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Alternatives to temporary lack of recycling in Cleve.

By Cleveland Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli

The city of Cleveland currently does not have a vendor for recycling material and has contracted with a consultant to review our entire waste and recycling programs. The city will continue to pick up all waste containers while this review process is taking place, but they are not recycling at this time.

I recommend residents and businesses take their paper and cardboard to drop off locations such as those at St. Stan's, Holy Name, St. John Nepomucene and the Neighborhood Leadership institution. More locations can be found on the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District's website: cuyahogarecycles.org. All metals can be taken to local scrapyards such as Broadway Scrap Metals and others.

Please be sure to place all your waste in one container and use your recycling container for additional waste if needed. Do not leave anything other than bagged yard waste outside your containers. Until Bulk Pickup is reinstated, you can take your bulk directly to the Ridge Road Transfer station at 3727 Ridge Rd. The city also has free document shredding as well as annual computer and tire roundups. Please go to city.cleveland.oh.us or call 216-664-2000 for more information on the Ridge Road or Carnegie Road drop off and shredding stations.

Special G.H. Council meeting today via telephone conferencing

There will be a special meeting of Garfield Heights Council today, Wednesday, May 20, at 6 p.m. Due to the current COVID-19 outbreak, this special meeting will be held via telephone conference which may be accessed by calling 978-990-5000, and entering access code: 530352#. The public is welcome to attend the telephone conference.

N.N. office closed for Memorial Day

The Neighborhood News office at 8613 Garfield Blvd. in Garfield Heights will be closed this Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.

Deadlines for advertising and news items for next Wednesday's edition will be extended until 12 noon on Tuesday, May 26.

The staff and management wish all our readers a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend. It will be a different kind of holiday this year without parades and large gatherings. But we join with veterans' organizations everywhere in asking everyone to pause to remember those who gave their lives defending this great country. And a prayer for those who have lost their lives to the coronavirus and the heroes who continue the fight against it every day.

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Monday, May 25th Memorial Day observances

Bedford

Bedford's traditional Memorial Day Parade and other observances have been canceled this year due to the pandemic, but the city is still going ahead with a virtual observance honoring veterans to be held online with the assistance of the Bedford Downtown Alliance.

A virtual Memorial Day Parade will be held, and anyone interested in participating can sign up for a time slot where a videographer will tape a message from you and send it to the virtual parade. Videos will be recorded outside, and social distancing guidelines should be observed. Residents could also send their messages to the BDA.

Find more information on the tribute at bedforddowntown.org.

Garfield Heights

The Garfield Heights Veterans Memorial located at the Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd., remains open to the public. There will be no formal Garfield Heights Memorial Day service or parade on Monday, May 25, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Visitors to the Veterans Memorial are asked to respect social distance guidelines. Residents can show respect for deceased military veterans by flying U.S. flags at their homes or organizing a neighborhood sidewalk parade, said Garfield Heights officials.

Independence

On Memorial Day, the city of Independence will have an abridged service on the Public Square starting at 9:30 a.m. There will be limited seating and social distancing. This year there will not be a procession to Maple Shade Cemetery, but as is tradition, flags will mark the graves of all who served.

Mayor Gregory Kurtz will pay tribute to 10 Independence residents who died in service to this nation. One of the soldiers served during the Civil War, three in Vietnam and six in WWII. Their names are inscribed on the Soldiers Memorial, and their Hometown Hero banners will be displayed every year on the Square.

Maple Heights

Due to the coronavirus and the health and safety of everyone, the Maple Heights Memorial Day Association has decided to cancel this year's parade and memorial services. Members ask that on Monday, May 25, you pause to remember the service men and women who gave their lives defending and protecting our country.

And offer a big "thank you" to all the first responders and others who are risking their lives during this pandemic trying to save the lives of others. "Those are the true heroes and we salute you," said association chairman Al Glontz.

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Valley View faces projected loss of \$1 million in revenue; striving to minimize effects on services

In a statement issued by Valley View Mayor Jerry Piasecki at the May 5 meeting of council, he announced that the village is facing reduced income tax receipts "which is going to strain our operations and funding of our programs, project plans and services."

He said Valley View loss-of-income tax estimates from the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) is approximately \$1 million.

"I want to assure residents," he said, "that we are committed to minimizing any effects on services to residents."

Piasecki said that the village's police, fire, service, finance, building and recreation departments have been working together to ensure the safety and well-being of the general public and their efforts "will certainly pay off as we move forward. I'm certain our village will be successful at stabilizing our services."

