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## Cleveland City Council passes bill to allow public comment at meetings

Cleveland Council members voted at their meeting Wednesday, Aug 18, to change their rules that will now allow public comment at regular council meetings, according to information posted on the Cleveland City Council website.

However, an amendment added to have council members vote on the procedures set up by the clerk of council delays the start of public comment. The clerk had been working to establish it to start when council returns to regular meetings on Sept. 20. It's unclear when council will vote on the procedures.

However, council members voted on two rule changes, the first changing language to say "...in accordance with rules and procedures established by the Clerk of Council, any person may be heard during that portion of a regular meeting set aside for public comment."

The second rule change is to add public comment into the order of business at council meetings. It will be the fifth item in the order of business.

"I'm pleased that as council president, I've brought public comment to the meetings after nearly 90 years and for the first time under the Mayor-Council form of government - so 207 years since the city was incorporated," said Council President Kevin Kelley.

Council Clerk Patricia Britt and her staff had been drafting the procedures for public comment. While not finalized, generally they allow anyone who registers to comment at council meetings, not limiting it to Cleveland residents or business owners.

The policy also allows speakers to talk on any topic, not limiting it to that night's council agenda.

All wishing to speak must register online, by paper form or by phone. The entire registration form must be completed, including stating the topic they are commenting on.

Registration will open at noon on the Wednesday before a Monday council meeting and will close at 2 p.m. on the Monday of a regular 7 p.m. council meeting.

Speaking slots will be allotted by order of registration. The first 10 registrations will get the opportunity to comment for up to three minutes. There will not be a rollover list of people who will be given speaking priority at the next regular council meeting. A new registration is required each week.

For those who don't want to comment publicly, they can submit written comments that will be distributed to all council members. Cleveland City Council has reasonable accommodation policies for those with disabilities or need language assistance, according to its website, which will be available to all who request assistance for public comment.

Since the pandemic, all council meetings have been available to watch live on TV20 or anytime on council's YouTube page. That will continue even as council goes back to in-person meetings and will include the public comment portion of the meeting.

## Cleveland mayoral candidates visit Slavic Village

Picture-perfect weather greeted candidates and attendees last Wednesday evening for the 2021 Cleveland Mayoral Candidates Forum outdoors at St. Stanislaus Church in Slavic Village, sponsored by Next Broadway.

Mayoral hopefuls Justin Bibb, Ross DiBello, Basheer Jones, Kevin Kelley, Dennis Kucinich, Zack Reed and Sandra Williams were all on hand to address topics including safety, health and education, presented to them by forum moderator Joy Cummings.

Dozens of residents attended the event and were able to have their pre-submitted questions answered by the candidates in advance of the Sept. 14 Primary Election, where candidates will be whittled down to the top two to face off in the General Election in November.



Mayoral hopefuls Zack Reed, in foreground, and Dennis Kucinich speak with residents before last Wednesday's forum.

## New impacts of Valley View Bridge construction project

The I-480 Valley View Bridge Deck Replacement Project which includes construction of a new bridge between the two existing Valley View bridges and replacement of the decks of the I-480 east and westbound Valley View bridges in Garfield Heights and Independence will have the following new traffic impacts:

- I-77 northbound and southbound ramps to I-480 eastbound will be closed on Wednesday, Sept. 1, through Thursday, Sept. 2, between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. for maintenance of traffic shift. Detour will be I-480 westbound to State Rd. to I-480 eastbound.

- On Monday, Sept. 13, all I-480 west traffic will officially be traveling on the new I-480 Valley View Bridge through the Summer 2022, as crews work on the existing I-480 westbound bridge. Westbound traffic will still have access to the I-77 interchange and exit to Transportation Blvd.



Shown here are the seven Cleveland mayoral candidates, with moderator Joy Cummings, standing at left, at a candidates forum last Wednesday evening on the grounds of St. Stanislaus Church. Photos by Elena Psenicka

## Independence Council update

Independence Council met in regular session on Tuesday, Aug. 10, and placed on first reading an ordinance relating to keeping chickens on residential property.

