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#### By Judith Goldsworth

Longtime Bedford resident Ieff Asbury was sworn in to the Ward 5 Bedford council seat by Mayor Stan Koci Monday night after council passed a resolution approving his appointment. The meeting was the first held completely in-person at City ongoing COVID-19 pan-

Asbury will serve out the remainder of an unexpired term, through Dec. 31, 2021, previously held by former Councilwoman Heather Rhoades, who stepped down earlier this year due to ill-

#### **Amendment to** Ellenwood project

Council passed an ordinance at Monday's meeting amending legislation passed at a previous meeting for the Ellenwood Waterline Replacement Project.

In anticipation of the city pool possibly opening this summer, council had passed legislation in March to enter into a contract with Terrace Construction Company for the project at a cost of \$424,031.50.

The city is still going ahead with the infrastructure project to replace the waterline on Ellenwood from Broadway to Kenyon. The cost will remain the same, as stated in the ordinance approved last month.

However, Finance Director Frank Gambosi "has determined that payment shall be allocated to funds in different amounts than

nance," according to Mon-sensors at the entrances of day night's legislation.

#### Additional 'no touch' door work approved

After previously approving "no touch" door systems at municipal buildings to rewake of the coronavirus pan-Hall in over a year due to the demic, council passed an ordinance to approve additional work on the doors by Allied Door Systems, LLC of Solon, at a cost of \$2,103.

> "There is a need for touchentrances at City Hall to provide access for senior citizens and the disabled and to combat COVID," the legislation states. The ordinance authorizes City Manager Mike Mallis to enter into the contract with Allied for the touchless hand-wave

City Hall.

The additional work will be done to accommodate the hand wave system, instead of activating the doors simply by anyone passing by them and constantly duce physical contact in the opening and closing, Gambosi said.

#### Truck, salt spreader approved

Council passed two other ordinances at the meeting to buy equipment through free, automatic doors and the State Cooperative Purhand-wave sensors at the chasing Program for the city's departments.

> One ordinance is to purchase a 2022 International Truck Cab and Chassis equipped with salt spreader and plow hitch from Rush Truck Centers of Cincinnati

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## Alice Ave. Brick Restoration **Project advisory for Ward 12**

During the week of April 19, weather permitting, the city of Cleveland will begin brick restoration on Alice Ave. in Slavic Village, from E. 71 St. to E. 73 St. A portion of the street will be closed to traffic westbound. A complete closure is not expected to occur. No on-street parking will be permitted for the duration of the project.

Detour Route: Right on E. 73 St., then right on Rathbun, right on E. 71 St., then right back to Alice.

The project will remove the various concrete caps in the street and replace it with brick. The work will take place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The brick restoration project is expected to be completed by the end of May 2021. All travelers are urged to use caution in construction zones.

"I am excited that we were able to restore and save this brick street," Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli commented. "This is part of over \$3 million being invested in street projects in Ward 12 this year.

Ouestions? Contact the City of Cleveland's construction authorized by said ordi- inspector, James Miller, at 216-857-1635.

## Asbury sworn in to Bedford council seat Garfield Hts. councilwoman responds at first in-person meeting since pandemic to charges she's violating city charter

#### By Ellen Psenicka

Garfield Heights Ward 4 Councilwoman Shayla Davis has responded to an email from The Neighborhood News seeking her side of the story after it was alleged at the March 22 council meeting that she presently works for the city of Cleveland while holding her council position with Garfield Heights and is, therefore, in violation of the Garfield Heights Charter.

Davis, who has announced a run for the office of mayor this year in Garfield Heights, was elected to council in November, 2019. Under Section 9 of the Garfield Heights City Charter, "Members of Council shall not hold any other public office or public employment except as otherwise provided in this Charter.'

A special meeting of city council has been called for Tuesday, April 13, at 6:30 p.m. to address the issue.

The following is the response to these charges by Davis received vesterday:

Within the last month, there have been some extreme and false accusations made against me during City Council meetings. In response, I sent a letter to my council colleagues and other local leaders. Despite my attempts to correct these lies in private, these ludicrous accusations have continued, which prompts me to release this statement of clarity.



"It is important to preface this statement by clearly stating that these accusations are purely intended to damage my image and advantage my political opponents in this year's mayoral election. There was a question over the status of my employment, in relation to the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights. The Charter of the City of Garfield Heights is based on the law of the State of Ohio, which my opponents are attempting to use in their attacks against me.

