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Halloween Happenings



Trunks and Treats at Jennings

A Trunks and Treats event will be held in the Jennings front parking lot and porch, 10204 Granger Rd., Garfield Heights, on Tuesday, Oct. 26, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. There will be safe trick or treating for kids, along with music and a pumpkin contest. All participants will wear face coverings. All are invited to attend.

Trick or Treat on Fleet Saturday

The 3rd annual Trick or Treat on Fleet will take place this Saturday afternoon, October 23, from 1 to 5 p.m., along Fleet Ave. in Slavic Village, between E. 50th and E. 65th streets.

The popular event for kids of all ages is sponsored by the Community Yahoos, a local grassroots development group which helped make the Garden of Life a focus for its community development activities. It will feature dozens of candy stations and hundreds of children decked out in their Halloween finest (adults should feel free to join in the costumed fun).

The outdoor event will be a socially distanced affair to respect pandemic protocols, with attendees encouraged to wear masks for health safety. The activities are open to all Clevelanders. Weather is expected to be sunny, with seasonal temperatures in the upper 50s.

Individuals, families and groups interested in participating as vendors still have a chance to register by calling the Yahoos at 440-975-6318.

Harvest Treats & Trucks

The city of Garfield Heights will hold a Harvest Treats & Trucks event this Saturday, Oct. 23, from 4 to 6 p.m., at the Dan Kostel Recreation Center, 5411 Turney Rd.

Treats for children age 12 and under, while supplies last. There will be a Costume Contest with judging at 5 p.m. for 3 to 7 year-olds and 8 to 12 year-olds, with prizes for Funniest, Most Original and Scariest costumes.

All CDC, state and local guidelines will be followed.

Great Pumpkin Party

The Rock Community Church, 9403 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Heights, will hold a Great Pumpkin Party Drive-Thru on Halloween, Oct. 31, from 6 to 8 p.m. Everything free at this family-friendly event. Sorry, no walk-ups.

MORE NEXT WEEK!!!

Bedford City Council passes more Tinkers Creek Commerce Park redevelopment legislation

By Judith Goldsworth

Following several pieces of legislation passed over the last few months to adopt an Urban Redevelopment Plan for the Tinkers Creek Commerce Park area, Bedford Council passed an additional resolution at its meeting Monday night to further facilitate the economic development of almost 30 acres of property in the Egbert Road neighborhood of the city.

Council passed a resolution to amend a previous bill to include a small parcel of land adjoining the larger parcels of land already approved for redevelopment for economic development purposes.

"The redevelopment of the real property, located at 3 Hemisphere Way, has become an important part of the city's economic development plan," according to the legislation.

The additional parcel of land, a little less than an acre according to the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer's website, is presently owned by 200 Egbert Road, LLC. The Egbert Road address is also listed on the county website as owner of the other parcels mentioned in Monday night's legislation.

City Manager Mike Mallis explained that the city has been working to redevelop Tinkers Creek Commerce Park, which is roughly 29 acres, with outside businesses and local businesses wishing to expand and potentially relocate to Bedford.

Water, sewer rates set

Council passed three pieces of legislation at Monday night's meeting to set water and sewer rates for 2022, and also to provide for a discount for senior and disabled property owners.

Finance Director Frank Gambosi said that the water rates would not go up for next year. However, sewer rates will increase in 2022 by 4%, he said.

As for the discount in water and sewer rates that was passed by council, regarding minimum income requirements, Gambosi said, "We have raised the amount for the senior discount; \$34,694 is what the new amount is for household income."

Also on agenda

Council approved an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$3,355,000, for the purpose of paying the costs of refunding, at a lower interest cost, a number of the city's outstanding various purpose improvement and refunding bonds from the 2013 debt issue.

Also passed was a change order in the amount of \$15,000 for additional engineering fees to GPD Group for services associated with the repair and resurfacing of Union Street in the city.

Council also passed an ordinance for a contract with Comfort Systems USA, for emergency replacement of an expansion tank to the boiler system for the Municipal Complex, at a cost of \$12,000.

Legislation allowing city employee participants to make insurance plan premium contributions on a pretax basis for 2022 through Health Equity Wage Works was also okayed by council.

