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N.N. endorses Vote for Brancatelli in Cleveland's Ward 12



Cleveland Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli is seeking to retain his seat on Cleveland City Council this election year. He is on the ballot in the September 14th primary election coming up, with the two winners of that race facing each other in the November general election.

Ward 12 currently encompasses the Slavic Village, Old Brooklyn, Brooklyn Center, Tremont, industrial

valley and Forest City neighborhoods.

The Neighborhood News has endorsed Brancatelli in his previous bids for election in Ward 12 in light of his extensive legislative experience, compassionate devotion to his community and advocacy for the people he represents. This election year will be no exception - we wholeheartedly endorse him once more.

Brancatelli is a lifelong resident of Slavic Village, was the executive director of Slavic Village Development for 17 years and has been council's Ward 12 representative for the past 16 years, with a proven record of effectively serving his constituents.

And his community engagement makes him instantly recognizable by those he serves, from Fleet Avenue to Lincoln Park. Whether it's being at the forefront of local and national efforts to stem the tide of the foreclosure crisis several years ago to urging residents to get their Covid vaccine and a scoop of ice cream at Daisy's on Fleet Ave. more recently, Brancatelli is front and center for his constituents.

He is the clear choice to retain his seat on Cleveland City Council. The residents of Ward 12 could have no better representative in their corner for another four years. Early voting started yesterday. Vote for Brancatelli in Ward 12. **UNLINE A1 theneighborhoodnews.com**

Missing G.H. man **Larry Bell**



The Garfield Heights Police Department is asking for the public's help in locating Larry Bell, a 78-year-old black male, 5'10' in height and weighing about 155 lbs., with gray hair and brown eyes.

He was reported missing July 27, by his 84-year-old cousin, Marcell Bradley. who lives in Garfield Heights with Bell. He was last seen walking on Broadway Ave. in Garfield Heights, wearing an orange shirt and dark jeans. Bell is said to suffer from depression with no other known medical issues

If you are able to obtain any information on the possible whereabouts of Bell, please contact the Garfield Heights Police Department at 216-475-1234

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G.H. Council holds special meeting

By Ellen Psenicka

Garfield Heights Council held a special meeting Monday night and passed legislation to provide that members of the police and fire departments of the Department of Public Safety will receive no less compensation than the average paid to members of the police and fire division in suburban cities with a population of 10,000 or more whose boundaries are contiguous to the city of Cleveland.

 $The \, current \, charter \, stipulates \, that \, the \, compensation \, for \, that \, of \, the \, safety \, forces \, must$ be the average paid in suburban cities with a population of 15,000 or more whose boundaries are contiguous to Cleveland.

The ordinance to amend the charter passed by council Monday to decrease the population required for comparable compensation by 5,000 will now be placed on the ballot in the Nov. 2, 2021 general election for submission to Garfield Heights voters.

Also passed was an emergency ordinance to buy a 2015 Freightliner ambulance on www.govdeals.com at a cost not to exceed \$130,000 plus the buyer's premium of 5%.

Bedford Council votes to accept funds from potential opioid lawsuit settlement

By Judith Goldsworth

With strong encouragement from Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost, the city of Bedford, at a special council meeting last week, joined with numerous other political subdivisions in the state to pass a resolution to accept a portion of potential opioid settlement funds related to a class action lawsuit against various pharmaceutical companies.

The One Ohio Opioid Settlement agreement, if approved by at least 95% of litigating municipalities in the state, could result in more than an \$800 million settlement with three major drug distributors that have been sued for their role in the opioid epidemic, which has resulted in the deaths of thousands of Ohioans in the past decade, Yost explained in a statement from his office late last week.

The original deadline for governmental entities to apply for funding from the settlement with pharmaceutical distributors McKesson, Cardinal Health and AmeriSource Bergen was Friday, Aug. 13. However, to encourage more participation from governing bodies in Ohio, Yost extended the deadline to this Friday, Aug. 20, at 5 p.m.

Bedford Council met in a special session on Tuesday, Aug. 10, to pass its own resolution to accept the material terms of the One Ohio Subdivision Settlement.

