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Burke chastises Garfield Council for 'disrespecting' its city directors

By Ellen Psenicka

Garfield Heights Mayor Matt Burke, in his report to council at its Monday night meeting, expressed his disappointment that members had seen fit to place the city directors present at council meetings at a small table away from where they had previously been seated at the table with council members. He also noted that at the last meeting City Engineer Dave Krock was not asked to give a report.

Burke, his anger barely below the surface, said all the directors and city employees have been going "above and beyond," with many routinely doing all kinds of work not in their job descriptions to keep the city running efficiently and economically.

City Council President Tom Vaughn said it was merely an oversight that Krockwas not called on initially at the last meeting for a report and he would make sure it never happened again.

Ward 2 Councilman Charles Donahue said he was responsible for the small table for the directors and said it was Covid-motivated in the interest of social distancing of council seats.

"After tonight that table will be gone," Donahue told the mayor.

All other council members

Correction

In lastweek's paper, a front page article indicated that former Garfield Heights Councilman Michael Dudley, Sr., was former council president. At the time Dudley left office, he was "president pro tem" of council. A reporter erred.



Burke wasn't the only one upset with council Monday night. At the Comments by Citizens portion of the meeting, former councilman Joe LaMalfa told council members he was worried about a lack of transparency in some of their actions.

to Garfield Heights.

He said a new clerk of council had been named, but only two people had applied for the position. LaMalfa said he had checked online and in The Neighborhood News and nowhere could he find the position advertised.

He also noted that council had informally decided not to have a December 27th meeting, but no motion had

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NN Holiday Schedule

The last issue of the year for The Neighborhood News will be its Christmas issue next Wednesday, Dec. 22. There will be no December 29th issue and publication will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 5.

The office will be closed on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th, through Thursday, Dec. 30. The office will reopen on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31. Normal deadlines for the Jan. 5th issue will apply.

This advance notice is given so that those with advertising and news items can plan accordingly.

Churches urged to send us your holiday worship services

The Neighborhood News will print worship services from churches in its readership area in the Dec. 22nd issue.

To participate in this free listing, churches must email their holiday services to: nnews1923@aol.com by Monday, Dec. 20. The address and phone number of each place of worship should be included.

SANTA VISITS INDY FOR BREAKFAST



The city of Independence kicked-off the holiday season on Saturday morning, Dec. 4, hosting Breakfast with Santa at the Civic Center. The smiles on those little faces say it all. Photo courtesy of the city of Independence

Brancatelli objects to Ward 12 site for new jail; wants public meeting

In correspondence this week with Cuyahoga County Executive Armond Budish, Ward 12 Cleveland Councilman Tony Brancatelli informed him he strongly objected to the county's top choice to build a new jail at the Job Ready site in Ward 12 between Fleet and Pershing aves. Brancatelli called it "an inappropriate use of that land and location."

The county's second choice for the new jail would be a site in Ward 3, currently a shipping container yard at Orange and Broadway aves.

Last week Brancatelli was informally told that the county, without notifying the city, the city's Planning Commission or the sitting council member, intends to move forward with locating the new jail at the Job Ready site in Ward 19

The city had created a Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) to facilitate clean up and marketing of the proposed Ward 12 site for general industry, which had been a steel mill slag site.

"The Job Ready site between Fleet and Pershing aves. is a great example of a brownfield reclamation project that was developed to create new jobs," Brancatelli told The Neighborhood News. "I look forward to a new general industry use that meets these goals."

A resolution coming before the new council when it meets in January objecting to the county's choice of the Ward 12 site for the new jail gives the following reasons why:

- The state provided resources to do the environmental remediation of this brownfield site but the funds provided have restrictions on the end user which prohibits a governmental agency from utilizing it.
- •The Job Ready site was created and developed for general industry to create new jobs, and this 40-acre site is considered the largest industrial land opportunity in the city since the mid-1900s.
- The alternative proposal to use this site for a container storage facility in exchange for freeing up other land for the jail also defies the intent for the use of this location.
- Both a jail and a container storage facility on this site is in contravention to what the site was created for and would negate all the hard work that was done to create the site as a Job Ready site and would destroy all future job development and potential taxes coming to the city and the region as a whole.
- It is incumbent upon the county to engage local city leadership as well as the community in selecting the appropriate site for its new jail; the residents and businesses of our community deserve a public meeting.

The proposed council resolution goes on to say that, "This Council strongly opposes Cuyahoga County's selection of the Job Ready site at Fleet and Pershing aves. in Ward 12 as the location of the new jail."

Burke chastises Council

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been made at the meeting to that effect. That motion was made and passed as soon as LaMalfa sat down.

La Malfar equested Vaughn to email him are sponse to thetransparency issue in lieu of taking time out at the meeting.

Legislation passed

• Emergency ordinance to apply for Community Development Block Grant funds and enter into an agreement with the Cuyahoga County Department of Development to create a sidewalk along Antenucci Blvd.

Supplemental Grant funds and enter into an agreement with the Cuyahoga County Department of Development to develop a Recreation Center master plan.

Board was withdrawn because Svoboda, an ODOT retiree, as prohibited from earning any additional income or his health insurance savings account, which amounts to \$600 annually, would be eliminated. He did, however, tell council he would be willing to serve as an unpaid volunteer.

Garfield Heights Ward 7 resident Lottie Overby was welcomed as the new city council clerk, and Building Commissioner Mark Moro, during his report to council,

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• Ordinance to apply for Community Development said several new businesses are coming to the city, and the Sunoco station at Turney and Rockside rds. "is going to totally rebuild.'

