her children and went to their games at Morgana Park. She accepted the Lord in the late '90s at a "Heavens Gates and Hells Flames" drama play. She enjoyed her scratch-off crosswords, and decorating her home for every holiday (from top to bottom) filled her heart with immense joy.

The family held a private service at Komorowski Funeral Home, 4105 East 71st Street, Cleveland, Ohio on Saturday, May 2, 2020. At a later date, Patricia Ann Burke will be transported to Greenwood Cemetery in Wheeling, West Virginia. The family suggests contributions to The Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington D.C. 20090-6011.

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