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### Slavic Village VOTES: Community urges Neighborhood News owner passes away civic representation for Census, voting

5 Pop-Ups. 3 Days. Get counted. Register to vote. Request your mail in ballot. Win prizes throughout Ślavic Village during these five events for National Voter Registration Week, led by your neighbors in partnership with Slavic Village Development.

"Our civic representation - at the polls and on the Census - is critical. We encourage you to do your part," said SVD officials. "Plus there will be a raffle drawing for a  $T\dot{V}$ ! Tell a neighbor and see you there!"

#### Pop-Ups

Friday, Sept 18, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.: Neighborhood Pets Outreach & Resource Center University.

Saturday, Sept. 19, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.: Neighborhood Pets Outreach & Resource Center (3711 E. 65th St.)

**Saturday, Sept 19,** 12 – 3 p.m.: Elizabeth Baptist Church (6114 Francis Ave.)

**Sunday, Sept. 20,** 12 – 3 p.m.: A.B. Hart School (3900 E. 75th St.)

**Sunday, Sept. 20,** 4 - 7 p.m.: Daisy's Ice Cream (5614 Fleet Ave.)

### **COVID-19 testing at St. Therese**

 $Garfield\,Heights\,Council woman\,Shayla\,Davis\,is\,partnering\,with\,the\,Cuyahoga\,County$ Board of Health and MetroHealth to host COVID-19 Community Testing next Wednesday, Sept. 23, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at St. Therese Church, 5276 E. 105 St., Garfield Heights.

You must preregister to get tested at: https://ccbh-poi-testing.azurewebsites.net, Passcode: THERESE, or call 216-957-3939. Scheduling by phone is available by calling Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Slots are also available for up to 30 walk-

Testing will be provided by drive-thru or walk-up for individuals age 10 and older. Youth must have a guardian on site with them to receive testing.

### **Bedford Council passes bill for COVID-19** response, expenses

### By Judith Goldsworth

Bedford's response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and related expenses, including dedicated paramedic duty while responding to ambulance runs, were among related legislation passed by Bedford Council at its meeting last week.

Council passed an ordinance appropriating the city's coronavirus relief fund payment, received through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, and the state of Ohio.

Under H.B. 481, signed by Gov. Mike DeWine in June, Bedford was allocated a CARES Act payment of \$381,147.06. The ordinance passed last week states that the city expended "necessary costs" of \$381,962.75 to hire three paramedics for all three daily shifts every day since March 1, 2020, "substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency."

The costs also include sanitizing the ambulances at the beginning of every shift and after each service call, the personal protection equipment worn by the service personnel during their duties, and the "thorough decontamination" of each service member after each ambulance run.

Finance Director Frank Gambosi said that he worked with Law Director John Montello and outside counsel on the ordinance. "We have determined that we are looking to utilize the first responders and their costs associated to that, for substantially

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Michael Scott Psenicka, 54, was taken from us way too soon Monday evening as he passed away unexpectedly of

Mike was the third generation of Psenicka's to own The Neighborhood News, located in Garfield Heights, the weekly newspaper started by his grandfather in 1923, covering southeast Cleveland and suburbs with community news.

He was a graduate of Aurora High School, Cuyahoga Community College and studied business at Kent State

Mike met the love of his life in Elena Spitsak, and they were married in a beautiful fall ceremony at Mill Creek Falls in Slavic Village on Sweetest Day, Oct. 16, 2010.



He also inherited another family business, Maws Sauce, when his stepfather died and his mother passed down to Mike her now famous Maws recipe. He and Elena built up the barbecue sauce line to include a number of other sauces and rubs delivered all over northeastern Ohio.

Mike and Elena enjoyed sailing on Lake Erie, skiing in the winters and traveling across the country when their busy lives allowed.

Mike was a kind, generous man who was always the first to lend a helping hand to family, friends and complete strangers. He especially liked doing home renovation work and became quite skilled at all the talents that entailed.

Survivors include his wife, Elena, mother, Mary Ann Westbrook, stepmother Ellen Psenicka, brothers James C. and Brett G. Psenicka, uncle Ray Babinec (Bernadine), and aunt Geraldine Buchman, brother-in-law Larry Gordijenko and step-aunts Carol Schemmer, Jean Fries and Kim Schemmer, and various nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, James V. Psenicka, stepfather Rod Westbrook, uncle Milton Psenicka, aunt Sandra Psenicka, father-in-law Nikolai Spitsak and mother-inlaw Valentina and brother-in-law Grigori Spitsak.

