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Dudley elected G.H. council president pro tem

By Ellen Psenicka

Garfield Heights Ward 1 Councilman Michael Dudley, Sr. was elected president pro tem of council at its regular meeting Monday night amid praise for the work he has done for his constituents and the city at large over his vears in office.

If Council President Michael Nenadovich is absent from a council meeting for any reason, then Dudley, as president pro tem, will assume his duties in his absence.

The following ordinances were passed by council Monday:

- Renewing an agreement with the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court to continue participating in the Cuyahoga County Community Diversion Program.
- Entering into an agreement with Valley View Cement Contractors, Inc. to remove and rebuild a retaining wall at E. 131 St. and North Parkway.
- Entering into an agreement with Chagrin Valley Dispatch to buy 10 Motorola portable radios for the Garfield Heights Fire Department.
- Entering into an agreement with Marymount Hospital, Inc. to provide a funding mechanism for the initial costs associated with the I-480/Granger Road Interchange Improvement Project.
- Entering into an agreement with OHM Advisors to provide planning and preliminary engineering for the I-480/Granger Road Interchange Improvement Project.
- Directing the finance director to establish the I-480/ Granger Road Interchange Improvement Fund, Number 404, within the city's budgetary fund structure.

Also passed was a resolution ratifying the mayor's appointment of Clifford Kelley to the city's Recreation Board effective immediately through Dec. 31, 2026, and a resolution congratulating Rev. Dr. Charles Payne Lucas, Jr. on his 80th birthday



See Page 8 for some Great Ways to Celebrate St. Patty's Day next Wednesday, March 17th!

County OKs extensive road repair projects in Maple Hts.

By Judith Goldsworth

Mayor Annette Blackwell announced Cuyahoga County Executive Armond Budish's approval of extensive road repair projects throughout the city of Maple Heights, totaling more than \$100,000 in material costs, as part of the 2021 County Road Preventative Maintenance Reimbursement Program, at council's teleconference meeting

Budish congratulated Blackwell and the city on the following crack sealing, base repair and striping projects being selected for funding, with material costs noted:

- Dunham Rd. from Turney to Granger, \$7,500.
- Lee Rd. from Broadway to I-480, \$50,000.

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Television recycling event March 13th in Garfield Hts.

Do you have an old TV laying around, taking up space? recycles.org/televisions The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District will host a television recycling event on March 13, where Cuyahoga County residents can recycle old, unwanted televisions.

The Solid Waste District will accept any television for recycling at 4750 E. 131 St., in Garfield Heights from 9 to 11 a.m. A fee of \$20 per unit will be charged, payable air quality. Many components inside a TV are recyclable. by cash or check only. Registration is required.

This is a drive-through trunk service; the television will

Televisions will be processed and recycled by Regency Technologies in Stow, Ohio. Tube televisions and flatscreen TVs contain harmful, toxic chemicals and parts. If they are not safely disposed of, they can leak chemicals into the ground and air, harming our drinking water and

If you are unable to attend this seasonal event, Best Buy offers in-store recycling of televisions up to 32" and other be unloaded from your vehicle for you. Attendees should electronics. Visit www.bestbuy.com/recycling. For quesalways stay in their vehicle. Face coverings are required. tions contact Recycling Programs Coordinator Matthew cleaning day for the buildings, facilities and shared See details or register for the event at www.cuyahoga Waltersat216-698-7595 or mwalters@cuyahoga county.us.

Garfield Hts. students head back to classrooms for hybrid learning

Students and staff of the Garfield Heights City School District returned to in-person education in a highly structured hybrid learning model Monday, and despite the cold temperatures outside, officials said joy and heartfelt warmth accompanied the greetings between students and staff at each of the buildings.

Until Monday the entire school year has been virtual for Garfield Heights students.

Superintendent Christopher G. Hanke joined Board President Nichelle N. Daniels, Vice President Millette King and member Ashley M. Thomas greeted students walking off busses and forming socially distanced lines awaiting entry into the buildings.