"Analyzing state law, Ohio Revised Code 102.04 (C) states: "If a local official is also serving in a second public position, the official cannot perform services for the second public agency on matters that are before any agency of the first local agency." As Project Coordinator for the City of Cleveland, Public Safety Division, I have not violated this law. No matters regarding the City of Cleveland's Public Safety Division have been brought before Council.

'Understand, Council has never had discussion of anyone's employment status. I only know of one council member's specific employer and that others are employed. My employment has not been something intentionally withheld. It's the one thing that highlights my strengths, skills and knowledge of public administration as a leader in this community. I am not and have never operated unethically. Be assured that I am on good legal ground holding my full-time employment and servicing as part-time councilwoman in Garfield Heights.

"Ohio ethics law supports me staying on Council and continuing to do the work for the residents of Garfield Heights.

'My goal and life's work has always been to use my heart, education, skill set and character to serve others. In fact, service to others in the public sector is all that I know and exactly what you, the electorate, elected me to do. Therefore, I do it with professionalism and pride.

"Other mayoral campaigns in the City of Garfield Heights are attempting to release incomplete information in an attempt to defame my character and damage my candidacy for mayor. I release this statement to provide full transparency in our government and hopefully put an end to these baseless political attacks."



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### Asbury sworn in to Bedford

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at a cost of \$77,943, and the other is to buy a Concord Nor'Easter heavy duty chassis mounted multipurpose granular materials spreader and a heavy duty municipal power angling snowplow from Concord Road Equipment city's Waste Water Treatment Plant, at a cost of \$198,990. of Painesville, at a cost of \$66,941.11.

Speaking on the purchases, Gambosi said, "We had a few vehicles budgeted in the water fund that we're going to be buying this year to help in the water and service departments." Both purchases came in under budget through the state purchasing program this year, he stated.



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#### **Analysis on first reading**

Placed on first reading was an ordinance authorizing Mallis to enter into a contract with GPD Group to conduct a No Feasible Alternatives (NFA) Analysis concerning the

The city is mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct an NFA Analysis to address persistent overflows impacting the Waste Water Treatment Plant so as to reduce flow and suggest potential upgrades at the plant," the legislation states. The ordinance will be discussed by council before possible passage at a future

#### Gambosi, Finance Dept. honored

Koci made a special presentation at the meeting to the Finance Department, honoring Gambosi and his department for receiving the Certificate of Excellence Award full-time laborers in the service department.

The spreader and snowplow equipment will replace a salt from the Government Finance Officers Association for the 30th year in a row. Gambosi gave his thanks for the recognition.

### Newburgh Hts. passes budget

Newburgh Heights Council held a special meeting on March 30, and adopted its annual budget for current expenses and other expenditures through Dec. 31, 2021.

The budget is estimated to be \$9.5 million, with revenue at \$9.74 million, according to Mayor Trevor Elkins.

Other highlights include estimated general fund expenditures of \$5.79 million, with estimated general fund revenue expected to be \$5.87 million. Elkins said the village currently has a Rainy Day Fund of about \$1.2

Also passed at the special meeting was an expenditure of up to \$10,000 for Covid relief produce box distribution and the approval of Drew Herrage and Erik Caporale as

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#### "Alpha Ave., E. 41st St. & Beta Ave. Reconstruction"

and will be publicly opened and read immediately thereafter. Each bid must contain the full names of the party or parties making the same with an affidavit as to interested parties, and in the case of a corporation not chartered in Ohio, with a proper certificate that such corporation is authorized to do business in Ohio, and shall be accompanied by a Bid Guaranty Bond for the full amount (100%) of the Bid, in favor of the "Owner" or a certified check, cashier's check, or letter of credit pursuant to Chapter 1305 of the Ohio Revised Code, in the amount of 10% of the Bid, payable to the "Owner".

It is agreed that the bid guaranty shall be for the benefit of the "Owner" pursuant to Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code if the undersigned fails to execute the Contract in conformity with the Form of Contract incorporated in the contract documents and furnish Bond and insurance certificates within ten (10) days after the notification of the award of the Contract to the undersigned.

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> Cathleen Nagorski, Fiscal Officer Village of Newburgh Heights

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This postcard dated 1910 (with postage of just one-cent on it) shows the Iron Spring area of what was then called Garfield Park, now Garfield Reservation of the Cleveland Metroparks. The water that comes from a small cave and pools in front of it was thought to be a cure-all for a multitude of ailments. In the early 1900s, people would come by horse and carriage to the Iron Spring to drink the water or fill containers to take home.