Funeral services will be private, but a memorial service will be planned for a later date once the pandemic is over. Arrangements by Golubski-Deliberato Funeral Home of Garfield Heights. Burial in Evergreen Cemetery in Streetsboro, OH.

### Mayor Collova urges public to report anyone misusing firearms

### By Ellen Psenicka

In his report Monday evening at the regular meeting of Garfield Heights Council, Mayor Vic Collova decried the number of shootings and random acts of violence with guns in the city and asked the public to report to the Garfield Heights police any information on those perpetrating these crimes.

This has become a chronic problem in Garfield Heights and we will need everyone's help to put an end to it," Collova said.

The following legislation was passed unanimously at Monday's meeting:

- Applying for the Feeding America Grant through the Greater Cleveland Food Bank and to use funds for the purchase of a refrigerator for the Food Bank;
- Renewing an agreement with System 4 for the regular cleaning of the Garfield Heights Police Department/Civic Center;
  - Declaring the month of September to be Prostate Cancer Awareness Month;
- Accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor;
  - Requesting advance in tax settlement, as the city has done for the past several years.

### **Blood donor opportunities**

#### Cleveland

Sept. 30, 6 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dave McCall Union Hall, 3421 Independence Rd.

#### Independence

Sept. 21, 1 to 7 p.m., Independence Community Center, 6363 Selig Dr.

Sept. 24, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Holiday Inn Cleveland South, 6001 Rockside Rd.

Make an appointment to donate by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device. Blood drives are also essential in helping ensure blood is available for patients this winter. To learn more and sign up to host a blood drive this fall or winter, visit RedCrossBlood.org/HostADrive.

#### **Important COVID-19 info for donors**

The Red Cross is testing blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies. The test may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether they developed symptoms.



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Red Cross antibody tests will be helpful to identify individuals who have COVID-19 antibodies and may qualify to be convalescent plasma donors. Convalescent plasma is a type of blood donation collected from COVID-19 survivors that have antibodies that may help patients who are actively fighting the virus. Donors can expect to receive the results of their antibody test within 7 to 10 days through the Red Cross Blood Donor App or the donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org.

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The Red Cross is not testing donors to diagnose illness, referred to as a diagnostic test. To protect the health and safety of Red Cross staff and donors, it is important that individuals who do not feel well or believe they may be ill with COVID-19 postpone donation

### Cuy. Hts. Council update

The Village of Cuyahoga Heights met last Wednesday, Sept. 9, and passed a resolution authorizing the village to negotiate contract terms and execute contract documents for the Benjamin Moore Demolition and Redevelopment

Also passed was legislation to:

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- Share in the cost of certain expenses pertaining to the storm sewer extension on the Nicky Boulevard landfill and on the adjacent property located at 4570 Willow Parkway for the Nicky Boulevard Storm Sewer Extension and Slope Stabilization Project;
- Change the date when the Charter Review Committee may make recommendations to Village Council;
- Amend the motion to create a purchase order for the second half of 2020's annual operation and maintenance within the Village of Cuyahoga Heights for joint and crack sealing for the 2020 season not to exceed \$25,000;
- •Amend the motion to create a purchase order for the annual operation and maintenance within the Village of Cuyahoga Heights for flexible and rigid pavement repairs for the second half of the 2020 season not to exceed \$25,000.

Council's Finance Committee also approved the purchase of masks not to exceed \$5,500 and authorized a state audit at a cost not to exceed \$14,000.

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Those walking also need to queue in car line.

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

NOTICE OF CITY OF STRONGSVILLE **CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION** FOR ENTRANCE EXAMINATION FOR THE POSITION OF FIRE FIGHTER/PARAMEDIC

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Applications and requirements can be downloaded from City of Strongsville website at www.strongsville.org, Human Resources Tab; or picked up at Strongsville City Municipal Offices at 16099 Foltz Parkway, Strongsville, Ohio, 44149. You must be at least nineteen (19) years of age on or prior to November 14, 2020. Completed applications along with the required \$25.00 fee and all other required documents must be returned in person beginning September 8, 2020 and no later than Monday, October 26, 2020 by 4:30 p.m. to the Civil Service Secretary at the Strongsville Municipal Offices.

