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# Pancakes during pandemic

Thanks to everyone who came out to enjoy Councilman Tony Brancatelli's annual Ward 12 Pancake Breakfast -2020 style! Special thanks to Pete and Lou Skantzos and the staff at Red Chimney restaurant who hosted guests for dining and carry-out, serving up pancakes and other menu items to keep the pre-election tradition alive.



Pictured from left to right outside the Red Chimney are: Cleveland Council President Kevin Kelley, Broadway School Director Barbara Bachtell and Board Councilman Brancatelli.

Three Ward 12 nonprofits, Art House, Neighborhood Pets Outreach & Resource Center and Broadway School of Music & the Arts, each received \$1000 checks to help continue their great work in the neighborhoods. The South East Kiwanis Club also raised additional funds at the breakfast to support their mission to serve the children of Slavic Village.

Councilman Brancatelli stated, "I would like to thank all our guests, donors, sponsors and Red Chimney restaurant for making this annual event such a success again this year, and especially Clark Broida for organizing this female passenger and encountered officers. A car pursuit community tradition.'

# Indy bans electronic signs

Independence Council, at its Oct. 13 meeting, passed legislation which would ban any new electronic signs in the city, effective Jan. 1, 2021.

Two other ordinances regarding signage were also okayed which amended city laws regarding public building uses, special permit uses and special permits for U-3 use of signs. (Continued on Page 3)

# Veterans to be honored at GHUMC service

All veterans will be recognized this Sunday, Nov. 8. at the 10:30 a.m. worship service at Garfield Heights United Methodist Čhurch, 4977 Turney Rd. The recognition will include a message of thanks from Brigadier General Stephen L. Rhoades, Ohio National Guard.

The church now holds public worship, observing all health and safety protocol. Pastor Daniel Drew and the congregation welcome all veterans and the general public to come and worship with them this Sunday.

# **Bedford officials stress importance** of unity in country following election

### By Judith Goldsworth

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Bedford officials, at the city council teleconference meeting Monday night, spoke on the importance of maintaining unity in the city and throughout the country following yesterday's vote in the presidential election

Law Director John Montello first spoke on the issue during his report at the meeting, saying, "In regards to the election, whatever the results are, I urge everyone to act in a rational, peaceful manner and it'll be fine, no matter which party wins. We'll move on."

Councilman Walter Genutis also addressed the need for unity in his report, commenting on the need to find common ground to work together to ensure basic rights and freedom.

"I hope the whole country keeps their sanity after this election," Mayor Stan Koci said.

### All legislation on first reading

There were not enough members of council to pass any legislation on an emergency basis at Monday's meeting as council members Paula Mizsak and Heather Rhoades were excused from the attending. Therefore, all items on the agenda were placed on first reading, including an ordinance for the 2021 budget to fund expenses, services and operations in the amount of \$39.3 million.

Also placed on first reading was an ordinance allowing eligible city employees to make insurance plan premium contributions on a pretax basis for 2021, so that participants will not have to include as taxable income the amount of compensation they use to pay their premium contributions to eligible insurance plans, according to the legislation.

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# President Ann Knuth, Art House Director Laila Voss, Neighborhood Pets Director Becca Britton and BCI probing officer-involved shooting in Bedford Hts.

Maple Heights Police received a call of shots fired into a residence in the 19400 block of Raymond St. This same house had been shot during the overnight hours the day before with no one being hit, according to a press release from Police Chief Todd Hansen. MHPD had been investigating that shooting when the second one occurred.

Once police were on scene in the Oct. 28 incident, the shooter drove back to the house on Raymond St. with a was initiated eastbound on Raymond toward Bedford Heights. The pursuit went all the way down Raymond St. to Northfield Rd., where the suspect's vehicle crashed into a building at 5065 Northfield Rd. in Bedford Heights.

The driver exited the vehicle carrying an AR-15 pistol and fled with the rifle in hand and officers followed in a foot pursuit.

There were shots fired along Northfield Rd. around I-480. The suspect discarded the weapon around Aurora Rd. and was taken into custody by Maple Heights and

At approximately 1:33 a.m. last Wednesday, Oct. 28, Bedford Heights officers. The suspect had been hit with gunfire from the officers, according to the press release, and police immediately rendered medical aid until the rescue squad arrived, taking the driver and passenger to the hospital for treatment.

> The female had been injured in the car accident; no officers were injured in the incident.