Today the Iron Spring water still comes out of the small cave and covers a large area in front of it, but a sign now warns visitors: "Polluted Do Not Drink the Water." Brown water comes continuously from the Iron Spring and stains anything that comes in contact with it.

The spring can be accessed by walking down to the middle road from the Meadow Parking Area, turning right and walking a short distance to the Iron Spring or by walking from the main asphalt trail around the park and carefully going down the stone steps to the spring. Just remember not to drink the water!

## Voters in Garfield Hts. to decide zoning amendment at May 4th primary

to cast ballots on municipal and school issues as well as 443-VOTE (8683). one candidate contest.

The only item on the ballot in The Neighborhood all public libraries. News readership area is a zoning amendment in Garfield Heights. The amendment on the ballot reads: "Shall the Zoning Code and Zoning Map of the city of Garfield Heights be amended to change the zoning classification of PP#543-28-060, located at 12824 Rockside Rd., PP#543-28-061, located at 12828 Rockside Rd., PP#543-28-004, located at 6017 Turney Rd., and PP#543-28-005, located at 6021 Turney Rd., from U-1 Single Family Residential, to U-4 Retail/Commercial classification?'

According to the city's website, passage of the amendment could lead to the construction of a new Sunoco station at the corner of Rockside and Turney rds.

Early In-Person Voting and Vote-by-Mail for the Election began yesterday, April 6.

Voters in 11 cities will go To request a Vote-by-Mail Voting, the Board of Electo the polls on May 4, 2021 ballot application, visit: tions will be implementing www.443vote.us or call 216- health and safety measures

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Voters will be subject to a health screening upon en-



### Correction

In the Holy Week Services listings in lastweek's paper, St. Joseph Byzan-tine Catholic Church in Brecksville, was listed as "St. John." All the information on their Holy Week Services, however, was correct. We regret the editor's error.

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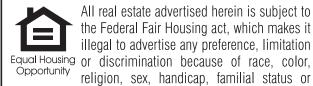
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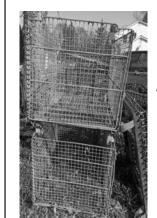
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#### **Fatal Overdose**

On April 2, at 6:34 a.m., a 30-year-old male at Community Assessment & Treatment Services, 8411 Broadway Ave., suffered a fatal overdose.

#### **GARFIELD HEIGHTS**

#### **Shots Fired**

On March 29, at 4:04 a.m., policeresponded to the 4500 block of E. 104 St. for a report of shots fired. Officers on another call on E. 106 St. had heard approximately four shots and started responding to the area prior to the call coming in. Officers checked the area and were unable to locate any shooting. A silver Ford Fusion was located in a parking lot in the 4500 block of E. 104 St. with two bullet holes going into the rear trunk area at an angle. There were no occupants inside the vehicle at the time of arrival and it was unknown if the damage to the vehicle was intentional or if it had been caught in the line of fire. The vehicle was cold to the touch indicating it had not been recently used. No suspects or victims located; report forwarded to Detective Bureau.

## **Criminal Damage -**

On Thursday, April 1, at around 1:30 a.m., police were informed that the suspect in a criminal damaging incident earlier that evening was located at his apartment in the 8100 block of Garfield Blvd. He was hostile and ran into his apartment while shouting profanities at police, subsequently preventing and delaying an investigation by officers. Additionally, the suspect had an active warrant through GHPD and was considered armed and dangerous via LEADS.

Officers later returned to the house and saw the suspect running on foot in the area. An officer shouted to the suspect from a distance and he began to touch his person/jacket. That is when a police officer removed his firearm and pointed it at the

suspect while shouting commands. The suspect laid prone on the ground and was taken into custody without further incident.

A statement was obtained from the suspect's former girlfriend indicating her desire to prosecute the suspect for damaging her car. Hewas arrested and booked into Garfield Heights Jail for criminal damaging, obstructing official business and awarrant with an \$8500 bond total.

#### **Felonious Assault**

•On April 1, at about 11:36 a.m., officers responded to Dunkin Donuts, 5126 Turney Rd., for reports of a black male in a gray hoodie who was in a black BMW and had just fired a gun. Police pulled into Dunkin individuals involved in the Donuts and observed a black

officer approached the veobserved exiting the front passenger seat of the vehicle. The male walked in front of the vehicle and then went behind the dumpster. The officer removed his service pistol from the holster and exited the police ve- vestigation, dispatch ad-

BMW parked behind a hicle just as the suspect vised that the victim of a through the lot. The black dumpster in an attempt to emerged from behind the conceal the vehicle. As the dumpster. The male was ordered to the ground and hicle a black male wearing a was detained in handcuffs gray hoodie with dreads was without incident. He was transported to city jail where hewas booked without incident. Two guns were found on the floor boards inside the vehicle.

