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From the Mayor's Desk

Collova decides not to seek another term as G.H. mayor

By Garfield Heights Mayor Vic Collova

Collaborating with staff and the many community partners committed to serving the city of Garfield Heights has been my pleasure since 2005, first as president of council and currently as mayor. Together, we faced and met numerous challenges.

Garfield Heights was in fiscal emergency when I first became mayor and with the help of city council, my administration, the police and fire department unions and AFSCME members, who all focused on the good of the community, we recovered. The City View Center project that had been in distress for years is now being rejuvenated to an office park.

The Bridgeview project still leaves a lot to be desired. Negotiating contracts with healthcare providers and our rubbish collector helped immensely with the city's finances. Due to the improved financial situation we were able to secure many grants and loans, resurface streets, make much needed improvements to our buildings and replace cars and equipment that had seen better days.

The ongoing COVID-19 virus outbreak has given me many concerns regarding the safety of our employees as well as the residents of our city. We have followed the scientists' and health organizations' guidelines and recommendations, and I feel we have put into action all of the protective suggestions provided to us.

My family has fully supported me during the entire time I have spent serving our community. Their sacrifices have included my missing family birthday parties, anniversary parties, grandchildren's soccer games, basketball games, award ceremonies, cheerleading events and concerts due to the obligations that I swore to uphold as a public servant.

After this term in office, I want time to sit back, relax, enjoy the events that I have been unable to attend with family and take care of my own health and well-being. Therefore, I am announcing that I will not seek reelection in 2021. Several current council members and some residents of the community have stated that if I didn't seek another term, they would run for mayor in 2021. I wish them all the best.

The remaining months that I have in office will be used to continue to uphold the oath that I took on the day that I was sworn in as mayor.

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Cuyahoga Hts. safety forces news

Congratulations and best wishes to Firefighter Randy Eliason, who retired from the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department after 34 years of service on August 17.

On Tuesday, Aug. 18, Mayor Jack M. Bacci administered the oath of office to Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department's newest firefighter, Nick Heintz. Heintz had been working for the village in a part-time capacity for the past five years.



Also, best wishes to Patrolman Jamie Lukas who retired on Aug. 18 after 20 years of service to the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department. He is pictured here advising radio that he was "10-42" (ending his tour of duty) for the last time as a CHPD officer.

Car jacking, police pursuit

Yesterday, Aug. 25, at 1:49 a.m., the Maple Heights Police Department responded to the 7-11 convenience store at 16303 Libby Rd., for a report of an armed robbery of a customer. When officers arrived they spoke with the 73-year-old male victim, who said a black male approached him at gunpoint, pulled him out of his vehicle, grabbed his key fob and took his car, a 2011 silver Buick Lacrosse.

Officers located the vehicle and a pursuit was initiated. It ended when the suspects crashed the vehicle into a cement median and then fled on foot. One of the suspects, a 16-year-old male, was apprehended and a gun was located. The second suspect, a male in his late teens to early 20s, was able to elude apprehension. The apprehended 16-year-old juvenile was transported to the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Center.

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.

Frank Wagner withdraws suit against city of Garfield Heights

By Ellen Psenicka

Most Garfield Heights residents who've lived in the city a while probably know of Frank Wagner. He was a former city council president and ran unsuccessfully for mayor against Vic Collova in 2009. He's also the resident who famously filed a lawsuit against the city in 2013 claiming his First Amendment rights were violated regarding a huge political sign he had in his yard. The city asked him to take down the sign because it was bigger than city ordinances allow. He took it down but eventually won his case.

Wagner filed another lawsuit in the Cuyahoga Court of Common Pleas earlier this month against the city of Garfield Heights, Mayor Vic Collova and Finance Director Barbara Biro regarding the legality of the mayor also serving as the city's safety director.

The position of safety director for the city of Garfield Heights had been abolished in 1990. Mayor Collova had been performing the duties of safety director without

additional pay when he became mayor in November 2009 and all his subsequent years in office until council brought back the position in Garfield Heights at a meeting on Dec. 11, 2017. Council named Collova to the newly reinstated position and he was authorized a minimal wage to perform the duties of his added title.