> The Ohio State Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) has been called in to investigate the officer-involved shooting. It is also assisting MHPD with evidence collection in the shooting into the house on Raymond. The Bedford Heights Police Department is investigating the accident and incident as well.

> Anyone with information related to these cases can

• Maple Heights PD Detective Bureau at 216-587-9624;

• Bedford Heights PD Detective Bureau at 440-786-3266:

• BCI-1-855-BCI-OHIO (1-855-224-6446).

Information can also be relayed to Crime Stoppers.



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## **Bedford** officials stress

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"That's the hospitalization deferral program," Finance Director Frank Gambosi said. "Most businesses have that lawns," not the street, as the leaves blocked the catch for their employees. We also have that in regards to deferring the taxes on the hospitalization premiums."

An ordinance authorizing Mallis to enter into a contract with Bain Enterprises of Stow, to buy a valve maintenance trailer at a cost of \$70,042 for the water department was placed on first reading. The quoted price represents a 10% discount from Bain, the legislation notes.

And an ordinance to buy a 2020 Ford Explorer and a 2021 Ford Explorer, total cost \$63,482, from Liberty Ford for the fire department was also placed on first reading. All the legislation will be considered for passage at a future meeting.

### **Updates**

City Manager Mike Mallis said that the city's service department was going to be canvassing every street in town several times as part of the leaf collection program. He urged residents to rake their leaves onto their tree basins.

Mallis also congratulated the police department on a 100% score on a recent inspection of the Bedford jail's policies and facilities. "That's a tremendous job, and that does not happen by accident," he said.

Mallis said that Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine had announced a program last week for a number of different grant options. He said the grants could be applied for by individuals to assist with utility costs and business owners could apply for additional funding being made available through the state of Ohio. He said more information was available on the city's website.

Mallis also credited Jennifer Kuzma of the Economic Development office for obtaining "about 70 different boxes of small PPE [Personal Protection Equipment] toolkits, and we are now delivering those to various businesses throughout town."

### Oct. 19 meeting

At its meeting on Monday, Oct. 19, Bedford Council approved legislation appropriating a third round of CARES Act funding in the amount of almost \$449,000 to fight the ongoing coronavirus pandemic for a combined total of \$1,020,617.86.

The third payment to the city will go towards having three paramedics assigned to every shift on a daily basis for COVID-19 response, including one "sterile" driver and two patient care paramedics.

Council also passed a revised appropriations ordinance to reflect the receipt of the third round of CARES (Continued on Page 4)



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## **Independence Council bans**

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Passed on second reading was the acceptance of the bid of Rumpke of Northern Ohio, Inc. for the disposal of ments (East) Project, and contracted with Three-Z-Inc. rubbish and street sweepings in the city for a three-year period at \$250,000 per year.

allocated to the retention of Mazanec, Raskin & Ryder Co., LPA for professional legal services in the ongoing representation of former Mayor Anthony Togliatti.