The mayor pointed out, however, that there have been layoffs in the service department and "due to a shortfall

of manpower, we cannot effectively proceed with a mowing program unless council approves overtime expenditures."

Ordinances approved by council at the May meeting included one to close the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program 2016 Fund and transfer any money left in the fund to the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program 2018 Fund.

Also passed was a bill to enter into an amended agreement with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District for local cost sharing as part of the Hazard Mitigation Grant program in the village.

An amount not to exceed \$10,000, as requested by Mayor Piasecki, was okayed for a Home Days event. Councilman Dan Westfall asked if Home Days had been postponed or canceled to which the mayor replied that he is trying to move the event to a September hayride.

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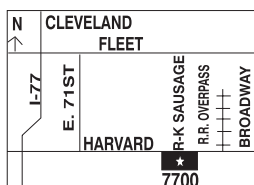
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The Rock Community Church, located at 9403 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Heights, will be having a special food pantry distribution for **any zip code** on **Saturday, May 30 from 10am-noon**. Those walking also need to queue in car line.

Our regular pantry for Garfield Heights residents only on the third Saturday of each month (next June 20) from 8-11am will still be held.

All food distributions will be drive-through only till further notice.

American Red Cross blood donor opportunities

As COVID-19 continues to affect everyday life, people may not be thinking about blood donation. But blood and platelets are needed daily to help patients battling disease and facing the unexpected. Donating blood is an easy way to care for each other and ensure hospitals have the blood products patients rely on.

As a thank-you for helping ensure a stable blood supply, all who come to give blood or platelets May 15-31 will receive a special Red Cross "We're all in this together" t-shirt, by mail, while supplies last. Donors must have a valid email address on file to claim their t-shirt.

Upcoming May blood donation opportunities:

Garfield Heights

5/30/2020: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Everlasting Covenant Ministries, 6060 Turney Road

Independence

5/27/2020: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., Elmwood Recreation Center, 6200 W. Pete Wisniewski Parkway

Hydrant flushing in G.H.

On Monday, June 1, the Garfield Heights Fire Department will begin the annual flushing and inspection of the 1,300 fire hydrants in the city. The work will be performed Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., depending on the weather, and should take about eight weeks to complete.

The work will begin in Ward 1 and end in Ward 7.

Some residents may experience rusty water, which is normal. Residents are encouraged to check to see if their water is rusty before drinking, doing laundry or using it

to cook. If it is rusty, do not use any water, including flushing toilets, for one hour. After an hour, start at the lowest level of the home (laundry tub) and turn on cold water until it runs clear. Turn water off and proceed to the next level of the home and follow the same steps until each level flows clear.

Should you have any questions, please call Sandy at the Garfield Heights Fire Department, 216-475-4053.

Help for small businesses

Cuyahoga County is continuing to work with partners from across the region to deploy over \$6 million through a Small Business Stabilization Fund, comprised of loans and grants to support small, neighborhood-based businesses that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. To date, the National Development Council (NDC), one of the county's key small business assistance partners, has approved and funded over \$2 million in Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans to 21 businesses in the Cuyahoga County.

The PPP is a loan designed to provide a direct incentive

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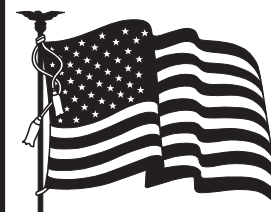
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for small businesses to keep their workers on the payroll. Each PPP loan is made by Small Business Administration (SBA) lenders, including NDC's Grow America Fund. The SBA will forgive loans if all employees are kept on the payroll for eight weeks and the money is used for payroll, rent, mortgage interest or utilities.

Any small business can apply for PPP funds through their regular bank of business or a community serving lender, such as National Development Council. Applicants can apply for NDC PPP funds at ndconline.org/ppp/.



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List of Meetings for June 2020

Monday, June 1, 2020	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 8:00p.m.
Tuesday, June 2, 2020	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00p.m.
Wednesday, June 10, 2020	Southeast Area Law Enforcement (SEALE) Board of Trustees Meeting (if needed) Work Session - 10:00a.m. Regular Meeting - 12:00p.m.
Monday, June 15, 2020	Council Summer Session - No Meeting
Tuesday, June 16, 2020	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00p.m.
Tuesday, June 23, 2020	Board of Zoning Appeals (if needed) Work Session - 6:30p.m. Regular Meeting - 7:00p.m.