Board member Ashley M. Thomas and Family and Civic Engagement coordinator Gina Wilson welcomed students back to the classroom at William Foster Elementary School on Monday.

Upon entering, students had their temperatures taken. Mask requirements and social distancing protocols were clearly posted so that students and staff members could easily remain compliant and safe while resuming the inperson learning environment.

Students in grades K-12 whose last names begin with the letters A-Lattend in-person learning Mondays and Tuesdays, while students with last names beginning with the letters M-Z attend in-person learning Thursdays and

On Wednesdays teachers will post instruction and assignments online and students are to complete them on their own time without live interaction. The Garfield Heights City Schools will also use Wednesdays as a deep-



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p.m. She said she didn't

realize her purse had been

stolen until she was pulling

out of the parking lot and

her passenger door was ajar.

She told police her credit card had been used at a

Sunoco gas station in Inde-

pendence. Detectives con-

tacted the Sunoco station to

On Feb. 25, at 7:39 p.m.,

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for a report of a robbery. An

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Shooting

•On Sunday, March 7, at 2:42 p.m., a 24-year-old man was shot in the leg in the 12400 block of Benwood Ave. He was taken by private auto to Marymount Hospital.

•A 41-year-old man was Clinic on Euclid Ave. by his Ave.

girlfriend on March 8, after report. A woman reported hewas shot about 10:22 p.m. at Broadway and Fleet aves. while watching dirt bikers and ATV riders do tricks in Get Go station on Transthe street. Suspectunknown. portation Blvd. about 1:30

Fatal Overdose

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On March 5, at 8:37 a.m., a fatal overdose of a 38-yearold woman was reported in her car chimed indicating

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Community Police Reports

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scene. She said two people, a man and woman, came into the store, both wearing COVID-19 masks and gloves. The male suspect told the employee it was a robbery and struck her in the head. Then they told her to lay on the floor in the back room. Next the suspects took her iPhone, car processed by the GHFD and state fire marshal. keys and a box of about 10 iPhones from a cabinet. The Detective Bureau will follow up.

Shots Fired

On Feb. 26, at about 2 a.m., an officer was on routine patrol in the area of Turney-Vernon aves., when he heard the sound of four to six gunshots in the area. He then observed a dark-colored SUV traveling south on Turney Rd. at a very high rate of speed. The officer initiated a traffic stop and the driver pulled over at Turney Rd. and Thornton Ave. The driver said he was coming home from a casino and saw a silver Chevy 2-door approach his vehicle from the rear and begin firing on him. Several bullet holes were found in the rear of the vehicle but also in the front glass and driver's side door, which was inconsistent with the driver's claim. He said he did not want to pursue charges/investigation, but wanted to go home. Police followed him to Crofton Rd., where he was staying for the evening. He was advised to contact GHPD if anything evolves from the incident.

Arson

On March 5, police responded to the Legendary Barbershop at 5013 Turney Rd., for an arson report. They were told that when workers arrived to open the shop at 9:50

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It appeared someone had thrown a glass bottle filled with flammable liquid that was lit into the shop in an attempt to burn down the building. Crime scene was



City of Garfield Heights Legislative Committee Meeting

Please be advised that City Council of Garfield Heights will meet on Thursday, March 18, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. Eastern Standard time.

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Cleveland Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli is inviting "one and all" to explore the restaurants, retail shops and various businesses in the Slavic Village neighborhood he represents.

"Slavic Village is rich with ethnic, blue-collar history," said Brancatelli. "And much of that history is still with us today, especially in the aromas and the tastes of Eastern European eats.'

The neighborhood open house - called Eat, Explore CLE - is part of an initiative to boost business, retail and outdoor activity in Slavic Village and other Cleveland neighborhoods. The initia-Destination CLE and Cleveland Neighborhood Progress, Inc.

The Slavic Village neighborhood event kicked off yesterday and runs through Saturday, March 13th.

Stop by the Slavic Village outdoor Welcome Center, located on the corner of E. 52 St. and Fleet Ave., where you can receive a map and a \$5 Slavic Buck," which can be used at any business listed on the buck.