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Garfield Hts. Council sets rules for operation of food trucks in city

By Ellen Psenicka

Garfield Heights Council met in regular session on Tuesday, Oct. 12, a day late because of the Columbus Day holiday the day before, and passed an emergency ordinance to regulate the operation of "mobile" food service operations within the city, which includes businesses such as mobile catering, food trucks and farmer's-type markets.

Now required for these type of businesses to operate in Garfield Heights are a Mobile Food Service Operations Permit from the city and a vendor's license. Restrictions will be enforced regarding loudspeakers, flashing or blinking lights, animated displays or any prohibited signage used to attract attention to the mobile business. Also regulated will be the number of days staying in one location, number of hours operating per day and between the hours specified in the legislation.

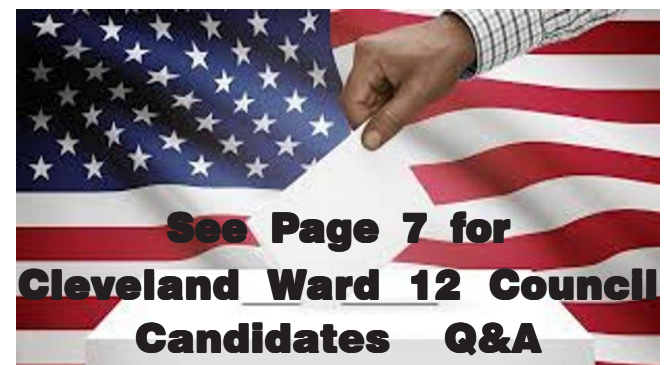
Also passed were two other emergency ordinances regarding mobile food service operations, one amending the General Fee Schedule and the other amending the chapter on Canvassers, Solicitors and Peddlers, to include the newly created regulations.

Council also passed legislation to sell municipal property no longer needed by the city, mostly used police vehicles.

A resolution was enthusiastically passed commemorating October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Mayor Matt Burke, in his report to council, noted that OverDrive, with its world headquarters on Granger Rd. in Garfield Heights, has acquired an additional company and will bring another 75 new employees to the city.

The next regular council meeting is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 25.



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Mentoring program for M.H. girls to hold fundraiser

C.O.O.R. (Creating Our Own Reflections) Mentoring Program is a nonprofit organization with a mission to journey alongside adolescent girls in the Maple Heights area to empower and encourage them to adopt a positive self image and grow into women of noble character.

On Saturday, Oct. 23, from 5 to 8 p.m., at St. Andrew Orthodox Church, 16029 Maple Park Dr., Maple Heights, the group will host its inaugural fundraising

event, the Masquerade Fundraising Ball. The community will have an opportunity to come out and learn more about C.O.O.R. Mentoring Program and offer their support while enjoying networking, food, raffles, live music and silent auctions.

Admission is free - simply RSVP on their website: <http://www.coormentoring.org>. 100% of donations will go to the building and sustainability of the organization. For more information, visit www.coormentoring.org

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Bedford Council passes

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An ordinance to adopt the September 2021 replacement pages of Bedford's codified ordinances to ensure the city's laws conform with state law and remain up to date was approved.

Several motions on the agenda to accept decisions of the city's Planning Commission were all approved by council, including one which upheld its decision to deny a request by Life Storage LP, of Williamsville, New York, for conditional use approval to construct two additional self storage facilities at a self storage location it already operates at 1405 Broadway. This was an amended application sent back to the Planning Commission for a second review. Law Director John Montello stated of the commission's decision, "They didn't feel it was an appropriate location for additional storage facilities."

Lachowski proclamation

Mayor Stan Koci presented a proclamation at the meeting to the family of longtime Bedford resident Nancy Lachowski, who passed away earlier this month. Lachowski served for more than 36 years on the city's Civil Service Commission, and was also active with the city's schools

and Cuyahoga County Board of Elections and many other organizations.

Mallis, who knew Lachowski for many years, said, "She was fantastic, and I will never forget her. She was a very special woman."

Announcements

Trick or Treating will take place in the city on Sunday, Oct. 31, from 6-8 p.m., Mallis said. The Recreation Department would be hosting a Halloween event on Saturday, Oct. 30, from 10 a.m.-noon at the Ellenwood Recreation Center, 124 Ellenwood Ave. Councilwoman Sandy Spinks stated that the Bedford Church of the Nazarene, 365 Center Rd., will be hosting a Trunk Or Treat event from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 23.