It should also be noted that the Board of Building Standards and Appeals, Civil Service Commission, Bedford Arts and Cultural Board, Bedford Historical Preservation Board, Assessment Equalization Board, Public Hearings, Planning Commission, Animal Appeals Board, Board of Zoning Appeals and Tree Board meet as needed. Notification of these meetings will be posted at the five most public places in the City per Ordinance No. 8461-09.

All Meetings will be held at Bedford City Hall, 165 Center Road, Bedford, Ohio 44146. For agendas please go to www.bedfordoh.gov or call the Clerk of Council, at 440-735-6510.

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Cuy. Hts. Council update

The Village of Cuyahoga Heights Council met last Wednesday, May 13, and passed the following legislation:

- Memorial resolutions for Patricia Ann Burke and Constance Angiocchi;
- Authorizing a change of scope for the Bacci Park Trail Phase 4 Willowbrook Connector;
- Authorizing change orders regarding the pass through agreement between the city of Cleveland and Anthony Allega Cement contractor;

Memorial Day ... A day that is set aside to remember with gratitude all those who served and died for our freedom. May your day be filled with memories and peace.

Mayor Annette M. Blackwell
City of Maple Heights



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Cleveland City Councilman
Tony Brancatelli



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Prayer for Memorial Day

God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride.

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Amen

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- Authorizing a change order for the Willowbrook Connector Slope Stability Analysis;
- Executing a 2020 Master Cooperation Agreement for preventative maintenance services with Cuyahoga County;
- Changing the scope of the Canal Road Pavement Reconstruction Project;
- Resolution affirming that any payments pursuant to the Ohio General Assembly made to the village will be expended consistent with the requirements of Section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act.

Laws of the Land in Garfield Heights

Do you live in Garfield Heights and have a question about its ordinances - what may or may not be legal in any given circumstance? This column will answer your questions with the help of members of Garfield Heights City Council.


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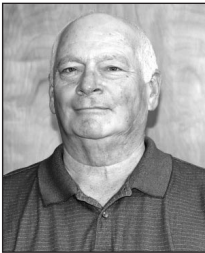
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Mayor Vic
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Memorial Day

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Answer – Professional lawn service operators shall be responsible for cleaning up all cuttings, trimmings, soil and similar debris that accumulates on the sidewalks, driveways and streets of the area in which the work was performed.

When parking on the street, professional lawn service operators shall park any and all vehicles in the proper direction without blocking any driveways or sidewalks other than the customer's.

Each professional lawn service operator shall apply for a license to contract for business in the city. The application shall contain the name, address and principal place of business or office of the applicant, together with a statement as to length of time in business, general experience or knowledge of the applicant, and proof of current liability insurance.

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Courts starting to reopen in Bedford, officials state at council meeting

By Judith Goldsworth

The Bedford Municipal Court system and some businesses are now open in the city, Bedford City Manager Mike Mallis, Mayor Stan Koci and other city officials stated at the Bedford council meeting Monday night, held via video teleconference.

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine has announced some openings of restaurants and other businesses in the state after two months of social distancing guidelines implemented in March in the wake of the coronavirus crisis. Bedford is implementing some of its own reopenings, but with an abundance of caution, officials reported.

"The courts are now starting to reopen; they're not at full capacity, but we are back to pretty much normal and they are taking precautions to keep everyone safe," Law Director John Montello stated.

Mallis stated that municipal buildings were still closed but City Hall is tentatively scheduled to reopen on June 1. Check the city's website and social media outlets for more information.

The Sunoco station on Turney Road has reopened, and the relocated Mazda dealership has opened in a brand new facility in the Northfield-Rockside area of the city, Mallis said.

The city's staff has remained busy in the midst of the coronavirus situation, Mallis stated, as the Recreation Department has applied for a grant through AARP for improvements to the Ellenwood Recreation Center and programming, and Jennifer Kuzma of the city's Economic Development Department had applied for a large grant through the Office of Criminal Justice Services for future cleaning supplies and other items to keep the city's facilities safe.

Legislation passed

Also related to the coronavirus situation and its continuing effects on the community, council passed an ordinance at the meeting to obtain funding from the state of

Ohio to get a share of the nearly \$1.2 billion of federal financial aid to Ohio's local governments having populations with fewer than 500,000 residents, as provided by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

Funding to be distributed will be based on the proportion of the Local Government Fund revenue allocated to the city in 2019, and is estimated to be approximately \$385,000, according to the ordinance.

