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St. Stanislaus Polish Festival this weekend!

This coming Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 3 and 4, the Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus, 3649 E. 65 St., in Slavic Village, will be celebrating their annual Polish Festival. But this year's event will be quite different due to the pandemic.

Because of the need for social distancing, the festival will hold a virtual Polka Party on-line featuring the local Polka Band "REWIND" with three hours of entertainment and church tours and more, all visible on the parish website at "ststanislaus.org" as well as on the parish Facebook pages, "Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus".

In addition to the entertainment, the parish will have a drive-through food line from 3 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday! You can pre-order your dinners, pick them up, take them home and warm them up and enjoy them while watching the virtual festival event on your computer or cell phone.

Pre-orders are accepted by going on-line to the **stanislaus2020.square** site where your order will be processed and ready for your pick-up. You will even be able to dine on Polish kielbasa or parowki sandwiches and more prepared by the Dads' Club while you drive from Baxter to Osmond Ct. for your pick-up meal.

A new twist to this year's festival is an on-line auction benefitting the parish. About 200 various and sundry items will be featured for bidding from Wednesday, Sept. 30, thru Thursday, Oct. 8, at "auctions.transitionaldesign.net".

The culmination of this year's festival will be a live-streamed event featuring the drawing of the winners of the raffle on Sunday, Oct. 4, at 6 p.m. Tickets (\$5 each) for the raffle featuring 13 cash prizes are available up until the moment of the drawing on-line, at the parish office or vestibule (following Sunday Masses) or at the food drive-through on Saturday and Sunday while you are waiting for your food order to be brought to your car.

So despite the pandemic, everyone is invited to safely come by for some food, enjoy the virtual Polka Party, bid on the auction and remain healthy! Let's all hope and pray that next year everyone can be back together again to celebrate their heritage in the old-fashioned way, cheek to cheek, at the bar, the bakery booth, the food line and dancing the nights away!

Earl Foote passes away



Earl Willard Foote, former operator of Footes Valley Farm in Valley View, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 24. He was born on Nov. 5, 1932, the son of Louis B. Foote and Eunice A. Foote. Earl's ancestors included Nathaniel Foote, a surveyor on Moses Cleveland's crew; a mayor of London, England; and a maternal connection to President Howard Taft.

He was the husband of Ina Sue (Adams) Foote and father of David, Richard, William, Michele and Robert.

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12th Taste of Slavic Village goes virtual

Due to COVID-19, many of our favorite community events have had to change for our safety. So this year you'll get to enjoy University Settlement's Taste of Slavic Village in your PJs in the comfort of your own home on Wednesday, Oct. 7, from 6 to 9 p.m.!

With the \$75 purchase of a ticket, you'll gain access to exclusive entertainment videos and recipe demonstrations. You'll also receive a gift box full of food and other goodies, such as coupons, a cookbook and more delivered directly to your door. Boxes must be ordered by Oct. 5 at 5 p.m. Visit www.universitysettlement.net.

There will also be a raffle with a chance to win a vintage '71 Honda CB 350 motorcycle! If you don't win the motorcycle, you could win other fun baskets filled with wine, food, books and passes to explore Cleveland with family and friends. Raffle tickets start at \$1 and can be purchased on the Settlement website. Buy tickets now until Oct. 7 at 9 p.m. Results will be announced on Oct. 8 on the website; winners will be contacted directly.

As an added bonus, Councilman Tony Brancatelli, in addition to producing a short video for the event, has dug out a nearly 40-year-old "Slavic Village Trivia" game that was put together by the Slavic Village Jaycees.

Special guests will read the trivia questions online during the event with prizes for those who answer the trivia questions online. The councilman promises not to make the questions too hard.

So don't miss out on a fun time at home while supporting the important work of University Settlement in your own neighborhood.

Ground broken for new development on site of former St. Alexis Hospital



Shown above at groundbreaking ceremonies last Thursday for Slavic Village Gateway are, from left: Councilman Tony Brancatelli; Caryn Candisky, district director for U.S. Senator Rob Portman; community resident Kanika Williams; Russell Holmes, chief retail officer at Third Federal Savings; Earl Pike, director of University Settlement; Councilwoman Phyllis Cleveland; University Settlement Board Chairman John Kocsis; and Aaron Pechota, senior vice president of development for the NRP group, the developers of the project.

Groundbreaking ceremonies took place last Thursday for Slavic Village Gateway, a \$20 million mixed-use development comprised of 88 affordable apartments and townhomes, and the new home and programming space for University Settlement on the site of the former St. Alexis Hospital.

Construction will start at the end of the year and be complete by spring of 2012.

"This is an amazing development as a gateway into our community," said Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli, "providing high quality sustainable housing and new commercial space as well as a new home for University Settlement to better serve our neighborhood residents."