The Welcome Center will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Masks are required.



Pictured above at Saucisson butcher shop on Fleet Ave. are, from left: Ward 12 tive is in partnership with Councilman Tony Brancatelli, Kim Hill and De'Angelo Dewberry from Your Place and Mine, Fox 8's Kenny Crumpton and Walter Hyde of Daisy's Ice Cream and BBQ, all promoting the start of Eat and Explore CLE yesterday.

Property valuation protest deadline is March 31

The Cuyahoga County website: https://bor.cuya Formnotarized. ing Complaint Forms through March 31, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. to protest property valuations for tax year 2020 for county residents. All Complaint Forms must be filed with the Board of Revision by the deadline or bear a United States postmark of March 31, 2021. requires you to have the Ohio 44115. Other postmarks are not

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Board of Revision is accept-hogacounty. us. Choose the Complaint Forms & Appeals Form Tab. You can file your Complaint Form online using a valid email address, which bypasses the requirement for a notary.

2. Print out a hard copy of

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4. Pick up a Complaint Form directly from the Board of Revision office located at 2079 E. Ninth St., the Complaint Form which second floor, Cleveland,

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the **Board of Zoning Appeals** of the City of Bedford will hold a meeting on **Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.** virtuallythruZoomtoconsidertheappealofthefollowing:

- a. Aleksandr M. Rybak, 21821 Libby Rd. Bedford Heights, OH44146. Mr. Rybak is requesting a variance of ordinance 1949.19 Signs Permitted in B-2A District (d) (16) Billboards – Prohibited. Mr. Rybakis requesting the variance in order to construct a new 14'-0" High X 48 -0" Long externally illuminated freestanding billboard sign 5'-0" above grade. Top of sign at 19'-0" above grade. Mr. Rybak is proposing to purchase the parcel to convert the vacant land into a parking lot to allow for additional off-street parking spaces for the businesses located at 450 Broadway Ave. (across the street) as well as provide off street parking for the current business located at 445 Broadway Ave. Revenue generated to the billboard would help offset the cost of constructing and maintaining the
- Sam Vitrizzino of 933 Archer Rd. Bedford, OH 44146. Mr. Vitrizzino is requesting a variance of ordinances 1925.05 Lot Area, Frontage and Yard Requirements and 1925.06 Principal Use Orientation.

Mr. Vitrizzino is requesting a variance from section 1925.05 in order to enclose the front porch and incorporate the space into the habitable area of the dwelling. Bedford Codified Ordinance natione area of the aweiting. Beagora Coatifea Oraniance 1925.05 states in part "The following minimum requirements shall be observed in R-1 Districts, subject to the additional requirements, exceptions in Sections 1951.03". The minimum front yard depth is 35'. Section 1951.03 states in part "front yard requirements do not apply to uncovered porches or similar features not over three feethick above the representations of the form high above the average finished grade and distant five feet from every lot line." Section 1951.03 does not allow for habitable/occupiable space to encroach within the required setback area.

Mr. Vitrizzino is requesting a variance from section 1925.06 so that the front door to the dwelling can enter from the driveway. Bedford Codified Ordinance 1925.06 states "The front of a one-family dwelling, which includes the principal entrance to the dwelling, shall face the street.

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County OKs road repairs

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- corporation limit, \$6,000.
- Rockside Rd. from west corporation limit to east corporation limit, \$25,000.
- Schreiber Rd. from west corporation limit to Dunham Rd., \$6,000.
- Turney Rd. from west corporation limit to east corporation limit, \$10,000.
- Warrensville Center Rd. from Rockside to I-480, \$4,000.

Maple Heights' total reimbursable costs for the 2021 program may not exceed \$108,000, Budish noted.

Also regarding road repairs in the city, council passed a resolution to approve a change order for Ronyak Paving, Inc., increasing the contract by \$13,882.63, for the Lee Road South Pavement Repair Project. This brings and promote the curb appeal of homes in the city. the current project cost to \$162,782.63.