"There's nothing finalized yet, and it does not mean that we're getting any dollars," Mallis said. "But based on the mechanism, we would receive our monthly allocation for what appears to be March, April and May, and that could equate to about \$50,000 to \$60,000 that would have to be spent on COVID-related items, such as cleaning supplies and things of that nature."

After readings at previous meetings, council passed three pieces of legislation to proceed with the lighting improvements in the city and to levy special assessments to pay for it. The levy millage was stated at 1.5 mills, down from the previous amount of 1.6 mills, Finance Director Frank Gambosi stated.

Also passed was an ordinance to levy assessments for expenses of garbage and refuse collection, recycling and disposal in the city during tax year 2020, to be collected in 2021, and this will remain at \$14 per month per household, Gambosi said.

Council passed a resolution approving the proposed 2020 tax budget for January 1 through Dec. 31, 2021, after a public hearing was held prior to Monday's council meeting. Also passed was a resolution requesting that the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer advance taxes from the proceeds of the tax levies for 2020, to be collected in 2021.

An ordinance for a proposal between Mallis and GPD Group, for professional engineering services for sanitary sewer flow metering, at a cost of \$88,800, was approved, as was legislation for a contract with Citizen Serve for subscriptions, training and implementation of software

for the city's Building Department at a cost of \$26,800.

The city will sell its 2000 FL50 Horton Ambulance to Life Care ambulance for \$25,000, according to legislation passed by council, after determining it was "surplus property" when the city bought a new one recently. The city will get more out of the direct sale versus a trade-in, which would have yielded \$12,000 to \$15,000, Mallis stated.

Council passed a resolution for a formal mutual aid agreement between Bedford's police department and the Metroparks police, although this agreement has existed for years, Mallis stated.

And council also passed legislation for Mallis to enter into a Master Cooperation Agreement with the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works, which states: "...the municipality will be reimbursed by the county for performing the following preventive maintenance activities on county roadways... pavement resurfacing, base repairs, curb replacement/repairs, curb ramp repairs, rebuilding of catch basins/manholes, striping, crack sealing, joint repair and other similar maintenance activities."

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Barbecued Beef Brisket

- BRISKET:
- SAUCE:
- 1½ T. seasoning salt

1½ T. pepper

1½ tsp. paprika

1 6-lb. beef brisket

2 cups vegetable oil

2 cups cider vinegar

½ cup Worcestershire sauce

2 bay leaves, crumbled
- 4 cups catsup

1 cup cider vinegar

1 cup Worcestershire sauce

1 medium onion, grated

½ cup butter or margarine

2 T. seasoning salt

2 T. brown sugar

1 T. chili powder

1 T. pepper, 1 bay leaf

Combine salt, pepper and paprika; rub into brisket. Place brisket in shallow container. Combine oil, vinegar, Worcestershire sauce, and bay leaves; pour over brisket. Cover, refrigerate 8 hours, turning occasionally. Place 2 pieces of oak, each the length of the grill, at front and back of grill. Place charcoal in middle. Start fire; let burn until coals are white. Remove brisket from marinade, reserving marinade. Rake coals to one end of grill; place brisket at opposite end. Cover with lid; cook over indirect heat 3 1/2 to 4 hours or until tender, basting with marinade every 30 minutes. To make sauce, combine catsup,

vinegar, Worcestershire sauce, onion, butter, salt, sugar, chili powder, pepper and bay leaf in saucepan; bring to boil, stirring occasionally. Remove bay leaf. Coat both sides of brisket with sauce at beginning of last hour of cooking. Continue to cook until tender, basting only top of brisket with sauce. Serve brisket with sauce.

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Bucky's Barbecued Ribs

- 2 slabs baby back pork ribs
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- ½ tsp. hickory smoke seasoning
- Your favorite barbecue sauce

Place ribs in baking pan. Season with lemon pepper and parsley. Put about 1-inch water in bottom of pan and add hickory smoke seasoning to water. Cover with foil and bake at 350-degrees for 3 hours. Remove meat from pan and place over hot coals. Baste with barbecue sauce and cook about 4 minutes. Turn, baste with sauce and cook other side 4 minutes longer. Makes 4-6 servings.

Charlotte Twaro, Garfield Heights

Apricot Mustard Glazed
Chicken Breasts

- 1/3 cup Grey Poupon Honey Mustard or Grey Poupon
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- 3 T. apricot preserves
- 1 tsp. ground ginger
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves, about 1 lb.
- Blend mustard, apricot preserves and ginger. Brush some of the mustard mixture over chicken. Grill or broil chicken, brushing with remaining mustard mixture frequently until done.