retention of Osborn Engineering for professional design

Jack Bacci Also approved by council was an additional \$15,000 In the final piece of legislation on the agenda, council authorized the purchase and delivery of two new Titan and the Leaf Pro Plus vacuum collectors from Bell Equipment Co. Bacci Family through the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Govern-An increase in the amount of funds allocated for the ments Cooperative Purchasing Program for the service department. 7076 Brecksville Rd. idependence, OH 44131 Independence Coin & Collectibles I'm standing for ortuna 216-520-7335 **FUNERAL HOME** WE PAY MORE, those who have fallen. Gold \$1910 per oz. Silver \$24.24 per ( **SHOP & COMPARE!** NOW SELLING Michael **PRECIOUS METALS** STATE LICENSED WWW.INDECOIN.COM Nenadovich FREE NO OBLIGATION ESTIMATES Fortuna Funeral Home also in Slavic Village, its original location 5316 Fleet Ave., Cleveland, OH 216.641.0046 and Family WE BUY and SELI www.fortunafuneralhome.com COINS • GOLD • SILVER • ESTATES • ANTIQUES • JEWELRY WITH GRATITUDE AND SINCERE APPRECIATION Hours: Mon-Fri, 10am-6pm • Sat, 10am-3pm • Sun, By Appointment GARFIELD HEIGHTS COUNCILMAN WARD 3 TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE SERVED 6495 BRECKSVILLE RD. • INDEPENDENCE • 216-524-3520 (Phone: 641-7056) AND CONTINUE TO SERVE OUR COUNTRY Your ONLY Newspaper For Community News! **THANK YOU Remembering our Veterans** The Neighborhood News For over 200 years the members of our armed forces )eterans **VETERANS!** have protected our freedom and made it possible for America to grow in wisdom and strength. We're proud to join with the community in saying "Thanks" to our vets and their families. **GOLUBSKI** FUNERAL HOME FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED SINCE 1913 Tom and Barb Vaughn 440-886-0200 216-341-0940 Ward 7 Councilman 216-341 4617 TURNEY RD. 5986 Ridge Road 44129 6500 Fullerton Ave. 44105 City of Garfield Heights PARMA **CLEVELAND** YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD KING OF KIELBASA" **BUTCHER SHOP SINCE 1934** FRESH MEAT AND GROCERIES TO COMPLETE EVERY MEAL!! ┤**╎**║╠<u>╢</u>╎║┽╎()╎(⊝ **Quality Meats at a Reasonable Price!** HARD SALAMI ... \$5.99 LB. HONEY HAM . . . \$4.99 LB. HOMEMADE PRASKY ... \$4.99 LB. CHEDDAR CHEESE . . . \$4.99 LB. HOMEMADE SLOVENIAN SAUSAGE ... \$4.99 LB. PORK WESTERN **BEEF T-BONE** STEAKS RIBS **4934 TURNEY ROAD** CHICKEN LEG **BEEF SPENCER** ROAST FREE WASH & DRY NOV. 7 • NOV. 8 **EVERYDAY HOURS: 8AM-8PM** 

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services in connection with Cuy-21-09.09 bridge aesthet-Never forget...thank our veterans! ics and utility support was also given the okay by council. Council approved the base bid of Digioia-Suburban Excavating, LLC for the Hillside Road Sidewalk Improve-Cuyahoga Height

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for the purchase of yard waste services, mainly processing leaves for the service department on an as-needed basis.

# Unforgotten

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# **Bedford Council: Oct. 19**

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cial purchase of a school ber of services for the city. zone sign in the Northfield/ Union area for the police department for \$5,393, refunds in the amount of \$45,000, a Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council energy grant in the amount of \$50,504, a Southeast Area Law Enforcement (SEALE) grant that brought in \$129,578, as well as SEALE unforfeited funds in the amount of \$212,472.

Finance Director Frank Gambosi stated that in the appropriations ordinance there was also \$1.7 million towards the Bedford Board of Education for the recent demolition of the St. Peter Chanel High School building, as well as \$50,000 for the Oakwood portion of Forbes Road, which was resurfaced as part of the Bedford project earlier this year, and for which Oakwood is reimbursing the city.

Council also passed an ordinance for the city's 2021 County Board of Health,

funding, along with spe- nual contract was for a num-The contract runs through Dec. 31, 2021, according to the legislation.

> Mallis to sell the city's 1996 Pierce Quantum Pumper to the Franklin County, Vir-ginia, Department of Public Safety for training purposes, at a cost of \$25,000, was passed.

Also passed were two pieces of legislation relating to parked on streets, Mallis sewer rates in the city. One ordinance raises the monthly minimum sewer rate from \$25.44 to \$26.46, effective Jan. 1, 2021, while another raises the discounted monthly minimum sewer rate for senior citizens and disabledresidentsfrom \$17.80 replacement of water lines monthly to \$18.52 monthly, also effective Jan. 1.

Another ordinance passed at Monday's meeting establishes that water rates for replacement, we are going Bedford property owners will remain the same in 2021 curbs throughout the Hisas they are this year, with the toric District and making contract with the Cuyahoga lowest monthly base rate numerous repairs to the elecstarting out at \$28.41. Mini- trical that has failed throughwith Ćity Manager Mike mum charges for larger out the Historic District," Mallis stating that the an- meters and the greater Mallis said.

monthly base rates will also remain the same.

And an ordinance to amend existing legislation regarding truck parking in residential areas was also passed by council. Truck trailers, semi trailers, recreational vehicles such as boats, travel trailers, An ordinance authorizing motor homes, campers, fifth wheel trailers, etc., will not be permitted to be parked on the street.

> "They'll still be able to be parked in residential yards on hard surfaces, behind the front of a home, but they will not be allowed to be stated.

### **Updates**

Mallis said the city was finalizing its application for a large grant to the Ohio Public Works Commission for Issue 2 funding to cover on Broadway, from the Five Points intersection to the Union Street area.