The Bedford Historical Society will be hosting a series of Spirit Walks at the Bedford Cemetery this Saturday, Oct. 23, and Sunday, Oct. 24, Councilman Jeff Asbury stated. Call 440-232-0796 for more information.

Maple Hts. Resource Fair

The city of Maple Heights will sponsor an Information Destination Community Resource Fair at the Maple Heights Senior Center, 15901 Libby Rd., on Wednesday, Oct. 27, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The following agencies will be represented at the event: Cuyahoga County Real Estate Tax Department, Regional Income Tax Agency, Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, Cleveland Housing Network, Empowering and Strengthening Ohio's People, Cleveland Water Department, Dominion Energy, Maple Heights Departments of Housing & Building, Finance and Human Services. Mayor Annette Blackwell said that with the rise in property tax appraisals in Maple Heights, this fair is designed to give homeowners a chance to get their questions answered and see what their options are from agencies who can help them.



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Cleveland Council okays TIF for new construction of apartments project

Cleveland City Council held its regular weekly meeting Monday night and adopted legislation authorizing the director of Economic Development to enter into a Tax Increment Financing Agreement or TIF for 5506 Detroit, LLC, to fund eligible project costs or projected debt for the financing of the Waverly & Oak Apartments Project.

The TIF diverts the increase in future property taxes – based on improvements – for up to 30 years though it does not exempt the developer from payment in lieu of taxes to ensure CMSD receives what it would have otherwise received but for the TIF. The \$47 million project includes 126 market rate rental units built over street level commercial environment with approximately 17,300 square feet of retail space with below grade and surface parking. The project will be the first new construction, mixed-use development along Detroit Avenue in Gordon Square.

Also adopted was legislation authorizing the director of Public Works to enter into a license agreement with Case Western Reserve University to use and occupy city-owned

properties located within the Doan Brook watershed to be used as outdoor learning environments for students in its Environmental Heroes program and to conduct water quality sampling and field investigations, for an initial term of three years and automatically renewing year to year unless terminated by either party.

Council passed legislation authorizing Cleveland police to join a statewide task force that investigates human trafficking. The legislation enables the director of Public Safety to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission to assist with investigating human trafficking activity in Cleveland. Human trafficking has been and continues to be a grave problem on a worldwide scale as well as locally throughout Ohio and in Cleveland, said officials.

Council authorized the city to enter into a \$1.3 million loan agreement with the nonprofit Fairfax Renaissance Development Corp. and its partner McCormack Baron to assist financially with the development of a residential building at Hudson Avenue and East 105th Street along the Opportunity Corridor.

The project will include approximately 80 apartments: 20 studios; 44 one-bedroom units; and 16 two-bedroom apartments. The project will include market rate and workforce housing. Along with neighboring development projects, this will be the first attempt to develop market-rate and workforce housing at scale outside of downtown, University Circle and the Near West side neighborhoods.

The additional financial help is needed because market rents are not expected to reach the levels that “hotter” markets of the city are commanding and as such will not be able to subsidize the lower “workforce” rents as well as the increase in construction costs because of the pandemic.

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Cleveland City Council okays TIF

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Council also authorized the commissioner of Purchases and Supplies to sell city-owned property no longer needed for public use located at 10700 Churchill Avenue to The NRP Group LLC for purposes of implementing the future Churchill Gateway project; and authorizing retaining an easement and entering into an easement agreement for the public purpose of vehicular and pedestrian access.

This is the step in the redevelopment of a long-idled, soon-to-be demolished school. The NRP Group is working on the first phase of a multiphase development known as Churchill Gateway, and will consist of a four-story 48-unit apartment building and four townhomes, for a total of 52 units. The one-, two-, and three-bedroom units will be affordable to residents at or below 60% of the area median income.

In addition to delivering much-needed affordable housing to the neighborhood, officials said, NRP is collaborating with the city of Cleveland, Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority, Cleveland Metropolitan School District, and University Hospitals to develop a 2,500-square-foot Community Outreach Center, which will focus on health education and workforce training.

Clarification to story in last week's NN

A fatal overdose on October 9th in the 9000 block of Rosewood Ave., Cleveland, was reported in last week's Neighborhood News. The family of the victim wishes to clarify that no cause of death has as yet been determined by the medical examiner's office. The victim's father said his son was on several medications related to serious health issues.