The way the proposed legislation is worded in its present form, a maximum of six chickens would be allowed per half-acre lot, with stipulations as to chicken coops, runs and fencing. Council is expected to vote on this ordinance at its September meeting, giving it time to make any changes it deems necessary.

The following legislation was passed at the Aug. 10 Independence Council meeting:

- Establishing the Home Improvement Assessment Public-Private Partnership Program for the purpose of assisting city residents to maintain and assure properties remain in compliance with the codified ordinances, including but not limited to stormwater management, creek maintenance and sewer maintenance;

- Authorizing an increase in the amount of funds allocated to the retention of Mazanec, Raskin & Ryder Co., LPA for professional legal services to represent Anthony Togliatti in his former official capacity, in an amount not to exceed \$5,300, and a total not to exceed \$108,339.47;

- Accepting the proposal of CBIZ Insurance Services, Inc. for professional insurance broker services for the purchase of property, inland marine, crime and automobile insurance for the city for an additional one-year period beginning Aug. 20, 2021 and ending Aug. 20, 2022, at the same fee as originally contracted, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000;

- Accepting the material terms of the OneOhio Subdivision Settlement pursuant to the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding consistent with the terms of the July 21, 2021 National Opioid Settlement and to sign the OneOhio Subdivision Participation form.



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**Genealogical Society to hold virtual meeting**

The Cuyahoga Valley Genealogical Society will hold a virtual Zoom meeting on Monday, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m. The topic will be "Exploring German Emigration Records," presented by professional genealogist Stephen Wendt, who will share his knowledge and passion for German and Prussian genealogy, newspaper genealogy and other related topics.

Nonmembers who wish to participate can email to: CuyahogaValleyGenSociety@gmail.com for Zoom instructions.

**Block Watch meeting**

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch meeting and cookout, sponsored by Councilman Tom Vaughn, will be held Tuesday, Aug. 31, at 7 p.m. at St. Monica Church's pavilion off Rockside Rd. All are welcome.

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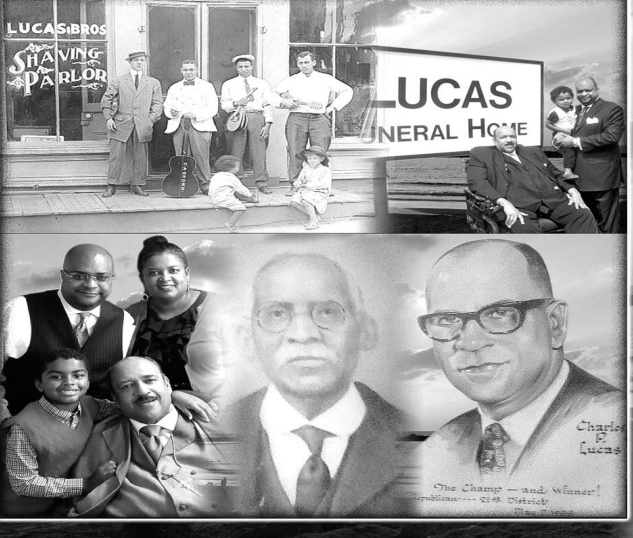
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The celebration begins at noon with an outdoor Mass celebrated by Pastor Emeritus Fr. Norm, and lunch will be served from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

This year's theme is BASEBALL/BBQ/BROWNS! The picnic will feature broadcasting both the Indians vs. Brewers and the Browns vs. Chiefs games on two high resolution, LED billboard-size screens attached to a truck similar to those seen on the streets of Las Vegas or at our local casinos.

Included with the ticket price of \$10 you will choose from a Mission BBQ lunch of either a pulled chicken or pork sandwich, baked beans and coleslaw. Beverages, beer and ice cream will be available for purchase. There will also be basket raffles, 50/50 raffles and the parish raffle with a grand prize of \$2000.

Advance sale tickets are \$10 each and are available after Masses this weekend and next and at the parish office during regular business hours. Tickets are advance sale only — none will be available at the gate.