While conducting the in-

driver said that while pulling into Turney Town's north Turney entrance, a black BMW honked at her. She honked back twice and continued driving south

road rage incident had con- BMW pulled along side her tacted GHPD. Officers and a "black male," as despoke to the female driver scribed by the driver, rolled andher two passengers. The down his window on the passenger side and fired a gun at her, striking the bottom of the driver's side door, then both vehicles drove off.

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#### Village of Newburgh Heights Housing & Building Department

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#### NOTICE OF BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING

The Village of Newburgh Heights Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Village Hall Council Chambers located at 3801 Harvard Avenue in Newburgh Heights and virtually. Residents may view the public meeting live on the Village of Newburgh Heights Facebook page,

https://www.facebook.com/NewburghHeights/.

- Call to Order
- Approval of minutes (7-23-2020)
- Review of application for a variance to build a shed, 4513 Gamma (#511-10-055)
- Public Comment
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## Warrensville Hts. for Tremco expansion

Cleveland City Council held a virtual meeting electronically Monday and approved legislation that will allow Cleveland and Warrensville Heights to share taxes on a commercial development that will straddle the border of the two cities.

across the Cleveland-Warrensville Heights boundary line.

The expansion is expected to create 25 jobs and a new payroll of \$1.3 million. The income taxes will be shared in proportion to the building footprint -54% to Cleveland and 46% to Warrensville Heights. Existing taxes will not be shared.

The company, located on Miles Rd. at E. 175 St., was founded in 1928. It currently employs about 500 workers.

#### Also approved

• Legislation to renovate the city's fire stations to provide accommodations for mixedgender fire-fighting crews.

Many of the city's fire stations were originally designed to accommodate only male firefighters and do not currently provide adequately separated sleeping, showering and toilet facilities for women. Design solutions for all fire stations have been developed. As a pilot project, Fire Station 11 has been outfitted with walls and doors to convert the sleeping area into individual rooms.

The \$830,000 renovation project is scheduled to start this year and continue to 2025. Once completed all stations will be capable of housing mixed gender fire fighters.

- An ordinance authorizing the transfer of \$12 million collected through "sin taxes" earmarked for Browns stadium upkeep to move from an escrow account into the city's Stadium Capital Repair Fund. County voters in 2014 voted to extend the tax on alcohol and cigarettes for the stadium, Cavs court and Indians ballfield upkeep. Items identified in the 2018 audit included but are not limited to: replacement of pedestrian ramps, replacement of corroded fire sprinkler lines, structural crack repair and other
- $\bullet \ Resolution \ calling \ on \ the \ United \ States \ Congress \ to \ pass \ HR \ 6422 \ which \ would \ create$ a National Infrastructure Bank to finance urgently needed infrastructure projects.

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Cuyahoga Heights, Independence, Valley View, Maple Heights and Bedford

### Cleveland Council OKs tax sharing with Easter Ham Drawing winners announced

Due to the generosity of 40 local merchants, a total of 40 Easter hams were given away this past week in the annual Neighborhood News Ham Giveaway. The names of participating merchants and ham winners are listed below:

Winners of this year's Easter Ham Contest and the participating merchants who provided gift cards for hams are: #1 Roofing, 216-319-0430, Richard Muller of A long-time Cleveland company called Tremco, which manufactures construction Hempstead Rd.; Arrow Realty, 4975 Turney Rd., Bernie Sliva of Plymouth Ave.; Ward products, is planning to expand its operation, but in order to do so it needs to build 5 Garfield Heights Councilman Jason X. Blake, Bev Flowers of West Cross Creek Rd.; Ward 12 Cleveland Councilman, Anthony Brancatelli, Debbie Seguin of W. 134 St.;

> Broadway Scrap Metals, 8202 Broadway Ave., Joseph Cashiotta of Ella Ave.; Browns Tavern, 5211 Harvard Ave., George Lewandowski of Harvard Ave.; Garfield Heights Mayor Matt Burke, Vickie Myers of E. 88 St.; Charmin Carmen's, 6073 Turney Rd., Nancy Harp of Andover Blvd.; Tony D'Eusanio, Realtor, 216-956-9277, Dawn Cieslak of Bangor; Dave's Supermarket, 7422 Harvard Ave., James Geller of E. 57 St.; Dave's Supermarket, 4948 Turney Rd., Pat Shetler of E. 119 St.