Trunks and Treats

Tuesday, October 26 | 6:30pm - 8pm
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Newburgh Hts. Council update

The Village of Newburgh Heights Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 5, and saw the formal swearing-in of full-time firefighter/paramedics for the Newburgh Heights Fire Department: Lt. Greg Jordan, Mike Tusai, Dave Mordarski, Mike Keszei, Nathan Barnett, Scott Nemet, Scott Reid, Dimitrios Lutter, Stephen Zadd, Chris McCormack, Josh Piro and Deshun Williams.

The following legislation was passed and all declared emergencies:

- Entering into a short-term lease with 1127 Construction, Inc. for use of the property at 4605 Harvard Ave. as a staging area for a construction project;
- Entering into a contract with A&S Animal Control Services;
- Authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract with OHM Advisors to perform E. 41st Street MCIP Post-Construction Project Performance Verification.

Purchases and approvals

- Nine bunker gear lockers from Penco, at a cost not to exceed \$7,000;
- Installation of concrete foundation for bunker gear lockers by Samco at a cost not to exceed \$2,000;
- Appointment of Chris Browning to full-time service department laborer;
- Additional \$2,500 for purchase and installation of plow and other snow removal equipment intended for 2021 F350, in addition to \$20,000 approved on Sept. 21.

It was announced at the meeting that the ribboncutting for the Library Locker will be Oct. 28, at 10 a.m.

G.H. Block Watch meeting

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch, sponsored by Councilman Tom Vaughn, will meet Tuesday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m., in the St. Augustine Room of St. Benedict School, 13633 Rockside Rd. Donations for Thanksgiving baskets would be appreciated. All are welcome.

G.H. Ward 4 meeting

Ward 4 Councilman Avery Johnson of Garfield Heights will host a community meeting on Thursday, Oct. 28, at the Garfield Heights Library, 5409 Turney Rd., from 6 to 8 p.m. Residents are asked to bring a canned food item for those in need during the holidays.

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Cleveland Council Ward 12 Candidate Questionnaire



Anthony Brancatelli

The following is a Q&A with the Cleveland Ward 12 council candidates running in the November 2, 2021 General Election: incumbent **Anthony Brancatelli** and lawyer **Rebecca Maurer**.

The Neighborhood News wishes to thank *The Tremonster* and *The Plain Press* publications, which along with the NN are members of the Neighborhood & Community Media Association of Greater Cleveland (NCMA-CLE), for their collaboration in making this print forum possible. *The Tremonster* and *The Plain Press*, which also have readership in Ward 12, will publish the Ward 12 Q&A in their October issues.



Rebecca Maurer



Candidate Brancatelli: What is your personal and professional background? How does this qualify you to represent Ward 12?

Born/raised in Ward 12, I have experience as a commercial finance auditor, 17 years as Executive Director of Slavic Village Development, and 16 years as a legislator, also serving on many community-based boards/clubs. I am a knowledgeable and respected advocate for our residents, supporting safety improvements, community/resident/school engagement, infrastructure improvements, recreation amenities, land reuse, housing initiatives and business/job creation. I want to continue serving on Council and related boards to move current initiatives forward and support future initiatives, recognizing Ward 12 and Cleveland as a vital part of the region.

Candidate Brancatelli: Do you support diverting public safety funds from the police department to other departments and services?

I do not support diverting funds from the police. I do support increasing social initiatives that build strong foundations for our youth and adults. Increasing street level policing has been shown to deter crime and constituents are asking for this. We have added millions in funding to other divisions and have created the Office of Prevention, Intervention, and Opportunity for Youth and Young Adults to offer support to all residents and increase the quality of life through access and training. New programming: hands-on STEM workshops, arts training, ACT/SAT prep, internships, apprenticeships, GED prep, job placement assistance and more.

Candidate Brancatelli: Do you support the charter amendment on the November ballot that would establish a civilian police review board?

I strongly oppose Issue 24. Positive changes have been made via the Consent Decree and the data reflects this. My Concerns: Issue 24 establishes an unelected, untrained group of 13 residents as a Community Police Commission that would have final authority over disciplining police officers, police policies, applications/examinations for police recruits, procedures and training for police officers and would also have access to unredacted files. There will be no checks and balances over their million+ dollar budget and theirs is the ultimate power with no recourse against their actions, stripping power from Civil Service and the Law Director.

Candidate Brancatelli: How has the principal of racial equity informed your career?