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#### List of Meetings for September 2021

Monday, September 6, 2021	City Hall Closed - Labor Day
Tuesday, September 7, 2021	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 8, 2021	Southeast Area Law Enforcement (SEALE) Board of Trustees Meeting (if needed) Work Session - 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting - 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 8, 2021	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m., Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Monday, September 13, 2021	Wards 1 & 4 - 7:00 p.m.
Monday, September 20, 2021	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 21, 2021	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Monday, September 27, 2021	Wards 3 & 6 - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 28, 2021	Board of Zoning Appeals (if needed) Work Session - 6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

It should also be noted that the Board of Building Standards and Appeals, Civil Service Commission, Bedford Arts and Cultural Board, Bedford Historical Preservation Board, Assessment Equalization Board, Public Hearings, Planning Commission, Animal Appeals Board, Board of Zoning Appeals and Tree Board meet as needed. Notification of these meetings will be posted at the five most public places in the City per Ordinance No. 8461-09.

All Meetings will be held at Bedford City Hall, 165 Center Road, Bedford, Ohio 44146. For agendas please go to [www.bedfordoh.gov](http://www.bedfordoh.gov) or call the Clerk of Council, at 440-735-6510.

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**Manga Meetup -grades 6-12, Thursday, Sept. 9, 7 p.m.**

Enjoy a discussion of a recent manga series. Both die-hard fans and those new to manga are welcome. 9/9 "The Promised Neverland" by Kaiu Shirai. 10/14 "Jujutsu Kaisen" by Gege Akutami. 11/11 "Witch Hat Atelier" by Kamome Shirahama. A meeting link will be emailed to registered participants approximately one hour prior to the start of the program. **MUST REGISTER**

**Southeast (Bedford/Bedford Heights/Oakwood Village)**

Here are our some of the **FREE** programs for **September 2021** at the Southeast Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, located at 70 Columbus Rd., Bedford, Ohio 44146. For more information, or to register for any program, please call 440-439-4997.

**Kids Café -18 & younger**

**Monday-Friday, 3-4 p.m.**

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**Tunes 'n' Tots Virtual Playgroup -For children 0-5 with caregiver**

**Thursday, Sept. 2, 10:30 a.m.**

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**Nursery Rhymes at Noon**

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*WHEREAS*, Section 52 of the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights permits this Council to submit proposed Charter amendments to the electors of the City upon a Council vote of two-thirds in favor of said change, and

*WHEREAS*, an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of Council members shall result in this amendment to be presented to the electors of the City on the November 2, 2021, General Election, and

*WHEREAS*, Section 41 currently provides that the rate of compensation for members of the police and fire division of the Department of Public Safety shall be no less than the average that is paid to the members of the police and fire divisions in suburban cities with a population of fifteen thousand (15,000) or more whose boundary lines are contiguous to the City of Cleveland, and

*WHEREAS*, Council wishes to amend said language to change the population requirement from 15,000 to 10,000 for the suburban cities contiguous to the City of Cleveland for the police and fire division rate of compensation calculation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio that:

SECTION 1. Section 41 of the Garfield Heights Charter shall be amended to read as follows (removed language is indicated by ~~strikethrough~~; additional language is indicated by **bold**):

The Department of Public Safety shall be in the charge of the Safety Director. There shall be in the Department of Public Safety a Police Division and a Fire Division. There shall be in the Department of Public Safety a Division of Building, Engineering and Inspection.

41-A Annual rate of pay to be paid members of the police division. The annual rate of compensation for the members of the police division, Department of Public Safety, shall be no less than the average that is paid to members of police divisions in the suburban cities with a population of ~~fifteen thousand (15,000)~~ **ten thousand (10,000)** or more whose boundary lines are contiguous to the City of Cleveland.

On or about the first day of April of each year, the Council shall cause a survey to be made as to the rate of compensation paid to members of the police divisions of suburban cities whose population is ~~fifteen thousand (15,000)~~ **ten thousand (10,000)** or more, whose boundary lines are contiguous to the City of Cleveland, based upon the latest federal decennial census. Not later than the first day of June of each year, Council shall enact legislation providing for the payment of a rate of compensation for the members of the police division not less than the average compensation paid to the aforementioned suburban cities, which such rate of compensation shall become effective on and shall be paid from the first day of June of that year.