> Dependable Electric, 440-845-8661, Tony Szymkowski of Pease Rd.; Garfield Heights Ward 2 Councilman Chuck Donahue, Sandy Dobies; Garfield Heights Ward 1 Councilman Michael Dudley, Sr., Dameon Freeman of Granger Rd.; First Federal Lakewood, 12648 Rockside Rd., Evelyn Dornbek of Mendota; Fisher Auto Parts, 5727 Turney Rd., Linda Lappert of Park Knoll; Gas USA, 7020 Harvard Ave., Brenda Simon of Ella Ave.; Giant Eagle, 5744 Transportation Blvd., Nancy Hajek of Glenwood; K & K Meat Shoppe, Inc., 6172 Dunham Rd., Lisa Ayers of Hinckley; Matrix III Income Tax Service, 5258 Transportation Blvd., Karen Brayer of Fruitside; Mike's Pizza, 3966 E. 42 St., Ken Forestall of E. 54 St.; Garfield Heights Council President and Ward 3 Councilman Mike Nenadovich, Charles Keshock of Thraves Ave.; PNC Bank, 7101 Broadway Ave., Sue Houska of Mapleview.

> R & K Sausage and Catering, 7700 Harvard Ave., Cathy Wilchek of Woodbridge; Rad Air Complete Car Care, 5266 Turney Rd., Renee Lesko of Oak Park; RE/MAX Haven Realty, Inc., 5306 Transportation Blvd., Carol Kucko of Forest Overlook; Subway Turney Town, 4984 Turney Rd., Nancy Fitch of Grannis Rd.; Sweetly Shoibhan Pastries & Bubble Tea, 5524 Turney Rd., Ron Terrill of Beman Ave.; Tiffany's Pizza and Grinders, 5035 Turney Rd., David Norman of E. 117 St.; Turney Sunoco, 6009 Turney Rd. at Rockside, Jim Wojacki of Shady Oak;

> Turney Town Laundromat, 4934 Turney Rd., Charlie Brown; Turney Town Shell, 5095 Turney Rd. at McCracken, Diane Lappert of Hathaway; Unique Tax & Accounting, Inc., 6116 Fleet Ave., Elaine Trem of Andover; Garfield Heights Ward 7 Councilman Tom Vaughn, Franklin McClure of Cleveland; Walgreens, 12777 Rockside Rd. at Turney, Leon Jarosz of Carol Dr.; WeldonPC.com, 5829 Turney Rd., Sean Fitzgibbon; Winedown Bistro, 9812 Garfield Blvd., Bernie Sliva of Plymouth; Shannon Landscaping & Snowplowing, 216-441-6167, Bill Malicki of Murray Rd.

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## Community Police Reports when he heard gunshots and got out of the car and ran to walking on the sidewalk on automatic handgun with an the victim's home. The vic-

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dence in Turney Town from wearing a head wrap that this shooting observed a gold ran around to the back yard shell casing on the sidewalk of the E. 90 St. address and near the exit located near Sherwin Williams. The suspect was held for investigation of felonious assault and held on no bond. The Detective Bureau will follow up.

were dispatched to the area said he lived at the resifor a report of shots fired.

appeared to enter the residence. Officers observed a gray Nissan in the driveway with numerous bullet holes in it. Police spoke with a man who was identified as the male in black clothing •All Garfield Heights units and black head wrap who The caller stated there was a in his car in the driveway

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the back of his house and the north side of E. 90 St. male begins shooting as he then inside. He said he did An officer looking for evi- black male in dark clothing not have a description of the shooter and had no idea why this occurred. The victim said he had glass in his eye and a cut on his hand. GHFD transported him to Marymount Hospital. An officer spokewith the victim's mother, who said her son had just came home for spring break from college and that "he isn't involved of the 4800 block of E. 90 St. dence. He said he had just in anything." Officers were come home and was sitting able to view surveillance video from two different

toward the victim's home. startswalking backwards. He Bureau to follow up. The male has his right hand then turns and runs. Police behind his back, then draws found 13 spent .40 caliber his hand out in front of casings on the sidewalk, him, holding a black semi- grass and street in front of

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