Wagner's lawsuit filed with the court points out Section 32 of the Garfield Heights charter which states in part:

"The Mayor... shall not hold any other public office or public employment except that of Notary Public or a member of the State Militia, or the Reserve Corps of the United States or a member of various Boards and Commissions with the approval of Council, and shall not be interested in the profits or emoluments of any contract, job, work or service with or for the Municipality... If the Mayor shall cease to possess any of these qualifications..., his office shall immediately become vacant."

Wagner's lawsuit claimed that at the point at which Collova became safety director, he could no longer serve as mayor.

After the suit was filed, Garfield Heights Council, at its Monday, Aug. 12, 2020 meeting, passed a bill that repealed the 2017 ordinance that reinstated the position of safety director and appointed the mayor to the position with an added salary.

The city's law department advised that appointing the mayor as safety director was inappropriate to the Garfield Heights Charter, and, therefore, the legislation was void from its inception.

In the city's motion to the court to dismiss the case, one of the reasons stated to dismiss was that "because

the Garfield Heights City Council has retroactively repealed the ordinance Wagner complains of, his prospective claims for declaratory and injunctive relief are moot and this case presents no justifiable controversy for resolution."

Yesterday morning this reporter spoke with Garfield Heights Law Director Tim Riley, who commented on prospects for the case. "We believe it will be worked out and that the city has taken the appropriate action," referring to council's repeal of the bill making Mayor Collova safety director.

By yesterday afternoon, Riley said Wagner had agreed to dismiss the case, although in a conversation with Wagner yesterday morning, he told this reporter his intention to do so.

"Mission accomplished," said Wagner. He said the city had corrected the legislation making Collova safety director and added those duties to those of his mayoral duties with no further compensation. He said that's all he wanted, the city's charter to be followed.

Happy 85th!!

Bob Halan, a longtime resident of Maple Heights, celebrated his 85th birthday yesterday, Aug. 25, with his new friends at the Arbors at Streetsboro, where he is currently convalescing.

One of Bob's claims to fame has been spreading holiday joy for over 63 years playing Santa Claus at churches, schools, nursing homes and hospitals, but last Christmas was forced to pass his Santa gear down to the next generation.

His many friends congratulate Bob on another birthday and wish him many more.

Reader's CHOICE RECIPES

Try these delicious recipes taken from "The Neighborhood News 80th Anniversary Cookbook"

BEST EVER SWEDISH MEATBALLS

1 lb. each, ground veal, pork & beef
4 eggs, slightly beaten
1 grated onion
1 grated green pepper
1 cup bread crumbs
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. pepper
extra bread crumbs with parmesan cheese

1 can mushroom soup
1 can beef gravy
1 can water

Combine meat, eggs, onion, green pepper, bread crumbs, salt and pepper and form into 1-inch balls. Roll each ball in additional bread crumbs and parmesan cheese. Brown in oil. Put meatballs into a crockpot. Combine soup, gravy and water and pour over meatballs. Bake on low in crockpot 6 to 8 hours.

Karen Niemczura
Garfield Heights

CRAZY BEANS

1 med. can pork & beans
1 can hot chili beans
1 can yellow cut wax beans
1 can cut green beans
1 can kidney beans, drained
1 can lima beans, drained
1 lb. pork sausage, fried and drained
1 cup brown sugar
1 can tomato soup
½ cup barbecue sauce

TOPPING:

1 lg. can tomato paste
Bacon slices
French fried onions

Mix all ingredients except topping ingredients in large roaster and cover with tomato paste, bacon slices and fried onions, to taste. Bake at 325 to 350-degrees for about 1 1/2 hours.

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Tinita Tillman
Finance Director
Maple Heights, Ohio

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Tenants sought for office park at old City View site in Garfield



Work progresses at the now defunct City View Center in Garfield Heights, as plans for the new development to house future office space under the name "Highland Park" begins to take shape.