Maple Heights Council passes bill to purchase ambulance at special meeting

By Judith Goldsworth

At a special meeting held last week, Maple Heights Council approved the purchase of a 2008 Freightliner/Braun ambulance, formerly used by the Brimfield, Ohio Fire Department, for the Maple Heights Fire Department from Pfund Superior Sales of Lower Burrell, Pa., at a cost of \$18,500.

The meeting was necessary to approve the purchase, requested by Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas, due to one of the department's current ambulances experiencing "constant breakdowns and repairs," he stated.

In a letter to Mayor Annette Blackwell and council members explaining the need for the purchase, Kavaliunas stated, "Trust me, the last thing I want to put before you in this turbulent year is to purchase a vehicle, but the breakdowns have become intolerable. Now I have to balance safety and fiscal responsibility, not to mention loss of ambulance billing revenue when the truck cannot respond."

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Maple Heights Council

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He recommended the city sell its 2007 Ford Medix ambulance, liquidating it on the website govdeals.com for a reserve price of \$5,000 or more.

He pointed out that his department will be receiving a new ambulance after March 1 of next year. He said the city could not afford the purchase of another new ambulance, at a cost of \$200,000 to \$250,000, recommending the purchase of a good used ambulance and move from a standard duty to medium duty vehicle similar to its 2016 and ordered 2021 ambulances.

The 2008 Freightliner ambulance has undergone repeated inspections by the city's service department and other entities, Kavalunas said, adding it "has been deemed to be in very good condition... we have driven it and feel it is a very good truck."

He said that the 2008 Freightliner ambulance would be

initially used as a front line vehicle for the department until the 2021 ambulance arrives next year.

Finance Director Tinita Tillman said there were city funds available for the purchase, stating, "We can definitely afford it... Not only do we have a working relationship with the vendor, but it came in at the lowest bid for this type of vehicle."

Earl Foote passes away

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Grandfather of 13: Katie, Scott, Samantha, Faye, Elijah, Hadassah, Gayle, Rachel, Benjamin, Ethan, Daniel, Max and Olivia. Great-grandfather of five: Ethanna, Avery, Braiden, Madison and Calvin.

Earl was a Cuyahoga

Heights School Board member and served as a Valley View volunteer firefighter. His life revolved around farming – cultivating the best sweet corn in Ohio.

For 64 years he operated Foote's Valley Farm on Canal Road. It started with just a wagon with corn and grew into a full market with a garden center selling plants

and accessories in the spring and local produce in-season, including fall pumpkins, straw, corn stalks and Christmas trees and plants.

Family, friends and "market acquaintances" were his joys and he loved everyone.

Family will receive friends in The Vodrazka Funeral Home of Independence, 6505 Brecksville Rd., Rt. 21, south of Rockside, on Wednesday, Sept. 30, from 4-7:30 p.m., with a funeral to follow at 7:30 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Haven of Rest Ministries, 175 E. Market St. Akron, OH 44308.

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Obituary

BRIAN L. OROS-WHITSON



Brian L. Oros-Whitson, age 55. Beloved husband of Lisa A. Whitson.

Loving father of Nora, Geena and Amanda. Grandfather of two. Son of Kathleen Oros and Bobby Whitson (both deceased). Brother of Kevin Whitson. Grandson of Edward and the late Evelyn Oros. Uncle, great-uncle and cousin. Family and friends are welcome on Wednesday, Sept. 30, from 6-8 p.m., at the Bican Bros. Funeral Home, 5215 Fleet Ave., where funeral services will be held at 7:30 p.m.

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Ohio Crankshaft honored in C.H. on 100th anniversary



Pictured from left: Ohio Crankshaft HR Director Alescia Rutledge, President Les Havlik, Mayor Bacci and Purchasing Manager Michael Evans.

Earlier this month, Mayor Jack Bacci from the Village of Cuyahoga Heights presented the Ohio Crankshaft Company with a proclamation on their 100th anniversary.

In the spring of 1920, founders Francis S. Denneen and William C. Dunn formulated a new process to manufacture an improved crankshaft assembly that would bolster the expanding automotive industry and help advance the movement of goods and populations across the country.

In 1937, Ohio Crankshaft purchased a large parcel of vacant land at 3800 Harvard Ave., in Cuyahoga Heights and built a facility where they remain today.

Valley View Council notes

The Village of Valley View Council met on September 1, after being in recess for the month of August, and passed an ordinance making Christopher Bolton a sergeant in the Valley View Police Department. Mayor Jerry Piasecki then swore in Bolton to his new position on the force.