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Pastor Daniel Drew and the congregation of Garfield Heights United Methodist Church, 4977 Turney Rd., invite you to a service for Blue Christmas on Monday, Dec. 20, at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The Blue Christmas service is designed for those who are feeling a special loss this year due to the death of a loved one or a relationship. It will feature guest speaker Jada Hodgson, a certified lay minister, and hospice worker David Waltermire as a resource and sharer.

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Community police reports

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Weapon Offense

On Dec. 2, about 3 p.m., GHPD units were dispatched to the 4800 block of £. 84 St. when callers reported shots fired in that area. Other callers reported that the incident happened in the parking lot of the Venture Inn, E. 86 St. and Garfield Blvd. No suspects were located. An officer found one spent shell casing in the bar's parking lot. As officers were clearing the call, dispatch advised that a caller had just observed the suspect that fired the gun on E. 85 St. Police responded and arrested one juvenile and recovered a handgun.

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Menacing

On Nov. 29, at about 7:10 p.m., an officer responded to the 5500 block of Andover Blvd. to speak with a female regarding an incident at Pizza Hut. She told the officer that about 6:30 p.m. she was picking up her food from Pizza Hut, 5526 Turney Rd. She got her food and left, but returned when she found that her phone was missing. The staff said they had not seen a phone. The female noticed a male with long dreadlocks sitting by where she had been and suspected him of taking her phone. When she confronted him, he stood up and got a handgun from his waistband and cornered her to the wall saying, "I'll robyou right here; don't accuse me of taking your (expletive)." She replied "okay" and went home and called police.

An officer spoke with the Pizza Hut manager and said an incident had occurred between a female customer and a Door Dash delivery driver, and confirmed that he pulled out a gun after the female had accused him of stealing her phone and threatened to shoot her. The suspect got the order and left in a dark-colored, older model Buick

sedan. Surveillance video confirmed the victim's story.

Police located the suspect, but the victim could not positively ID him. She was advised to follow up with the Detective Bureau. The suspect has not been ruled out pending further investigation.

Felonious Assault

On Dec. 13, at 11:19 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 12900 block of Oakview Blvd. for a male shot in the back. The caller said her son returned home with a $gunshot wound. When \ police \ arrived \ the \ victim's \ mother$ said her juvenile son was shot and inside the house. The victim approached police at the front door. His face was sweaty but otherwise stable. He told officers he was shot in the back and buttocks area. Police observed two gunshot wounds, one in his lower back and the other in the left

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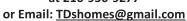
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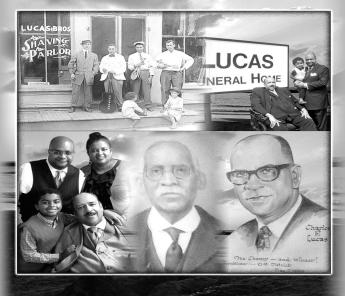
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The victim later told police he was walking from his girlfriend's house on Rockside Rd. near E. 135 St. when a white Chevy SUV approached him and fired multiple rounds in his direction. He was able to get away and run through backyards to safety. The suspect vehicle fled in an unknown direction. Both he and his mother have no idea who the suspect(s) could be. Officers canvassed the area for spent shell casings and found six Smith & Wesson casings on E. 135 St. between Orme and Havana rds. Report forwarded to the Garfield Heights Detective Bureau.

Free monthly **Community** Take-out Meal

The free Monthly Community Meal (takeout version) at The Lutheran Church of the Covenant, 19000 Libby Rd., Maple Heights, will be served on Thursday, Dec. 16, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Drive your vehicle to the back of the church andyour foodwill be brought out to you. For questions, call Mary, 216-924-6096.



Police news G.H. Ward 7 **Block Watch**

Ward 7 Block Watch meeting and Christmas Party, **trafficking**, sponsored by Councilman Tom Vaughn, will take place child safety Tuesday, Dec. 21, at 7 p.m., in the St. Augustine Room of St. Benedict School, 13633 Rockside Rd. Attendees are asked to bring a gift- a program on Human Trafwrappedtree ornament and ficking & Child Safety a side dish or goodies to Awareness this Saturday, Mayor Matt Burke.

more information, contact dom Assembly, 12700 Gail, 216-662-9213.

The Garfield Heights Program on

The United States Marshals Office and Strong Hands United will present

share. All are welcome. For Dec. 18, at Christian King-Broadway Ave., Garfield Heights, OH 44125, from 2 to 5 p.m.

> All are invited to this event to educate and spread awareness about this worldwide threat to our communities. Sponsors will also be giving away free toys for youth ages 1-12. Please come and bring your children. Food and refreshments will be served.

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Sealed bids will be received by the Village of Newburgh Heights ("Owner"), at the Village Hall at 3801 Harvard Avenue, Newburgh Heights, Ohio 44105 on the 18th day of January, 2022 until 2:00 pm current local time for the:

"Police Sallyport"

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.

1.Copies of the Contract Documents are on file at SE Blueprint, Plan Room and may be obtained at cost (1) online at www.ohm-bidderplanroom.plancycle.com, (2) in person at the SE Blueprint Akron Office, 540 South Main Street, Akron, OH 44311 or at the SE Blueprint Cleveland Office 2035 Hamilton Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44114, or (3) via phone SE Blueprint Cleveland (216) 241-2250.

Please note that in order to be considered as a "responsive bidder" for this project, you must purchase a set of plans and bid documents, and follow all instructions provided. Bids from contractors who are not on the Plan Holders List will be disqualified.

A pre-bid meeting will be held IN PERSON on January 4, 2022 at 2:00 pm at the Village Hall.

The "Owner" reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities in the bids received, and to accept any bid which it deems most favorable.

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> Trevor Elkins, Mayor Village of Newburgh Heights

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