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FREE

State opening up vaccines Three-year-old dies in Garfield Hts. apartment fire even more beginning Fri. A fire at 4605 E. 131st St. about 11:26 p.m. Sunday, ter making a fire attack on Garfield Heights Com-in Garfield Heights Sunday March 14. Firefighters with the living room, the child mand released the Maple

Governor Mike DeWine announced yesterday that starting this Friday, March 19, anyone over 40 and those Ohioans with cancer, chronic kidney disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, heart disease and obesity can sign up for the COVID-19 vaccine.

On March 29, Ohioans ages 16 and up can also get the vaccine. To register, go to: https://gettheshot.corona virus.ohio.gov/

Staff at branches of the Cuyahoga County Public Library will also assist residents in signing up.

"I encourage all our residents to get their vaccine as soon as possible," said Cleveland Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli. "I got mine last week and it was quick, easy and painless. Let's stop the spread together!

Here's two local opportunities for the vaccine:

Elizabeth Baptist Church

Free COVID-19 vaccinations are available on Saturday, March 20, at Elizabeth Baptist Church, 6114 Francis Ave., Cleveland, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., to those Cleveland residents age 50 and older and those who are eligible under Phase 1A, 1B, 1C and 1D as outlined by the Ŏhio picture below. Department of Health.

Those who work in the city of Cleveland in an occupation eligible for vaccine distribution are also qualified.

Please register in advance to reserve an appointment at: thecentersohio.org/vaccine. To register over the phone or for assistance, call the Elizabeth Baptist Church office at 216-815-0604 through Thursday, March 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily.

Individuals with appointments will receive the Pfizer vaccine and will automatically be scheduled for a second dose on Saturday, April 10.

Indy Clinic

 $The {\it Clevel} and {\it Clinic} has begun scheduling appointments$ for COVID-19 vaccinations at the soon-to-be-open clinic across the street from Independence City Hall, as noted in Mayor Gregory Kurtz's Weekly Update email last Friday.

Vaccinations will take place inside the Clinic's Business Operations Center at 6801 Brecksville Rd. Anyone who receives their first vaccine dose at this location will return there to get the second shot.

Make an appointment at: https://my.clevelandclinic.org/ landing/covid-19-vaccine/ohio.

Anyone who needs help scheduling, has not been treated at a Cleveland Clinic facility in the past three years or is not a Cleveland Clinic patient should call 216-448-4117 to speak with a Clinic scheduler, available Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

apartment in the building.

The Garfield Heights Dispatch Center received mul-

night claimed the life of a Garfield Heights Engine #2 three-year-old child as reported heavy fire on the area engulfed in flames. flames engulfed an upper second floor and reports of a three-year-old in the apartment.

tiple calls of a structure fire the second story window and Heights police also reat the E. 131 St. address at searched the bedroom. Af- sponded for crowd control.

was found deceased with the

Cuyahoga Hts. rendered aid with a squad, Valley View with They made entry through an air truck and Maple Heights with a squad. Maple

Heights engine and Valley View air truck shortly after midnight, and the Garfield Heights service director was contacted for temporary shelter, if needed, for at least 20-30 people evacuated from the apartment building. The Red Crosswas also notified.

The building was cleared by the fire department by 12:30 a.m. The Ohio Division of the State Fire Marshall's Office is conducting an ongoing investigation.

Jones Road CMSD students win virtual breakfast with Browns linebacker The students at the Jones Road Academic Learning Pod of the Cleveland Metropoli-

tan School District in Slavic Village scored big for National School Breakfast Week. Last month the students participated in a competition held by Nutrition in Cleveland by creating collages using pictures of healthy breakfast foods.

Over 50 pieces of artwork from around the school district were submitted for the **info in death** competition. The students at Jones Road received word last week that they won the grand prize - a virtual breakfast party with Cleveland Browns linebacker Malcolm Smith of man in and Browns mascot Chomp via Zoom that happened yesterday morning as shown in



The students at the Academic Learning Pod meet at Jones Roads Church to receive support for virtual learning while students and teachers follow all the pandemic guidelines for safety.

Students were delighted with the Virtual Breakfast Party with Smith and Chomp yesterday, said the learning pod instructors, noting it was a great reward for the children who show such dedication to their school work through these trying times



Agents from the Cleveland Division of the FBI's Violent Crime Task Force and agents from the National Park Service Investigative Service Branch are investigating the death of a man found Tuesday, March 9, at the Terra Vista Natural Study Area in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park in Valley View.

It is believed the death of Matthew John Dunmire, 31, occurred a few days before the discovery of the body, according to FBI spokesperson Special Agent Vicki Anderson.