Bedford's passing of the resolution affirms its participation in the settlement and authorizes City Manager Mike Mallis to accept the proposed settlement on behalf of the city, according to the legislation.

Yost stated last week that pharmaceutical manufacturer Johnson & Johnson was also involved in the lawsuit, which had the potential to increase the current settlement figure of about \$808 million to possibly the \$1 billion range.

Under the One Ohio plan, the settlement money would be distributed locally, with 55% going to a foundation created to disburse the money and fund programs that benefit Ohioans affected by opioids and/or to prevent addiction; 30% going to community recovery programs at the local level; and 15% going to the state of Ohio, according to information released by Yost's office.

STEP STUDENTS PERFORM AT ST. STAN'S



The front steps of St. Stanislaus Church in Slavic Village were the backdrop for a live performance Monday evening, Aug. 2 of the original play "Song of Sankofa," presented by Cleveland Public Theatre's celebrated Student Theatre Enrichment Program. Photo by Elena Psenicka

Marie Bobowski celebrates 100th birthday

Marie Bobowski, a lifelong resident of Slavic Village, celebrated her 100th birthday last Sunday, Aug. 15. Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli presented her with a Resolution of Congratulations from the city of Cleveland to mark the occasion.

"Mrs. Bobowski is an inspiration to us as an example of an active life well lived and a commitment to her church and community," Brancatelli said.

Born in 1921, her parentswere Polish immigrants. Mrs. Bobowski has lived in her childhood home in Slavic Village since she was five-years-old. She worked for 42 years as a seamstress for Richman Brothers and another 23 years for St. Alexis Hospital in administration. She also was very active at St. Stanislaus Church, her parish for the past 85 years.

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Since 1854, St. John has been a welcoming church community. The congregations wants to continue to be a shining light in this area. People can worship, learn and grow in various ways while at St. John. Won't you become part of the caring adult team to guide and help keeping the children and teens on the best path for their lives? See you on Monday at the meeting! For information, contact the church office 216-587-4222 or email: silutheran@att.net. To learn more about St. John Lutheran Church, go to: stjohnlutherangarfieldhts.com

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The lunch menu, available for \$15 per person, includes breaded chicken, roasted pork, pasta with marinara sauce, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad and dessert, served with coffee and iced tea.

RSVP by Wednesday, Aug. 18, to: https:// www.eventbrite.com/e/bedford-state-of-the-city-address-tickets-89601585755 or citymanager@ ${\bf bed for doh.gov\, or\, 440\text{-}232\text{-}1600.}$

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Southeast Branch (Bedford)

Listed are more **FREE** programs for August 2021 at the Southeast branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 70 Columbus Rd., Bedford. For more information or to register for any program, please call 440-439-4997.

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Wednesday, August 18, 6:30 p.m.

game dice. A meeting link will be emailed to registered participants approximately one hour prior to the start of the program. Staff will be available for help with connecting to Zoom and technical issues beginning 15 minutes prior to the program. You will need a device with audio and/or video and an internet connection to join. Your designed item will be printed on the library's 3D printers and will be available for pickup after the program at your local branch. MUST REGISTERBook Discussion - "The Wife Between Us" by Greer Hendricks

Wednesday, August 25, 2 p.m.

Join for a thoughtful discussion of "The Wife Between Us" by Greer Hendricks and enough to send her son to law school. Sarah Pekkanen.

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African American Authors Book Group

Thursday, August 26, 7 p.m.

A meeting link will be emailed to registered participants approximately 1 hour prior to the start of the program. Staff will be available for help connecting to Zoom and with technical issues beginning 15 minutes prior to the program. You will need a device with audio and/or video and an internet connection to join. MUST REGISTER

The Greater Cleveland Food Bank mobile pantry will distribute FREE, fresh produce Independence High School Music **Dept. launches Shoe Collection Drive**

The Independence High School Music Department is conducting a shoe drive from Learn the basics of 3D design using Tinkercad and create customized role-playing now until Oct. 1, to earn funds for those in need, based on the total weight of the shoes collected. Funds2Orgs will purchase all of the donated footwear. Anyone can help by donating gently worn, used or new shoes at IHS home football games on September 3 and 17.