Maryann Westbrook
Parma

Cajun Rub

- ¼ cup paprika
- 1 T. salt
- 1 T. garlic powder
- 1 T. onion powder
- 1 T. dried thyme leaves
- 1 T. dried oregano
- 1 T. black pepper
- 2 tsp. white pepper
- 1 tsp. cayenne pepper
- 1 tsp. ground bay leaf

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1/8 tsp. nutmeg

1/8 tsp. celery salt

Dash coriander

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Beat egg; add oil and beat again. Add remaining ingredients and stir. If using whole wings, cut in half at the joint and remove tip section (good to save for soup stock). Drain thoroughly and marinate wings in sauce. Place wings in shallow roasting pan or jellyroll pan; cook at 500-degrees until done, 15-30 minutes. Turn from time to time and brush with sauce. Wings can also be cooked on the grill. Just keep turning and brushing with sauce. Serve with celery sticks and blue cheese (or ranch) dressing

Maureen McKenzie
Aurora, Ohio

Barbecue Sauce

1 med. onion, minced

1 T. margarine

2 cups catsup

2 cups water

6 T. brown sugar

4 T. vinegar

1 T. yellow mustard

Saute onion in margarine until soft. Add catsup, water, sugar, vinegar and mustard and simmer for one half hour, uncovered.

Evelyn Klouda
Garfield Heights

Best Cake Brownies

1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened

1 cup sugar

4 eggs

1 can (16 oz.) chocolate syrup (1 1/2 cups)

1 tsp. Vanilla

1 cup all-purpose flour

1/2 tsp. Salt

GLAZE:

1 cup sugar

1/3 cup butter or margarine

1/3 cup milk

2/3 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

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In a mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add the eggs one at a time, beating after each addition. Beat in chocolate syrup and vanilla. Add the flour and salt until blended. Pour into a greased 15x10x1-inch baking pan. Bake at 350-degrees for 20 to 25 minutes until toothpick inserted in middle comes out clean. Top of brownies will appear wet. Cool 15 to 20 minutes.

To make glaze: In a small saucepan, combine sugar, butter and milk, bring to a boil; boil until sugar is dissolved. Remove from heat; stir in chips and marshmallows until melted. Pour over brownies and spread evenly. Refrigerate for 5 minutes before cutting.

June E. Nemec
Garfield Heights

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Police were dispatched to a home in the 8500 block of Grand Division Ave. on May 8, and talked to a man who reported that he had left his home between May 6, at 2 p.m., and May 7, at 11 p.m., when he had come home and gone to bed. When he awoke the morning of May 8, he found a spent slug on the floor. He then noticed plaster on the floor and observed a bullet hole in the wall. 4th District detectives requested to follow up.

Assault

On May 8, at 4:30 a.m., a woman in the 8000 block of Force Ave. said she was “jumped” by her neighbor and her neighbor’s mother and punched in the head and chest. She received minor injuries.

Police advised victim to the prosecutor’s office.

Garfield Heights

Robbery

Officer met victim, a 25-year-old man, at the station who reported that on Sunday, May 10, at 10 a.m., he left the Family Dollar on Turney Road, and two men followed him as he was walking to his Rockside Rd. home. He became nervous while in the parking lot of Walgreens at Turney and Rockside rds., so he began to run because the two men were getting closer. The victim was then grabbed from behind by one of the men, who told him to “give up his stuff.” They began to beat him about the head and went through his pockets, stealing \$70 in cash and his cell

phone. The robbery took place in the driveway between Arby’s and Walgreens. The suspects then fled in an unknown direction. Security footage at the Family Dollar shows the victim exiting the store and the two men several seconds behind him. Both suspects were black males wearing hoodies and appearing to be between 18- and 20-years of age. Victim advised to contact the Youth Bureau.

Felonious Assault

Shortly before 5 p.m. on May 11, police responded to the area of E. 135 St. and Rockside for a report of shots fired. Dispatch said an older model red Buick was shooting at a grey Chevy Cobalt. Officers located .45 caliber shell casings in the area of E. 135 St. and Littleton. One of the bullets had struck a house on Littleton. An anonymous caller let dispatchers know a grey vehicle had pulled into the backyard at a residence on Thraves. An officer checked the area and found a vehicle matching the description parked in a backyard at a home in the 13400 block of Thraves. There was no one inside the car, which had two broken windows and a bullet hole in the roof and three spent casings inside. The homeowner arrived back and told police the car had been her mother’s but she thought her grandson had sold it. The residence checked negative for anyone involved. Vehicle towed to sallyport.