Law enforcement is asking anyone that may have information regarding Dunmire or the circumstances surrounding his death to call the Cleveland Division of the FBI at 877-FBI-OHIO.



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Cuyahoga Heights applies for tree canopy grant

The Village of Cuyahoga Heights has partnered with a memorial resolution for village resident Linda M. West Creek Conservancy and applied for a Cuyahoga County Healthy Urban Tree Canopy 2021 Grant, as announced at last Wednesday's meeting of the village council. If awarded, the \$36,530 grant will be used for the Canal Road Reforestation and Enhancement Project. The village's match would be \$1,830.

Also at the meeting, the following purchases were authorized:

• Change order for seasonal salt purchase not to exceed tative Maintenance Funding Program. \$12,000

•Change order for snow plow repairs not to exceed \$7,500

• Guardrail replacement not to exceed \$6,000

Grabowski, 71, who passed away last month, and a resolution urging Gov. Mike DeWine and the Ohio release. Department of Public Health to include law enforcement officers in Tier 1B regarding the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine and to increase the amount of vaccine sent to Cuyahoga County to accomplish this request

The mayor was also authorized to execute any documents necessary for agreements pertaining to the Preven-

MHPD seeks shooting suspect

Last Wednesday, March 10, shortly after midnight, Two resolutions were passed by council at the meeting, Maple Heights police were called to Danny's Tavern, also be supplied to Crime Stoppers.

15313 Broadway Ave., for a report of a man shot. They found the victim, age 25, had been shot in the lower abdomen, but was conscious and able to speak with officers. He was transported to an area hospital and is in stable condition, according to an MHPD press

Officers learned that a fight had occurred between two men inside the bar and continued outside where the suspect produced a handgun from his waistband.

The two men struggled for the weapon and the victim ultimately was shot in the stomach.

The suspect, described as a black male, about 5'11" tall with medium build, fled the scene.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact the Maple Heights Detective Bureau, 216-587-9624 or Detectives@mhpd-ohio.com. Information can



Garfield Hts. Community Awareness Meeting

Join Garfield Heights Ward 5 Councilman Jason Blake and Ward 6 Councilman Frank Tagliarini for a Community Awareness Meeting on Wednesday, March 24, at 6:30 p.m. There will be a speaker from the Garfield Heights Historical Society. All residents are welcome to attend via Zoom.

Join the Zoom meeting at: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/ 83024473764?pwd=NHVmREIzSWNPUVVNŇ kdvaDZGVURNZz09

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Trinity High School raffle

Enter to win the Ultimate Man Cave in the Out of the Blue Raffle to benefit Trinity High School. The prize, valued at over \$3,000, features a 50" Roku Smart TV, two lounge recliners, Pacman arcade table, retro mini refrigerator, nostalgia popcorn machine and much more.

Tickets are \$50 each with a maximum of 250 tickets sold. Contact Tony Burke with questions at: burket@ths.org or 216-581-5757. Get tickets at: https://ths.org/outoftheblue

Looking for yearbooks

The Garfield Heights Historical Society is looking for donations of Garfield Heights High School yearbooks, especially from 2007 and later.

Call 216-475-3050 and leave a message. Also, the museum has issues of some earlier years that it is offering for sale at \$5 each. If you are looking for a particular year, call and leave a message or email at: info@ghhist.org.

Easter basket giveaway

Cleveland Heart Reach Church, in the Francis Ave. neighborhood of Cleveland, will be giving out Easter baskets at University Settlement, 4800 Broadway Ave., Cleveland, on Friday, April 2, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. or until baskets are gone. Children of all ages are welcome and must be present to receive baskets.

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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The purpose of this Legislative Committee Meeting is to discuss • Section 9 of the City Charter - Holding public employment while on CitvCouncil

Permission to raise chickens in a residential area

Michael T. Nenadovich President of Council Councilman - Ward Three

NN: 3-3-21, 3-10-21, 3-17-21

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DEATH NOTICES

CECELIA JAWORSKI

Cecelia Jaworski, (nee Slawinski), age 81, born March 2, 1940, passed away March 12, 2021. Preceded in death by her parents, John and Sophia (Fertal) Slawinski; husband, Charles, Sr.; brothers, Richard Slawinski and Thomas Dia-



mond; great-grandson, Kenneth. She leaves behind daughter, Theresa Mabe, Charles Jaworski (Tammy); grandchildren, Kenneth Mabe (Shaina) and Amanda Jaworski (Nathan); great-grandchildren, Benjamin Hall, Tyler, Zack, Max, Hunter, Jason, Penelope and Lukas Mabe. Sister-in-law of Paula Slawinski. High school alumnus of Jane Addams Class of 1957. Services private. Golubski Funeral Home.