"On top of that water line to be looking at replacing





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# N.H. Council update

Several purchases were approved at the Tuesday, Oct. 20, council meeting of the Village of Newburgh Heights, including one to buy 15 Tasers and related accessories from AXON under a five-year payment plan at a cost not to exceed \$36.930.

Also okayed was a quote from 911 Fleet and Fire Equipment for a SCBA (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus) system air compressor not to exceed \$25,645.

A quote by SAMCO got the green light to repair the sink hole at 3879 E. 42 St., not to exceed \$4,950. And two purchases involving the Mayor's Court documents were approved, one for imaging services from GBS for 42 boxes of archived documents at a cost not to exceed \$13,000, and the other from GBS for file bound software to electronically save current Mayor's Court documents at a cost not to exceed \$16,000.

 $The following \,may or al appoint ments were \,okayed: Jeff$ Wise to the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council, and Derek Gore and Garron Rose to the positions of full-time patrolmen, both effective Nov. 1, 2020.

And 15,000 of COVID relief funding was approved for a socially distanced Halloween Drive-Thru event in lieu

of traditional trick-or-treating.

A moment of silence was held for the passing of Tom Sledz, Irene Barto and former mayor Ed Kolar.

### Legislation adopted

• Agreement with the city of North Royalton for prisoner housing services;

•Annual maintenance and support renewal agreement with Baldwin Group, Inc. for Mayor's Court software and modules:

Renewal of the Vision Health Insurance Benefit Plan with Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield for qualified village employees;

• Letter agreement with OHM Advisors for project services relating to the E. 41 St. Sewer Separation Project.

Mayor Trevor Elkins, in his report to council, said the next round of federal CARES Act funding to be used for COVID-19 relief by the Village of Newburgh Heightswas set at \$175,000 and will be available Nov. 20.



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Redi Storage, 17101 Rockside Rd., Maple Heights, OH 44137, 216-662-6610 is hosting the following auctions on http://www.storagetreasures.com. Items to be auctioned off by whole unit, Friday November 27, 2020. CASH only and cleaning deposit as listed below.

Jeffrey Williams, 1613 Hibbard Dr. Stow, OH 44224, 5x10, ending at 10:55AM. Unit appears to contain: Snow Blower, Lamp, Furniture Dolly, Fishing Poles & Net, Table Saw, Luggage, Handled Case, Boxes, Bags, Misc. Items \$50 cleaning deposit.

Angela Sampson, 4199 E. 188th Street, Cleveland, OH 44122, 5x10, ending at 11:15AM Unit appears to contain: Dressers, Nail Board, Luggage, Window Air Conditioner, Blanket, Chair(s), Boxes, Bags, Misc. Items. \$50 cleaning deposit.

Redi Storage, 4620 Northfield Rd. North Randall, OH 44128, 2 16-714-5869 is hosting the following auctions on http://www.storagetreasures.com. Items to be auctioned off by whole unit, Friday November 27, 2020. CASH only and cleaning deposit as listed below.

Arline Gant, 154 E. Aurora Rd. Northfield, OH 44067, 10x20, ending at 12:00PM Unit appears to contain: Various Office Chairs/Furniture. Wooden Desks & file cabinet, Shelving. Misc. Items. \$100 cleaning deposit. NN: 11-4-20 & 11-11-20



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## **Police news CLEVELAND**

### Shooting

On Oct. 25, at 2:39 p.m., victim to St. Vincent Chara 23-year-old man was transported by private auto to in custody. MetroHealth Medical Center from Fleet Ave. with a gunshot wound in his right leg.



## **Fatality**

Stabbing

On Oct. 31, at 9:41 p.m., a 33-year-old woman drove



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### a vehicle around the rail-GARFIELD HTS. road crossing gate at E. 78 St. and Aetna Rd., and was Burglary struck by an oncoming train. at University Hospitals. Her 31-year-old female passen-

On Oct. 24, at about 8:50 p.m., officer responded to the 6000 block of Andover Blvd. for a burglary report. Victim told police that about

work and saw that his apart- free. Missing from the living ment door had been kicked room and bedroom were open. His apartment was in \$2500 worth of jewelry, Xbox complete disarray and prop- One, Play Station 4, unknown ertymissing. A65-inch Smart make laptop computer and TV mounted on the wall was misc. clothing. No suspects damaged, possibly when sus- at reporting time.

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8 p.m. he got home from pects were trying to pry it