Please note that there is a Physical Agility Test component, and a Certificate confirming the same which must be obtained from Cuyahoga Community College dated no earlier than October 26, 2019.

Test is limited to the **first 150** properly completed applications received by the City. The City of Strongsville is an Equal Opportunity Employer

NN: 9-9-20 & 9-16-20

### COVID-19 evictions could leave more women without a vote: Part II

(Editor's Note: This is the second part of a two-part series on the effect evictions could play in the turnout of women to the polls in the coming presidential election. This story was originally published by The Fuller Project, a nonprofit newsroom reporting on issues that affect women.)

### By Malcolm Burnley and Rachel Dissell,

#### The Fuller Project

For now, the anticipated surge in evictions hasn't manifested. In July, there were 423 eviction filings in Cleveland, down 55% from the same month the year prior. But there's reason to believe the data doesn't yet reflect the situation to come.

The national moratorium on evictions — a 120-day freeze that applied to many renters and was part of the CARES Act—was lifted in July. On August 11, President Trump said: "We are stopping evictions. We're not going to let that happen." But the president's top economic policy analyst, Larry Kudlow, walked back those comments days later.

Meanwhile, Congress has been unable to agree on further relief for keeping people in their homes, despite the success of CARES Act protections.

"Eviction and voting don't go real well together. It becomes a form of voter suppression," says Bill Faith, executive director of the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio.

In the months leading up to the election, community groups in Cleveland have stepped in to register voters and recruit poll workers, canvassed door-to-door while passing out supplies like masks, bandanas and hand sanitizer.

One of those groups is Cleveland VOTES, a nonpartisan organization founded by two Black women. The group aims to get low-income residents involved in the democratic process in tandem with the board of elections. As of Aug. 17, the county elections board had received more than 40,000 vote-by-mail applications.

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"I know that people are getting the message, I know that more people are applying for vote-by-mail," says Jennifer

In this year's primary election, Ohio voter turnout was down close to 45% compared to 2016, according to a July report by the Stanford-MIT Healthy Elections Project. That was the steepest four-year dip of any state.

The decline has been attributed to a confluence of factors, including fear of the virus, conflicting information about when and how to vote, slowed mail delivery and primary races that were less competitive than in 2016. Another factor was the two-step process to vote by mail, or absentee, in Ohio. Voters have to fill out and return a paper ballot application to their local board of elections before getting a ballot to cast.

Early and in-person voting will still be offered, though the state is limiting secure ballot drop boxes to one in each of the state's 88 counties. Given health and safety concerns, particularly in the city's Black community disproportionately hit by COVID-19 infections and deaths, groups like Cleveland VOTES are emphasizing mail-in ballots.

When it works properly, voting by mail can actually help to overcome some of the gendered barriers – like lack of transportation-that interfere with women's votes, Lumpkin

That aligns with Rodemann's conversations with women in Slavic Village.

"You can talk about voting and say, 'I also want your voice to be heard. I want you to be counted," Rodemann Lumpkin, civic engagement strategist for Cleveland said. "Folks who don't feel like they have a voice or they feel unheard, they feel unseen, then they don't partici-

(Fuller Project reporter Jessica Washington contributed to this

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### Letters to the Editor Remembering first responders

Dear Editor:

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Sincerely,

John P. Smith

Garfield Heights resident

### Post 309 Meatloaf Dinner

American Legion Post 309, 15521 Broadway Ave.. Maple Heights, will hold a Meatloaf Dinner on Saturday, Sept. 19, serving from 3 to 7 p.m.; open to the public, face masks required.

Dine-in with limited seating available; carry-outs preferred by calling 216-662-7768. Donation: \$8.

## **Death Notices**

#### **JOSEPH AUGUST ANSELMO**

Joseph August Anselmo "Joey," age 67, entered into heaven on May 17, 2020. He was the loving husband of the late Louise (nee Lapko) "Pinky"; Cherished father of Rhianna Olivo (Jim), Renata (Scottie) and the late Joey; Loving stepfather of Lisa Laska (Jason) and Lenny Joe Laska (Kimmy); Beloved grandfather of Miranda (Tim),



Jimmy, Lauren, Jacob, Jonathan and Emily; son of the late Grace and August Anselmo Sr., Dearest brother of Grace Ann Incorvia (the late Angelo), Ida Hromadka (Rich), Paul (Karen) and the late Gus; Beloved uncle of many.