Garfield Heights Mayor Vic Collova said asphalt at the business park has been laid, facade alternations on the existing buildings are underway, the electrical cleaned up, and owner Industrial Commercial Properties LLC (ICP) of Solon is actively seeking tenants for space in the buildings, which once housed a Wal-Mart, PetSmart, Jo-Ann Fabrics, Dick's Sporting Goods and Bed Bath & Beyond, among other big box retailers.

Giant Eagle, the only store remaining from the City View days, will stay where they are.

It was reported by [cleveland.com](#) earlier this year that ICP formed a joint venture to develop the property with local attorney George Simon, who bought the distressed debt on City View in August 2017.

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Cathleen Nagorski
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Community police reports

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Criminal Damaging

A woman reported to police that her 2003 Chevy Tahoe had been towed to Slavic Village Automotive, 7772 Broadway Ave., the evening of Aug. 13, and in the morning an employee found that the driver's side window was broken

out. The victim stated the only thing of value stolen was a Pioneer radio valued at \$250.

Grand Theft Motor Vehicle

On Saturday, Aug. 8, shortly before midnight, a woman from Columbus visiting her mother in the 4500 block of Turney Rd., filed a report on her stolen car. She told police she parked the car about 3 p.m. in front of her mother's home, and when she came outside at 5 p.m. her car was gone. Victim said she had her keys on her but there was an extra set inside the glove compartment of her vehicle.

Arson

On Wednesday, Aug. 12, at about 11:50 p.m., police were asked by CFD to investigate a structure fire they were called to at 6100 Heisley Ave. Upon their arrival, police were told by a fire official that a five-gallon red plastic can was found on the rear porch with fire damage to the southwest exterior corner of the first floor porch. Fire examination revealed that the four-unit vacant structure was intentionally set on fire by persons unknown using a flammable liquid. There were no suspects or witnesses.

Fire/Arson Unit will handle.

Burglary

On Saturday, Aug. 15, at 1:27 a.m., police were called to a home in the 7700 block of Rosewood Ave. on a report that a female had broken into the house through a window. Earlier in the evening, at 9:46 p.m. Aug. 14, police had been called to the same house for an incident that saw the woman escorted off the property after being told by officers not to come back or she would be arrested for trespassing. She did come back, however, allegedly broke the first floor window and pushed an air conditioner in and entered the home. The homeowner provided police paperwork that said the suspect was not supposed to be anywhere near his house from a previous incident. She was arrested for burglary. On her way to county jail, the suspect became angry and complained of chest pains. She was taken to St. Vincent Charity Hospital, where she refused all treatment and was booked and housed without further incident.

Shots Fired

On Aug. 24, shortly after midnight, police received multiple calls reporting shots fired in the 7800 block of Worley Ave. One caller said multiple shots were fired, another said they sounded close by, another heard 10 or more shots, another said there were too many to count. No one reported seeing anything. Officers toured the area but said it was quiet upon arrival.

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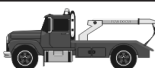
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Community police reports

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GARFIELD HEIGHTS

Suspicious Package

On Aug. 18, at 3:27 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 4800 block of Osborn Rd. Complainant told police that about a half hour earlier he had observed a red bag covered in blood stuck to a tree with a butcher knife and saw flies on the outside of the package. The officer noted

an odor of decaying flesh. The Detective Bureau responded to the scene, unwrapped the package, but the item was not identifiable. It was transported to the Medical Examiner's office by the Detective Bureau. The item was identified as a cow's tongue. It was destroyed by the ME's office.

Theft-Shoplifting

On Aug. 19, officers followed up on a complaint from CVS on Granger Rd. at 1:35 p.m., that a woman had entered the store with a heavy-set male shortly before police arrived. The woman had put an unknown amount of various cough medicine products in a shopping cart and left the store without paying for the merchandise. Woman and man fled northbound on Turney Rd. in a later model blue Chevy S10.