Indy Council update

Independence Council met on Tuesday, March 9, in a virtual regular session and passed an extensive amount of ordinances and resolutions.

Included in legislation passed are the following:

• Committing the city to increase its tree canopy between 2021 and 2030 to improve air and water quality, absorption of carbon dioxide, reducing stormwater runoff and improving the aesthetics of the community

•Payment of \$22,500 to the Southwest Council of Governments for annual membership dues.

•Authorizing the purchase and installation of the Enterprise Asset Management, Tyler 311, and MyCivic modules from Tyler Technologies in an amount not to at the March 2nd meeting of the village council as exceed \$250,000.

•Renewing the contract with Bob Sumerel Tire & Service in Seville, Ohio, for the purchase and supply of tires and related products and services for city vehicles at the same or lower prices as originally bid, in a total amount not over \$50,000.

• Funding the ongoing and likely future road and rightof-way repair work necessitated by numerous water main breaks, leaks and/or water valve and/or hydrant repairs to total not over \$100,000.

• Four separate ordinances authorizing the retention of ACM Construction Management LLC, The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc., Environmental Design Group and GPD Group to provide general construction engineering and inspection services to the engineering department for various city projects, with each of the four companies to receive \$50,000.

•Authorizing temporary and permanent right-of-way acquisitions from each property owner in connection with the Old Rockside Road Bridge No. 00.42 Replacement Project in an amount not to exceed appraised value and for a total amount not to exceed \$120,000.

• Increasing the amount of funds allocated to the retention of Attorney McLandrich and the law firm of Mazanec, Raskin & Ryder Co., LPA to represent former Independence Mayor Anthony Togliatti in an amount not to exceed \$3,000, and for a total amount not to exceed \$90,000

• Purchase and delivery of a camera truck for the service department, a Ford F-550 from Valley Ford Truck in Valley View, in an amount not to exceed \$61,363, and to be equipped with an Envirosight ROVVER X System Inspection Crawler from Best Equipment Co., Inc. in Indianapolis, Indiana, in an amount not to exceed \$190,357, less a trade-in credit for the city's 2013 Lateral Launch Crawler of \$20,000 for a total amount not over \$231,720.

• Purchase and delivery of three 2020 Freightliner trucks for the service department in an amount not to exceed \$491,626, and a SwapLoader Hoist and Henderson Snow & Ice Control System for each new vehicle in an amount not to exceed \$730,475 for a total amount not over \$1,222,100.

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•Approving the preliminary plan for CSA America placement of the privately funded bench. Testing & Certification LLC, located at 8801 East Pleasant Valley Rd.

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Cuyahoga Heights, for the city's 2021 Crack Seal Program contract not to exceed \$181,223.70.

• Authorizing John Butler to retain possession of his fire department helmet and duty badge upon retiremen Council update

Memorial bench to honor V.V.'s Dave Wingenfeld

Maria Eder of Longspur Ct., Valley View, was introduced spokesperson for a group of residents seeking to have a memorial bench be placed in Valley View Woods to honor former Councilman Dave Wingenfeld, who passed away in December.

Eder said her group was not asking for public funding, only that council acknowledge and approve suitable

A motion was passed by council at the meeting to •Accepting the bid of Specialized Construction, Inc. of in Valley View Woods.

Legislation approved by council at the March 2nd meeting included:

• Accepting a bid for a 2022 32-yard rear loading refuse truck for use in the service department.

• Lot and plat split, consolidation and dedication of two parcels of land for the widening of the north side of Schreiber Rd.

• Appointment of Don Harter as service director following the retirement of former service director Ladd Soldat. Harter was the service division foreman before his promotion to service director.

Mayor Jerry Piasecki said Harter has a long history for addressing daily issues promptly, adding he knows the position and how to get things done.

"Congratulations go out to Don for a well deserved promotion," the mayor said.

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Shooting

A 47-year-old man was shot in the arm allegedly by a relative in the 3800 block of E. 71 St. on March 10, at 4:48 p.m. Victim transported to MetroHealth Medical Center.

Pursuit

On March 11, shortly after midnight, detectives attempted to stop a vehicle on I-490 eastbound at Broadway Ave. that had been used in an aggravated robbery. Detectives activated lights and sirens and said suspect deliberately struck the police vehicle. A pursuit was initiated and later terminated. The suspect vehicle crashed into a pole on Clinton Ave. No injuries. Report on was collected as evidence. The female resident was refelonious assault on two police officers report completed. ferred to the Detective Bureau.