Also passed at the meeting was legislation to:

- Request the county to make tax advances of all real estate tax revenues collected during the year 2021;
- Request the county to make tax advances of all special assessment tax revenues collected during the year 2021;
- Accept a proposal for appraisal services for FEMA's Valley View Home Acquisition – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program;
- Enter into a project agreement with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District for local cost sharing as part of the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program Fiscal Year 2018 in the Village of Valley View.

Approval was also given to the following expenditures:

- \$15,000 for the boys and girls basketball program;
- \$11,291 to install Iwave air cleaners at the community center from the Geopfert Co.;
- Village to pay for flu shots for seniors, full-time employees and current permanent part-time employees through The Cleveland Clinic at Work on Oct. 14;
- \$17,750 to hire Aero-Mark Co. for street striping for various village streets;
- \$34,785 to buy a police vehicle through Gillingham Ford;

- \$8,324.25 for equipment for the new police vehicle;
- \$8,362.50 to hire Vandra Brothers to replace four manhole casting and covers on Frances Dr.;
- \$17,709 to hire Mike Kennedy Construction to repair the porch of the home at 8606 Fosdick Rd. which was elevated as part of the FEMA FMA 2014 program.

The village was also authorized to enter into a contract with Rumpke for recycling with four bins contingent on the law director's approval of the contract.

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Indy Council agrees to buy land to enhance downtown development

The city of Independence took a big step toward downtown development earlier this month when city council passed an ordinance authorizing the purchase of land and buildings at the corner of Brecksville and Stone roads, Mayor Gregory Kurtz said in a recent Weekly Update.

The Kin Properties at 6595 and 6571 Brecksville Rd. are adjacent to other downtown land the city owns and will allow it to move forward with developers to create a comprehensive plan and put the land back into productive use.

On the Wish List for this area, according to the mayor, is maintenance-free housing, small businesses and other venues. He said residents will be asked to share their ideas

for creating a vibrant city center that aligns with their strong sense of community.

By acquiring this single acre of land, Kurtz said, it will give the city 193 feet of frontage on Stone Rd. and another 240 feet of frontage on Brecksville Rd.

Other items approved by council was legislation to:

- Accept the bids for snow plowing services for the coming winter season for municipal lots, senior citizens and disabled persons and active military residents;

- Grant a U-3 special conditional use permit to Beverage Holdings LLC to operate The Goddard School, an early childhood development facility;

- Authorize two change orders to the city's 2020 Creek, Utility and Infrastructure Maintenance and Repairs contract with Geotech Services, Inc.;

- Purchase labor and/or material goods for improvements to the fire department kitchen and day room;

- Purchase labor and/or material goods for city hall improvements;

- Improve public ways for property at 4902 Pleasant Valley Rd.;

- Affirm the city's commitment to improve city-owned land in the downtown area for public, park, commercial, retail and residential purpose by Dec. 31, 2022.

A public hearing on a proposed ordinance regarding signs to reduce visual clutter in the city and "sign wars" will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 5 p.m., prior to the regular council meeting.

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2020-PZ-18 An application from Tisha Smith requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit under Sect. 1278.04(W) of the MH Codified Ordinances to operate a Candy Store as a Retail Business and Sect. 1278.04(V) to operate a Fast Food Restaurant in a Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District at 5233 Warrensville Center Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

2020-PZ-19 An application from Omar Dawabsly of Magic Hair and Beauty Supply Store requesting approval of the following: (1) to add a 3,580 square foot addition to an existing Retail Business that is a conditional use under Sect. 1278.04(W) of the MH Codified Ordinances; (2) approval of a Variance from Section 1278.06(B) of the MH Codified Ordinances regarding side yard setbacks; (3) approval of a Variance from Sect. 1278.08(A) of the MH Codified Ordinances regarding the main building lot coverage; (4) approval of a Variance from Sect. 1290.05(U) of the MH Codified Ordinances regarding off street parking requirements; and (5) review and recommendation to Council of a zoning district change from Residential Zoning Districts to Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District at 5301 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

2020-PZ-20 An application from Tremaine Anderson of Yum Yum's Hibachi Cuisine, LLC requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit under Sects. 1278.04(V) of the MH Codified Ordinances to operate a Fast Food Restaurant in a Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District at 5830 Lee Road South, Maple Heights, Ohio.

Planning and Zoning Commission Members, Administrative Staff, Applicants and the Public may access the meeting by the following methods:

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Members of the public will only be allowed to speak during the Public Hearing portion of this meeting.

The applications and all supporting materials are available for review during normal business hours in the Maple Heights Building Department, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

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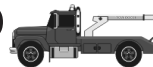
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Motor Vehicle Crash

On Sept. 23, at 7:48 p.m., a crash occurred at Turney and Warner rds. in the Mill Creek Reservation of the Cleveland Metroparks. A vehicle drove off the road and landed in Mill Creek. Metroparks PD to handle.