The expression "rate of compensation" or pay, as used in this section, shall apply only to a basic amount of wages and does not include such benefits as might be set up by any city by way of holidays, vacations, other permitted absences, overtime, longevity, night or split shifts, pay for specialized service within a classification or rank, or other premium pay differentials or any type whatsoever. The foregoing enumeration is not exclusive; it is the intent of this section that nothing other than a basic amount of wages, with included range scales, be included within the meaning of "rate of compensation" or pay.

Upon passage of this Charter Amendment, a special survey shall be made in accordance with the hereinbefore stated provisions, and the new rate shall be paid beginning January 1, 1973.

For the purpose of this section, the pay ranges of 1971 shall be considered as a base. Such additional funds as shall be required by the operation of this Section in addition to the 1971 base, shall be generated by an increase in the limitation on the rate of taxation as provided in Section 21 of this Charter.

Council is hereby authorized to increase the limitation on the rate of taxation by such millage as shall be needed to realize the funds required.

41-B Annual rate of pay to be paid members of the fire division. The annual rate of compensation for members of the fire division, Department of Public Safety, shall be no less than the average that is paid to members of the fire divisions in the suburban cities with a population of ~~fifteen thousand (15,000)~~ **ten thousand (10,000)** or more whose boundary lines are contiguous to the City of Cleveland.

On or about the first day of April of each year, the Council shall cause a survey to be made as to the rate of compensation paid to members of the fire divisions of suburban cities whose population is ~~fifteen thousand (15,000)~~ **ten thousand (10,000)** or more, whose boundary lines are contiguous to the City of Cleveland, based upon the latest Federal decennial census. Not later than the first day of June of each year, Council shall enact legislation providing for the payment of a rate of compensation for the members of the fire department not less than the average compensation paid to the aforementioned suburban cities, which such rate of compensation shall become effective on and shall be paid from the first day of June of that year.

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SECTION 2. The question of amendment of Section 41 of the City of Garfield Heights Charter shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electorate of the City of Garfield Heights at an election to be held November 2, 2021 during the regular hours of voting permitted as prescribed by law, where a majority affirmative vote is required for passage.

SECTION 3. The Law Director is hereby directed to transmit by mail or email a certified copy of this Ordinance and the following ballot language to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, c/o the Director's Office, located at 2925 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115 and/or to hand-deliver the same to the Issues Department located on the Third Floor of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections and obtain a written and dated receipt therefore and he is further directed to make the necessary arrangements with the Board of Elections, Cuyahoga County, for giving notice of the proposed amendment of the municipal Charter and for compliance with other regulations including but not limited to appropriate ballot language in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code:

PROPOSED BALLOT LANGUAGE

SHALL SECTION 41 OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS CHARTER BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE THAT THE RATE OF COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE POLICE AND FIRE DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SHALL BE NO LESS THAN THE AVERAGE THAT IS PAID TO THE MEMBERS OF THE POLICE AND FIRE DIVISIONS IN SUBURBAN CITIES WITH A POPULATION OF TEN THOUSAND (10,000) OR MORE WHOSE BOUNDARY LINES ARE CONTIGUOUS TO THE CITY OF CLEVELAND?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure for the best interest of the citizens of Garfield Heights and for the further reason that publication requirements of Ohio law pertaining to Charter amendments necessitates passage without undue delay, therefore this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.



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**Shooting:** Aug. 21, 10:35 p.m. 4000 block of E. 79 St. 20-year-old male suffered gunshot wound to the chest and side. Transported to MetroHealth Medical Center.

**Crime Stoppers of Cuyahoga County is offering up to \$5000 cash reward for anonymous tips on the following homicides and shootings. Tipsters can call 216-25CRIME or online at www.25CRIME.com.**

**Shooting:** Aug. 20, 3:52 p.m., E. 55th and Broadway Ave. 25-year-old male suffered gunshot wound to the neck. EMS transported him to Metro.

**Shooting:** Aug. 20, Sunoco station, 7025 Fleet Ave. Male in his 20's suffered gunshot wound to the hip/upper thigh. EMS conveyed him to Metro.