Family and friends are asked to gather Saturday, Sept. 19, at St. Monica Catholic Church, 13623 Rockside Rd., Garfield Heights, for a Mass of Christian Burial to celebrate Joey's life at 11 a.m.

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### **CLEVELAND**

### **Receiving Stolen Property**

On Sept. 9, at 4:54 a.m., police were called to E. 49th and Fleet Ave. for a known stolen vehicle seen in the area. They located the car traveling on I-77N passing the Fleet Ave. exit ramp and followed it at a distance. After traveling onto 490W, merging back onto I-77S, exiting on Granger Rd., then continuing south on Brecksville Rd. toward Rockside Rd., the vehicle turned east on Brookside Rd. in Independence before driving down a dead end on Oval Dr., pulling into the driveway of a home in the 7400 block of Oval Dr. When the occupants of the car recognized the police car turn down the dead end street, they fled on foot. Independence PD arrived and with a K-9 unit located three juveniles hiding in the woods. They were taken into custody. Two more juveniles were hiding nearby and surrendered to police. Parents of all juveniles notified by CPD upon return to 4th District. All suspects cited for curfew violations. Berea PD detectives responded to CPD 4th District in c/w original aggravated robbery vehicle report. Juvenile driver of the stolen vehicle has a parole officer and an ankle monitor. 4th District Detective Bureau to follow up.

### **GARFIELD HEIGHTS**

#### **Assault**

About noon on Sept. 1, officers responded to the 5300

street but no one was home. She walked over to a man in his mix truck, then onto his rear controllers. The condifront of the home who was trying to jump-start a vehicle. She said she asked him a question and he became upset and spit on her. She said some of the liquid got in her eye, but refused the offer of a rescue squad. Police interviewed the suspect, who said he told the woman he didn't live around that neighborhood but was helping his niece start her car. He said he became upset when the woman started videotaping him on her cell phone. He said he did not spit on her. The woman's video showed the suspect standing by the vehicles and not close to the woman. She was given a report number and advised to give it to her superior.

### Weapon Offense

On Sept. 2, about 4:30 p.m., GHPD went to the area of the 9500 block of Park Hts. for a report of shots fired. The caller said the driver of a silver Cadillac shot a silver handgun about four times while traveling at a high rate of speed eastbound on Park Hts., then did a U-turn and parked on the street. A woman got in the car and it sped off. Police found the car headed south on Transportation Blvd. and conducted a felony stop. A handgun and magazine were located in the car. The male suspect was placed under arrest and taken to City Jail. Suspect held for investigation of CCW.

#### **Injury to Person**

About noon on Sept. 10, GHFD responded to Broadway Ave. at Garfield Park Dr. for a construction worker that had been electrocuted. They treated an unresponsive male who was working the job site pouring concrete on the roadway. He was taken to Marymount Hospital. A second man operating one of the concrete trucks was shocked when the electricity ran down the pumper and onto his concrete truck controls. He was alert and responsive and taken to Metro Health for treatment. The project manager for Schirmer Construction said his crew had notified him that a man was electrocuted when the boom on the block of E. 132 St. for an assault report. Upon arrival, concrete pumper came too close to the power lines on the police spoke with a woman who works for the U.S. Census north side of Broadway. A second man was shocked when Bureau who said she was checking a residence on the the electricity traveled down the pumper truck and onto

tion of the men was not noted in the report.

#### Robberv

Officers responded to Taco Bell, 5185 Turney Rd., on Sept. 12, at 4:35 a.m., for a robbery in progress. An employee who was cleaning up observed a man climbing through the drive-thru window holding a crowbar, and ran out to the Sunoco station to call police. When police arrived the business appeared to be undisturbed. Surveillance video showed two suspects dressed in black emerge from the fence line in the northeast corner of the parking lot. One remained outside as the other approached the drive-thru window, climbing through it before quickly exiting and fleeing in the same direction as he approached. Police searched the area but no suspects or evidence was discovered.