Shootings

• On Sept. 22, at 10:52 p.m., a male was shot in the face and arm at Broadway and Harvard aves. Victim transported to MetroHealth Medical Center.

• At 12:50 a.m. on Sept. 24, a 27-year-old female was shot twice to the legs in the 8200 block of Dorver Ave. Suspects fled in a blue, 4-door car. Victim transported to MetroHealth Medical Center.

• At 1:27 a.m. on Sept. 28, a 16-year-old girl was shot in the abdomen at E. 93 St. and Miles Ave. She was taken to Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital for treatment.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS

Shots Fired

On Sept. 21, at about 7:15 p.m., officers were dispatched to the Shell station at 6004 Turney Rd. for a report of shots fired. Witnesses said they had heard 4-5 shots coming from the Sunoco station at 6009 Turney Rd. One of them said they saw an unknown black male wearing a black sweatshirt with a white swirl on the front fleeing toward Carpenter Rd. Another witness told police they saw the shooting. She said a younger black male with

dreadlocks was standing on the corner of Rockside and Turney in front of the Shell station, yelling at another male standing at the opposite corner of Rockside and Turney, in front of the Sunoco station. Then she heard several gun shots but could not distinguish which man shot first or in which direction the men fled. Suspects were gone when police arrived.

Weapon Offense

On Sept. 21, at 11:39 p.m., police responded to the 4800 block of E. 86 St. for a report of a man with a gun, and the dispatcher heard a gunshot fired. They found the suspect, obviously intoxicated, in a parking lot in the 8600 block of Garfield Blvd. and he was handcuffed and placed in the rear of a cruiser. Officers located a loaded firearm in the bushes near the scene as well as a spent casing near a Kia belonging to the suspect's ex-girlfriend with its left rear tire deflated with a hole consistent to a bullet. The suspect was taken into custody for charges of using weapons while intoxicated, obstructing official business and discharging a weapon within the city limits. Report forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

Robbery

• Police were dispatched to Parkview Ave. for an aggravated robbery report on Sept. 24, about 8 a.m. Victim told officers he was sitting in his car on Parkview about 7 a.m. watching videos on his cell phone while parked a few doors down from where he lives. He said a car parked behind him and two men got out of the car, took out 9mm Glock pistols and ordered him out of his car. They took \$1000 from him and fled the scene in both vehicles. Victim's vehicle to be entered into L.E.A.D.S. as stolen.

• On Sept. 26, at about 9:43 p.m., an aggravated robbery at Dollar General, 5068 Turney Rd., was phoned into police. Store employees said two possibly white or Hispanic thin males entered the store and one of them brandished a semi-automatic handgun and demanded they open the cash register. One of them stashed the money from the drawer in his pocket while the other stood guard. Then both men walked outside southbound on

Turney Rd. toward Park Heights. Surveillance footage viewed. Officers checked the area along with a Bedford K-9 with negative results. Detective Bureau to process scene.

Theft of Motor Vehicle

On Sept. 24, at 10:39 p.m., police were dispatched to Marco's Pizza, 4791 Turney Rd., in reference to a vehicle theft. A delivery driver for Marco's told officers that just before they arrived her Toyota Camry with engine running had been stolen from the rear of the pizza shop. Victim stated her car has a sticker on the rear trunk window that reads "Sam" with a pink ribbon. Vehicle entered as stolen into L.E.A.D.S.

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Includes steel-making operation in S.V. Cleveland-Cliffs to buy ArcelorMittal's U.S. plants

Cleveland-Cliffs Inc. has announced it will buy the U.S. operations of ArcelorMittal USA for \$1.4 billion in cash and shares to become the biggest flat-rolled steel producer in North America.

The assets being acquired include six steelmaking facilities, including the Cleveland plant in the Industrial Valley on Eggers Ave. in Slavic Village, as well eight finishing facilities, two iron ore mining and pelletizing operations, and three coal and coke-making operations.

The acquisition means Cleveland-Cliffs will become the largest flat-rolled steel producer in the country, and the largest producer of iron-ore pellets.

Cleveland-Cliffs' history in Cleveland dates back to 1847. The company supplies iron ore pellets to the North American steel industry from its mines and pellet plants in Michigan and Minnesota. Cleveland-Cliffs' headquarters are at Public Square.

Council President Kevin Kelley and Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli hailed the decision that both strengthens the Cleveland-based Cleveland-Cliffs and helps to stabilize the Cleveland plant.

"It's always good news when a Cleveland company is growing," Kelley said.

Councilman Brancatelli said, "It wouldn't be Cleveland if there wasn't steel in our industrial valley. This is good news for Ward 12, Cleveland and our region. This local plant is one of the most efficient in the world and continues to compete in our global economy."

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