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• On Feb. 28, officers responded to the 4800 block of E. 108 St., for a report of a burglary. The complainant said she had gone to Detroit on Feb. 25, and when she returned on report date she found her back window broken out and the side door unlocked. Three upstairs $bedrooms were\,rummaged\,through\,and\,some\,items\,were$ missing. The woman said she had \$6,000 in cash taken, a Smith & Wesson handgun, six or seven pairs of shoes and a mink coat valued at \$5,500.

•On March 5, at 4:13 a.m., police were called to the 10100 block of Plymouth Ave. for a burglary complaint by the female resident. She said she had arrived home to find that someone had broken into her upstairs residence by breaking out windows on two separate doors. She said her safe was missing from a bedroom closet which contained over \$35,000 she had been saving. There was also \$1,625 taken from the pocket of a coat hanging in the same closet as the safe.

A fingerprint was taken from a piece of broken glass and

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On Feb. 28, at about 12:45 a.m., police were dispatched to the 5000 block of Henry St. for multiple people fighting. They saw several "frantic females" standing around a car. The female driver told police they were being chased by a black male in a white pickup truck after leaving the Recovery Room bar. She said that while in the bar a man had offered to buy her sister a drink. He then gave her sister his phone number and \$100 and insisted she keep it. A few moments later another man began talking with the sister which almost caused a fight between the two men. After the ladies left the bar they were followed by the first man who demanded his money back. The ladies took off in their car and the suspect pursued them and appeared to ram their vehicle causing the driver to panic. She drove off the road and came to a stop in the front lawn of the Henry St. home. The driver said the

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Memorial bench to honor

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 $\bullet Making an offer to purchase property at 9104 \, Murray$ Rd., at a cost of \$111,331.88 as part of the PDM Grant Program for fiscal year 2018.

• Making an offer to purchase property at 8500 Murray Rd., at a cost of \$104,769.38 as part of the PDM Grant Program for fiscal year 2018.

•Authorizing Police Chief Niro to renew the village's she turned over \$60 to him. annual membership in the Southwest Enforcement Bureau for 2021 at a cost of \$12,500.

•Authorizing Fire Chief Papesh to renew the village's annual membership in the Southwest Emergency Response Team for 2021 at a cost of \$10,000.

•Authorizing Engineer Sciano to prepare plans and specifications and advertise for bids for the Winik Field Outfield Storm Sewer Replacement Project.

Mayor Piasecki said that earlier that day the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works conducted a preconstruction team meeting for a bridge project called patched to the 4900 block Rehabilitation of Hillside Road Bridge 03.81. Officials from the county, Independence and Valley View discussed the plans of operation and any problems or concerns of the parties involved.

Piasecki said that access across the bridge is scheduled to close April 1 through July 1, 2021. The scope of the work is to repair sections of structural and concrete damages.

Engineer Sciano said this is part of the beginning stages of the Pleasant Valley Bridge Project, which is scheduled to start next year. Sciano said it will be a two-year project with all three bridges being worked on at one time. Brookside Rd. will be closed, he said.

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Community **Police Reports**

(Continued from Page 7) suspect forced her driver

side door open and gave the impression he had a gun in his pocket. He demanded all the money she had and He then got in his car and proceeded down Henry St. towards Broadway, before police arrived on scene. The complainant was told by police to follow up with the Detective Bureau/prosecutor.

Weapon Offense

On March 5, at about 12:40 a.m., officers were disof E. 110 St. for a call of four gunshots heard and a vehicle speeding away. Upon arrival, police observed a suspicious vehicle traveling slowly north on E. 110 St., running a stop sign and making a right turn onto Langton and rapidly accelerating. The officer activated his overhead lights but the vehicle did not stop. A pursuit ensued, and when the suspect vehicle reached E. 114 St. south of McCracken it collided with another car and sped away, with police still în pursuit. As ît increased speed and reached the intersection of E. 115 St.

vehicle nearly struck a police cruiser which had been in the area south of the vehicle.

Maple Heights PD was advised of the pursuit and other GHPD units were notified that there were at least two occupants in the vehicle. losing control, continued apparently fled on foot in subjects were located dur-

residences at that intersec- request for a K-9. In the car tion, slowed down and con-police found a .22 AR-15 tinued east on Bangor Ave., struck the curb at the E. 135 senger floor board loaded St. and Bangor intersection with a magazine containing and finally came to a stop in 22 rounds of ammunition. the 5400 block of E. 135 St. They also found a handgun When police approached holster and a baggie con-The suspect vehicle traveled the vehicle there was no one taining 29 loose rounds of south on E. 134 St. nearly in the car. The suspects had live 9mm ammunition. No east on Bangor Ave., and an unknown direction. ing the K-9 search.

and Granger Rd., the suspect drove onto a tree lawn of the Bedford PD responded to a style rifle in the front pas-



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