> All donated shoes will then be redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of microenterprise partners in developing nations. Funds2Orgs helps impoverished people start, maintain and grow businesses in countries such as Haiti, Honduras and other nations in Central America and Africa. Proceeds from the shoe sales are used to feed, clothe and house their families. One budding entrepreneur in Haiti even earned

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Cuyahoga Heights Council meeting update

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Ballot Issue #1 would mandate that the Sewer User Charge Fund be administered by the village's chief fiscal officer. The administrator now is the village clerk.

Ballot Issue #2 would eliminate the elected office of

Ballot Issue #3 deals with the appointment and promotion of firemen and policemen. It states that: "The Council "may" (not "shall" as previously worded) provide by ordinance for examinations to ascertain the merit and fitness of applicants for appointment and promotion in the Fire Department and Police Department and may also establish age, residency and other requirements for such appointments and promotions.'

According to Council Clerk Bob Unger, the same legislation was passed at last month's meeting in one resolution. The legislation passed last Wednesday was submitted and passed as separate pieces of legislation for

The following legislation was also passed at the Aug. 11 meeting:

- To apply for Cleveland Urbanized Area Federal Transit Administration funding from the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program;
- To accept an Assistance to Firefighters Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency through its E-Grant system for a power lift cot, power lift system and two years of equipment maintenance for use by the fire department;

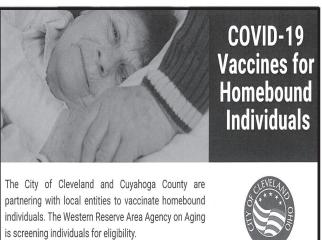


- To authorize a change order for the Nicky Boulevard Garfield Heights Storm Sewer Extension and Slope Stabilization Improvements Project, Phase One;
- •To split, consolidate and/or reconfigure permanent parcel numbers 522-25-001, 522-25, 002, 522-25-003, 522-25-008 and 522-25-018;
- •To approve asbestos remediation at 5047 E. 71 St., at ter, 6363 Selig Dr.

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> Tinita Tillman **Finance Director** City of Maple Heights, Ohio

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Community police reports

Cleveland

Theft, Aug. 12, 1:19 p.m. 6500 block of Hosmer Ave. Assault, Aug. 12, 7:42 p.m. 6900 block of Fullerton Ave. Shooting, Aug 13, 6:46 a.m. 3600 block of E. 53 St. Burglary, Aug. 13, 12:22 p.m. 6200 block of Broadway Ave.

Assault, Aug. 13, 11:28 p.m. 6500 block of Hosmer Ave. Shooting, Aug. 14, 8:07 a.m. E. 69 St. and Sebert Ave. Burglary, Aug. 14, 1:04 p.m. 6200 block of Broadway Ave.

Shooting, Aug. 14, 11:34 p.m. 4300 block of E. 71 St. 30-year-old male victim of gunshot wound to the leg. Transported by private auto to Marymount Hospital.

Shooting, Aug. 15, 2:29 a.m. E. 64 St. and Harvard Ave. Shooting, Aug. 15, 6:06 a.m. E. 69 St. and Sebert Ave.

Assault, Aug. 15, 9:11 a.m. Felonious assault with vehicle, 6900 block of War Ave. 39-year-old female struck by vehicle c/w domestic call. Suspect arrested. Victim transported to MetroHealth Medical Center.

Shooting, Aug. 15, 10:31 p.m. 6600 block of Sebert Ave.