The repairs are intended to improve access to the new plant opened last year at 5700 Lee Rd. South by GOJO Industries, an Akron-based manufacturer of Purell disinfectant products, according to the legislation.

In correspondence to council explaining the necessity of approving the change order, City Engineer Ed Hren said the majority of the work that is included in this change order was associated with additional concrete pavement and joint repairs.

MS Awareness Month

Are solution on the agenda designating March 2021 as **Economic Development updates** "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month" in the city was passed by unanimous consent, Council President Ron Jackson stated at last week's meeting.

Multiple sclerosis is a neurological disease of the central nervous system, affecting nearly one million people in the United States alone.

The resolution's purpose is to raise public awareness of multiple sclerosis, to encourage education of this disease, promote early detection strategies and support individuals with multiple sclerosis and their families.

Placed in committee

An ordinance that would enact a new chapter of the codified ordinances allowing tenants to pay past due rent • McCracken Rd. from west corporation limit to east and late fees prior to an eviction filing, also known as "Pay to Stay" legislation, was placed in the Housing Committee at the meeting.

> The legislation is intended to address the economic impact sustained by renters in the city, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The legislation will be discussed further before possible passage at a future meeting.

> to approve the 2021 "Paint the City Program" and authorizing Blackwell to award funding to eligible appli-

> Blackwell and Economic Development Director Patrick Grogan-Myers have proposed the grant program, known as "The Paint Program," to provide owners who occupy their homes with financial assistance to purchase the paint for the exterior of their homes, "as a way to preserve

> Council created the Housing Reinvestment Grant Fund, which is intended as the source of funding for eligible applicants. The resolution will be discussed by Housing Committee members.

> Placed on second reading at the meeting was a resolution authorizing council's Community Life and Education Committee, chaired by Councilman Stafford Shenett, to expend public funds and accept private donations to host 2021 community events, including "Hoop It Up" in August, "Trunk or Treat" in October, "Gobble Gobble Turkey Giveaway" in November and the "Youth Holiday Party" in December.

In his report to council at the meeting, Grogan-Myers stated that in a previous report he had touched on the migration of the city of Maple Heights' website and layout to a new content management backend and layout.

"We have wrapped up the migration of over 50 webpages and hundreds of media files and are making final edits and updates," Grogan-Myers said. "We are working with the web developers now on a date for the switchover to the new website, so keep your eye on the city's website as it will be changing soon.

Other updates

Councilman Stafford Shenett praised Blackwell for her recent speech at Goodyear's Black Network 2021 Black History Month Celebration.

According to the Spectrum website, Blackwell's interview may be seen at the following link: https:// spectrumnews1.com/oh/columbus/news/2021/03/06/ maple-heights-mayor-is-the-first-woman-and-africanamerican-elected

Police Chief Todd Hansen reported that his officers had Also placed in the Housing Committee was a resolution responded to roughly 1200 calls since the last meeting, and 5000 calls year-to-date. Reports averaged five a day, and tickets averaged 12 per day. Five guns were taken off

> Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas reported that the fire department was partnering with the Cleveland Clinic Mobile Unit to respond to suspected stroke emergencies. The Clinic operates a treatment facility on wheels to treat patients in front of their homes before transport to a hospital.

Newburgh Council update

The following legislation was acted upon at the Tuesday, March 2, meeting of the Village of Newburgh Hts. Council.

- An ordinance was passed for a third reading to accept a donation of an Arrow EZ-10 Intraosseous Infusion System Kit, including drill, needles and a case from University Hospitals.
- Also passed for a third reading was a resolution ratifying the placement of a Swenson Polyhawk PV Series spreader up for sale on the GovDeals Auction website.
- Resolutions were passed to put a 2002 GMC Yukon Denali and a SCBA compressor and charger station up for sale on the GovDeals Auction website.
- An ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into an amendment to the service agreement with Integrity Permits, LLC to update permit fees and related provisions was passed under suspension of the rules.

Mayor Trevor Elkins reported that the village is looking into expanding the municipal building to include a police sally port within the next two years. The design and costs are still being determined.

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