Menacing

On May 11, about 9:15 p.m., officers responded to a home in the 8200 block of Crudele Dr. for a report of shots fired. Prior to their arrival, dispatch also noted a man had been stabbed, so GHFD was dispatched to the area as well. Officers talked to a woman who lives at the home who said her 14-year-old son had been stabbed. GHFD treated him for a cut on his right wrist. His mother told police that her son and a Donovan Dr. boy were fighting in her front yard. Her other two sons tried to break up the fight and sometime during the altercation the Donovan Dr. boy pulled out a knife and cut her son in the wrist. The fight then stopped. None of the parents wanted to pursue charges against the juveniles. There was no evidence that any shots were fired in connection with the incident.

Criminal Damage – Residence

Shortly before midnight on May 11, an elderly woman told police someone had thrown a large rock through the kitchen window of her home located in the 5600 block of Cumberland Dr. She was advised that GHPD units would check her residence throughout the night.

Breaking & Entering

• On May 15, officers responded to The Salvation Army store at 4972 Turney Rd., for a report of breaking and entering. The manager told police someone had entered the store between 11 a.m. on May 11, and 10:15 a.m. on May 13, and broke several gumball machines and a beverage machine looking for money. The manager advised officers the store had been closed for several weeks and contained nothing of value.

• On May 12, shortly after 2 a.m., GHPD arrived at The Rock Church on Garfield Blvd. for an alarm drop, and saw the north main doors slightly ajar. Officers requested assistance from Valley View Police to set up a perimeter. The interior was checked and was clear. A short time later the owners arrived and were able to access video surveillance. A man was seen wearing a pulled up hoodie and surgical mask entering the building through a window, walking across a hall and taking two bags of groceries. He exited through the north front doors and walked east on Garfield Blvd. carrying the two bags. Officers could not locate suspect. The same style incident happened on May 8. It appears the same person entered the building in both incidents.

• On May 13, about 4:15 p.m., a homeowner reported that someone entered his garage at his home in the 13300 block of Hathaway Rd. and stole a 26” yellow and blue bicycle.

Theft of a Motor Vehicle

On May 16, at about 1 p.m., a man reported that his girlfriend had driven his gold 2000 Buick Century to Marc’s in Garfield Commons and when she returned to the parking lot the car was gone. She had left the keys on the floor under the driver’s seat.

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Independence Council passes TIF legislation

Independence Council held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 12, and approved TIF legislation (Tax Increment Financing) for the Chestnut Woods Phase VI Incentive District. It also declared improvements to certain parcels of property in the incentive district to be a public purpose requiring owners of parcels within the district to make service payments in lieu of taxes and establishing Chestnut Woods Phase VI Municipal Public Improvement Tax Increment Equivalent Fund for the deposit of the service payments.

Under the Consent Agenda, the following bills were passed without opposition:

- Authorizing the continuity of compensation of regular wages to non-bargaining essential city employees due to the temporary and extraordinary circumstances involving the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Disposing of the city’s surplus goods and equipment through Govdeals online auction service;
- Extending the moratorium on all electronically changeable signs within the city of Independence through December 31, 2020;
- Approving the annual Appropriations ordinance;
- Granting a Temporary Accessory Use Permit in a U-6A District to allow The Cleveland Clinic to extend for another three years its use of eight rooms in the Courtyard by Marriott for sleep study programs;
- Entering into an agreement with Cleveland Clinic Atwork for the entire city fire department Wellness Evaluation Program for a three-year period beginning June 1, 2020, and ending May 31, 2023, in a total amount not to exceed \$45,000 for the three-year period. All 37 members of the fire department will be given annual medical exams and fitness evaluations under the program.
- Confirming the appointment of Mark Kwiatkowski, Sr. as a citizen member of the Civil Service Commission to

serve the unexpired term of a vacant position.

In other agenda items, an ordinance was passed on first reading authorizing the mayor to enter into an easement

agreement for highway purposes in connection with the Daisy Boulevard Road Improvements.

Placed on first reading was legislation to purchase property at 6248 Brecksville Rd., Independence, in an amount not to exceed \$137,500. Officials say the property in question is an eyesore and the building on it will be razed.



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