**Shooting:** Aug. 20, E. 71 St. and Fleet Ave. 22-year-old male suffered gunshot wound to his knee. Driven to Marymount Hospital by private auto.

## Garfield Heights

### Theft – Firearm

Several residents reported thefts of firearms from their vehicles last week, all in the early morning hours. On Aug. 15, a gun was stolen from a car parked in the lot of the Aura Bar, 4912 Turney Rd., between 12:30 and 1:15 a.m. On Aug. 15, a gun was stolen from a vehicle parked in the lot at 5011 Turney Rd., between 12:05 and 12:38 a.m., by breaking the rear driver's side window of the

vehicle to gain entry. On Aug. 15, between 12:30 and 2 a.m., a gun was stolen from a car parked in the lot of Turneytown Shopping Plaza near Dave's Supermarket as well as a box of 9mm ammunition. Entry was gained by breaking out the front passenger window of the car.

### Stolen Auto Recovered

On Aug. 22, at about 9:55 p.m., an officer responded to the Eldorado Motel, 13701 Broadway Ave., to assist another officer who had found a car stolen out of Lorain, OH, in the motel parking lot. A man and woman were observed exiting one of the motel rooms and getting into the stolen car. Police activated lights on the cruiser and ordered the driver at gunpoint to turn off the vehicle. The driver then put the car in reverse and backed into the police cruiser, nearly striking an officer. He then struck three more cars in the parking lot before leaving east-bound on Broadway. The other officer got in his cruiser and gave chase. The suspect vehicle got onto I-480 W and reached speeds up to 100 mph while swerving through all four lanes of traffic. At one point, the female passenger in the suspect vehicle began throwing miscellaneous tools, clothing, bags and papers from the window in an attempt to strike the cruiser. She also threw the rear view mirror

from the car, which did strike the police cruiser. The vehicle ended up in the North Broadway area of Cleveland and became disabled after driving over a set of train tracks at the intersection of Sawtell Rd. and House Ave. Police ordered the driver out of the car and he tried to flee on foot and was subdued and handcuffed after being Tased in the lower back. The female passenger was also handcuffed and secured in the cruiser. Cleveland Fire and EMS arrived on scene and transported both suspects to MetroHealth Medical Center for treatment. One of the officers suffered a sprained left thumb and minor scrape to the left shin during the incident and was treated at Marymount Hospital. Suspects were taken to the GH jail after being cleared from the hospital. The driver was held on charges of fleeing and eluding, receiving stolen property and resisting arrest. The passenger was held for vehicular vandalism and obstructing justice.

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Helen Jane Malisiak (nee Kloda), age 99, longtime resident of Fullerton Ave., Cleveland, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 21, at Village of Marymount.

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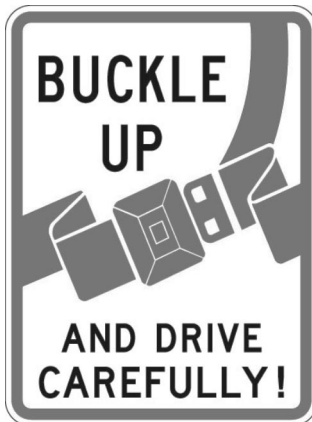
Helen enjoyed her cats and rescued dozens over the years. Gardening was her special hobby. She was very proud of having raised an award-winning 185-pound pumpkin at her Slavic Village home in 1990. She also enjoyed attending church fairs, carnivals and other neighborhood events, home cooking and healthy living, and stayed active well into her 80's.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 26, at St. Francis of Assisi Chapel at Marymount Place, 5200 Marymount Village Dr., Garfield Heights, OH 44125. Interment in Northern Cemetery, Smithfield, OH. Funeral arrangements by Komorowski Funeral Home.

## New hire in GHPD



Officer Colton Cramer, at right, was sworn in Monday to the Garfield Heights Police Department by Mayor Matt Burke, at left, as a lateral transfer from the Maple Heights Police Department.



## Chicken Paprikash Dinner at Legion Post 309

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