Garfield Heights Aggravated Robbery

On Aug. 12, an officer responded to the police station for an aggravated robbery report. The victim said he was standing in the parking lot of the apartments in the 4900 block of Henry St. at about 5:15 p.m., when an unknown person walked up behind him and put a gun to his head and said he needed his phone. The suspect took the phone and ran from the area. The phone was unlocked at the time of the robbery, and the person who took it sent \$3,017 from the victim's Cash App account to a person

Motor Vehicle Theft

- •On Aug. 9, at 10:11 p.m., officers responded to the Sunoco station at 4935 Turney Rd., for a motor vehicle theft. The car's owner told police he had pulled into the Sunoco station, left his keys in the car and went inside to make a purchase. When he came back outside he found his vehicle gone. Police obtained video footage of the incident which showed a red Chevy sedan pulling up to the victim's car and a thin, black male wearing a surgical Shots Fired mask come out of the passenger side of the Chevy and walk up to the victim's vehicle. He then opened the door and drove off. Vehicle entered into LEADS.
- On Aug. 12, police were dispatched to a home in the 4900 block of E. 110 St. for a car theft. The car's owner Shooting, Aug. 15, 6:09 a.m. 6700 block of Lansing said she pulled into her mother's home on E. 110 St. about 11 p.m. She left her car running in the driveway while she went inside to get her daughter and returned to find her car gone. Vehicle entered into LEADS.
- •On Aug. 14, at 1:45 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the 11200 block of Vernon Ave. for a vehicle theft complaint. The vehicle's owner told police she arrived home about 25 minutes earlier and found her car missing Shooting, Aug. 16, 12:46 a.m., 6800 block of Claasen. from her garage. She said she has the car's key on her

regularly used key ring, but the spare key which she kept under her mattress was gone. She believes she knows the culprit. She provided information that led police to contact Solon PD, but they confirmed the vehicle was not at the Solon address provided. Vehicle entered into LEADS.

Breaking & Entering

On Aug. 9, an officer took an online report from a woman who said that on Aug. 8, between 1 and 8 a.m., someone entered her unlocked garage in the 4700 block of E. 88 St., and stole her Pulsar lawnmower valued at

Theft from Auto

On Aug. 10, an officer responded to the Garfield Heights Service Garage at 13600 McCracken Rd., for a theft report. A city employee said that sometime overnight two catalytic converters were taken from two cityowned vehicles. There was red paint transfer observed on the pipes of the cars from the blade used to cut the converters off.

On Aug. 10, at 9:36 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 4600 block of Horton Rd. about two gunshots being fired in front of the complainant's house by people in a black vehicle that left traveling south. While speaking to other residents on the street, officers observed two young, black males driving north on Horton and approaching Grand Division. Witnesses believed it was the same vehicle involved in the shots fired. Police were unsuccessful in locating the vehicle, but found two shell casings in front of the complainant's home on Horton.

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Garfield Hts. Rec Signups

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Learn to Skate

The Rec Center is also taking registrations for all of its Learn to Skate lessons for ages 3 to adult held on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Check the web page for all session dates, times and details: www.garfieldhts.org. Call 216-475-7272; press "0" during open office hours

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'Thank you to all who School Fair a huge success," said Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli. "These community events are what make our neighborhood a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family.

There was lots of horsing this weekend

Various bridge repairs will make it necessary to close I-77 north and south to I-490 west beginning Friday, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m., through Monday, Aug. 23, at 6 a.m.

The detour northbound made this year's Back to will be Broadway Ave. to Rockefeller Ave. to I-490.

> The detour southbound will be Woodland Ave./E. 30th to E. 30 St. to Broadway Ave. to Rockefeller Ave. to I-490.

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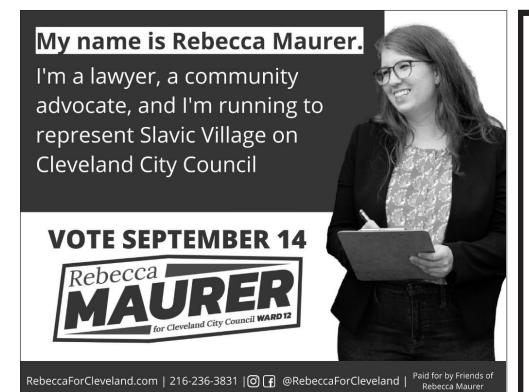




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