### MAPLE HEIGHTS

### **Shooting**

On Sunday, Sept. 13, at 5:28 p.m., police received a call of shots being fired on Libby Road near Maple Heights Boulevard. While officers were responding to the area, another call came in from a 17-year-old male who stated he had been shot in the ankle and was currently hiding behind a residence in that area. Officers located the male, and he was transported to the hospital. The male juvenile received one gunshot wound to the ankle and is expected to make a full recovery.

Information was taken from witnesses about a darkcolored sedan traveling westbound on Libby Rd. at the time of the shooting. Inside the sedan was a black male, in all black clothing, who leaned out the window and started shooting at the victim. The sedan then fled the area. Anyone with information related to this case is urged to contact the Maple Heights Detective Bureau: 216-587-9624 or Detectives@mhpd-ohio.com.

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### **Bedford Council passes bill for COVID-19**

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directing their time and the new tasks that they have, dealing with the COVID-19 responses with our EMS squad."

Also addressing the use of coronavirus relief funding and the continuing effects the pandemic has had on the city, council passed an ordinance to amend the city's 2020 budget to account for additional expenditures and loss of revenue through cancelled functions, decreases in taxes and other issues.

"We had substantial amounts of COVID cleaning contracts for all of our departments and buildings, including City Hall, keeping it sanitized and disinfected as much as possible, plus we bought some PCs, laptops, for seven different individuals so they could work from home," he continued.

Other amendments to the budget, Gambosi explained, included \$26,800 in software costs for the Building Department; purchase of a new police car at a cost of \$27,639.88 out of the Capital Improvement Fund; Forbes Rd. engineering costs at \$29,910; street engineering costs at \$36,562; preliminary planning costs for the Ellenwood water line work capped at \$46,000; engineering costs for the Wood Creek trunk line at \$8,000; and EPA-mandated sewer monitoring at a cost of \$88,800.

There was also a \$131,686 grant to Southeast Area Law Enforcement to help with drug enforcement, and a \$150,000 Cuyahoga County Community Development Block Grant for cleaning and sewer televising, Gambosi said

City Manager Mike Mallis confirmed Bedford's receiving the \$150,000 county grant, stating that city officials held a pre-construction meeting with the contractors for the sewer cleaning and maintenance project, which is expected to start this week on Henry St.

#### On agenda

Following Gambosi's recommendations stated in his report, council passed an ordinance authorizing him to pay GPD Group \$29,910 in engineering fees for the Forbes Rd. resurfacing.

Also approved was an ordinance authorizing Gambosi to pay GPD \$36,562 in engineering fees for the 2020 Street Improvement Program.

Council also authorized Gambosi to pay GPD \$46,000 in engineering fees for the Ellenwood Waterline Replacement Project.

Two ordinances for further resurfacing of Forbes Rd. were passed, one authorizing Mallis to enter into an agreement with the neighboring village of Oakwood allowing Bedford to conduct resurfacing on the portion of Forbes in Oakwood, the cost of which will be reimbursed to the city by Oakwood, and the other for Mallis to enter into a change order with Burton Scott Contractors at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.

The additional \$50,000 in the change order represents the additional work on the Oakwood section of Forbes.

Council passed legislation for a contract with Nick's Tree Service to remove dead and diseased trees that are too large to be removed in-house by the Service Department, at a cost of \$30,425, and for a contract with Campopiano Roofing for roof replacement at the Service Department, at a cost not to exceed \$47,000.

And in preparation for next year's budget, council passed a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing necessary tax levies, and certifying them to the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer.

Council passed two motions to approve two separate decisions of the Planning Commission: one to accept conditional use approval to construct a new two-family dwelling on a vacant parcel at 1275 Broadway Ave.; the other to accept conditional use approval to construct six new two-family dwellings on vacant parcels, known as Belle Court in the city.

#### **Announcements**

Mallis stated that the fire and water departments would start fire hydrant flushing throughout the city beginning this week

Gambosi stated that water discount applications were being accepted for next year, as per the legislation that approved the discounts. Residents who received the discount for this year still have to apply again for 2021. More information is available on the city's website.

Mayor Stan + announced the passing of his friend and longtime colleague, former Bedford firefighter Dan Babiak, and fondly remembered him for his dedication to his job and his outstanding sense of humor.



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