Growing up in Slavic Village we always had growing diversity in our schools and our community; I experienced it firsthand as a lifelong resident. I lived through the advent of busing and saw/heard the detractors. Racial equity needs to continue to be addressed in education, employment, housing, etc. I am proud of my accomplishments while on City Council and while on various Boards and Commissions. I have supported legislation on fair housing, domestic registry, employment protections, housing non-discrimination and public accommodations. I continue to require MBE/FBE and living wage requirements on projects receiving City benefits.

Candidate Brancatelli: What aspect of local government is most important to you?

Ward 12 has 5 distinct areas: Old Brooklyn, Tremont, Brooklyn Centre, Slavic Village and the Industrial Valley. Each area has neighborhoods with specific needs. The aspect that is most important to me is understanding the unique and common issues in each of the neighborhoods by working with residents and businesses and to resolve those concerns through good policy, legislation, and budgeting locally and also representing our neighborhoods outside of the city to raise resources and awareness. For example, I have testified in Congress to fight predatory lending and remove blighted housing conditions which helped raise millions in relief.

Candidate Brancatelli: What is your vision for economic development in Ward 12?

I'll continue to help retain businesses and recruit new businesses in Ward 12, working with our local CDCs and financial institutions to identify gap financing and resources needed to grow our economic base and stabilize small businesses.

My efforts were recently recognized when I received the International Economic Development Council Leadership Award for Public Service. This award recognizes an elected official who has served as a committed advocate for economic development for at least 10 years in the public sector and displayed dedication and commitment to their constituency as a leader and advocate for economic development.

Candidate Maurer: What is your personal and professional background? How does this qualify you to represent Ward 12?

I'm a lawyer with a track record of work from my block, to the ward, to City Hall. My website has a full list of my work, but two parts of my background that I'm proudest of are: (1) working as Ward Leader since 2018, helping to get out the vote across all Ward 12 neighborhoods — Old Brooklyn, Slavic Village, Brooklyn Centre, and Tremont; (2) serving as an attorney for a community group that successfully pushed Cleveland City Council to pass a law protecting children from lead poisoning. This work has prepared me to represent our neighborhoods and serve on City Council.

Candidate Maurer: Do you support diverting public safety funds from the police department to other departments and services?

Absolutely not. In the midst of a rise in homicide and gun violence rates in Cleveland, we should not divert funds away from public safety. I do support spending our money within the umbrella of public safety on violence prevention in addition to police. We cannot police our way out of the current crisis — and we've tried. We have one of the highest numbers of police officers per capita of any city in the country and yet we still have our current problems. My top priority is making sure we have an effective public safety budget that truly prevents violence and makes us safe.

Candidate Maurer: Do you support the charter amendment on the November ballot that would establish a civilian police review board?

We need to do a lot to improve public safety: investing in violence prevention, decreasing police response times, and rebuilding the broken trust between residents and the police. That's why I support Issue 24. Even if there may be portions we have to iterate on in the years ahead, it's a step in the right direction to add a civilian police review board.

Some people are opposing Issue 24 because of the improvements made since the Consent Decree. That's actually a great reason to support Issue 24 because it will make permanent the improvements we've seen and makes sure we won't slide backwards when the Consent Decree ends in 2022.

Candidate Maurer: How has the principal of racial equity informed your career?

We are one of the most segregated cities in America — and we are also one of the poorest. Segregation was planned and enforced through systems like the 1940s "redlining" maps. Today we still see inequalities like internet access along those same lines. Your zip code and your race determine so much of your life here in Cleveland. That's why much of my legal career has been driven by a pursuit of racial equity and I plan to bring those same skills with me to City Hall. In an area as diverse as Ward 12, our neighbors deserve nothing less.

Candidate Maurer: What aspect of local government is most important to you?

I care about making sure Clevelanders are safe and have the bread-and-butter city services they deserve. I also care deeply about re-engaging Clevelanders with their local government and making them trust that their participation in City Council meetings and block clubs will improve their quality of life.

Candidate Maurer: What is your vision for economic development in Ward 12?

Our economic development goals should be focused on creating more quality jobs for city residents, and safer and healthier neighborhoods. We have many tools at our disposal to propel that work, such as grants, loans, and tax breaks. But I believe Cleveland must be more strategic and focused when providing incentives. We need to focus on housing rehab, energy-efficient housing, transit, and public internet. These are investments that can lower household costs, employ current residents, and build a city of the future. Additionally, we must also build a local economy that is more resilient and less impacted by downturns in the national or global economy or pandemic conditions.