Robbery

At 4:08 p.m. on Aug. 20, police responded to Turney Town Beverage for a report of a robbery. Employee said that as the store was being robbed she was able to exit the front door and run next door to Huntington Bank and have them call 911. Other employees at the beverage store told police two males had entered the store, walked past the registers, and one of them pulled out a black handgun and told everyone to get on the floor. The two men spoke what was believed to be Spanish. The man not holding the gun went outside and got in a black sedan parked in front of the store. The armed suspect asked for money and told an employee to empty the cash register into a plastic bag. Both suspects fled in the black sedan. Unknown amount of money stolen as of the time of the report. Area searched with negative results.

Felonious Assault

On Aug. 23, about 9:26 p.m., officers were dispatched to the area of Turney Rd. and Havana Rd. for a report of shots fired. While in route, police were notified that three

males had fled from a vehicle that was left in the middle of the intersection of Turney and Havana. Police found the vehicle unoccupied with its two front windows shot out. Officers were also notified that there was a victim of the shooting located near E. 130 St. They quickly found the victim, who had a gunshot wound on his left leg, on the porch of a home in the 13000 block of Littleton Ave., and applied a tourniquet. GHFD responded and transported the victim to MetroHealth Medical Center for treatment. Police spoke with the other two occupants of the vehicle, who said they were traveling east and approached the Turney Rd.-Havana Rd. intersection. While stopped at the stop sign and without warning, three males wearing all black approached the vehicle from the north on foot and without conversation opened fire on the vehicle. In fear the three men abandoned the car after traveling to the middle of the intersection and fled on foot to Littleton Ave. Detective Bureau to follow up.

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Boys & Girls Clubs will open doors to pupils who are learning virtually

Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Ohio will provide in-person help for kids in digital-only education environments by creating at least 11 school-day learning centers in Clubs across the region, including the 6114 Broadway Ave. location.

term risk from academic loss and even kids dropping out.”

Scott added, “We feel it is our duty to create a safe place for kids to connect digitally and to ease the burden on working parents.”

sites and reducing staff-to-member ratios. Scott said having kids and staff in buildings during the summer gave BGCNEO valuable insights into safety measures.

Jeff Scott, BGCNEO’s president and CEO, said the organization will open ClubSmart Learning Centers in Cleveland, Lorain County, Akron and Sandusky to help students once the school year begins in September. Each site will have laptop computers for the children and Internet access.



Learning will still be done virtually according to each school district’s curriculum. At the centers, Club staff members serving as adult proctors will help children complete their schoolwork and provide additional stress-relieving programs such as art, writing and athletics.

Scott said BGCNEO feels the centers can curb academic loss and bridge the digital divide.

“Our kids need our help,” he said. “The digital divide in Northeast Ohio puts so many of our kids and our families at a disadvantage. We understand there is risk in what we’re doing. We also know there is long-

He noted that Northeast Ohio is the fourth-worst connected region in the U.S.; in some neighborhoods, 70% of the households do not have broadband Internet access. More than a quarter of all households in the region are without Internet access.

Allen Smith, BGCNEO’s chief operating officer, said ClubSmart Learning Centers initially will be located at the Broadway, Saint Luke’s, King Kennedy and East Tech locations in Cleveland; at the Desich Family Campus, Elyria Middle, Southside Gardens and Westview Terrace Clubs in Lorain County; at Teen Center and Osborne Elementary in Sandusky; and at the Steve Wise Club in Akron.

Other sites could be added if funding can be found and operational requirements met.

Each site will have a socially distant setup with proctors, he said. Sites will have two Club proctors for every nine kids, along with two “roamers” and three people assigned to ensure social distancing. There will be also be a medical professional on hand at each ClubSmart location.

Smith said the ClubSmart Learning Centers will operate during the normal school day but the exact hours have not yet been determined.

BGCNEO closed all its Clubs when the pandemic hit in March. The organization reopened nine Clubs in June after establishing social distancing and cleaning protocols, lowering the maximum capacities at all

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Tuesday, September 8, 2020	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 9, 2020	Southeast Area Law Enforcement (SEALE) Board of Trustees Meeting (if needed) Work Session - 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting - 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 15, 2020	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Monday, September 21, 2020	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 22, 2020	Board of Zoning Appeals (if needed) Work Session - 6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.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.

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