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Tuesday, November 2, 2021 Planning Commission (if needed)
Work Session - 5:30 p.m.,
Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 10, 2021 Southeast Area Law Enforcement (SEALE)
Board of Trustees Meeting (if needed)
Work Session - 10:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting - 12:00 p.m.
Monday, November 15, 2021 Council Work Session - TBD
Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 16, 2021 Planning Commission (if needed)
Work Session - 5:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 23, 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.
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•On Oct. 13, officers were dispatched to the police station to take a theft of motorcycle report. The complainant said that at about 4 p.m. that day he went into his garage in the 8100 block of Vista Ave. and noticed that his Harley Davison Street Glide was missing. He said he does not have a key to the garage and it was not locked when his motorcycle was stolen. He said the ignition lock to his motorcycle was somehow removed and was lying on the ground. Motorcycle was entered into LEADS.

Criminal Damage - Residence

On Oct. 10, at 7:48 p.m., police were dispatched to the 4600 block of E. 88 St., for a report that the homes of the complainant and his neighbor were struck by suspected bullets, although none penetrated either home. He stated on Friday evening, Oct. 8, he heard several shots being fired north of his

residence. He said he believes the shots came from the Cleveland side of Grand Division Ave. He told police he has no current neighbor trouble, but in the past has had problems with juveniles living in the surrounding area. He also said he has live video footage recording at all times. Detective Bureau to follow up.

Criminal Damage - Auto

On Oct. 13, an officer responded to the parking lot of Venture Inn, 8602 Garfield Blvd., where he was told by the complainant that sometime overnight someone had thrown a pumpkin through the back window of his vehicle. Video footage of the parking lot will be checked and forwarded to police if anything is observed.

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Police Officer Zachary Krebs, second from left, was sworn in Monday to the Garfield Heights Police Department as a lateral transfer from University Circle. His parents, Sue and Tom Krebs, are Garfield Heights natives. They both are Garfield Heights High graduates, and Zachary was born at Marymount Hospital. His start date is October 20.

6. Halloween costumes should be light in color, short enough to prevent tripping and non-flammable. Reflection tape, so they “glow” in the beam of a car’s headlights, should be placed on clothing.

7. Follow the basic pedestrian rules:

a. Cross only at corners, never between parked cars, and never diagonally across an intersection.

b. Look in all directions before crossing the street.

c. Watch for and obey all traffic lights and stop signs.

d. Walk, never run, across the street.

e. Use sidewalks, not the street, for walking.

f. Wait on the curb, not in the street, until the street is clear to cross.

8. Motorists should be alert and use extreme caution during the treating time.

9. Children should carry a flashlight in their bag for added visibility.

10. Bring your treats home so parents can see them, and don’t eat treats that are not wrapped.

Please report all suspicious activities to the Police Department at once by calling 9-1-1 or 216-475-1234.

GHPD offers Happy Halloween Hints

The city of Garfield Heights will celebrate Halloween on Sunday, Oct. 31, from 6 to 8 p.m. The following hints are provided by the Garfield Heights Police Department to assist in everyone’s safety:

1. Young children should be accompanied by parents or other responsible adults on the “treating” visits.

2. Treating visits should be confined to your neighborhood.

3. Treating visits should be confined to the 6 to 8 p.m. timeframe.

4. Residents who wish to welcome treaters should turn on their front exterior light as a sign of their hospitality.

5. Children should call only at homes with their outside lights glowing.

B of E warns of Vote-By-Mail issues

Over 500 voters are facing rejected Vote-by-Mail ballot applications in Cuyahoga County due to date of birth errors that will cause delays in getting their November 2, 2021 General Election ballot.

The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections is advising voters to be mindful of completing all the yellow highlighted sections on the Vote-by-Mail ballot application. The most common error found on an application has been a date of birth missing, or an alternate date, such as the current date, being written in.

Voters whose Vote-by-Mail ballot applications have been rejected are sent a letter detailing the reason(s) their application has been rejected, a new Vote-by-Mail ballot application, and information on how to contact the Ballot Department.

It urges all voters to take a second look at their Vote-by-Mail application to ensure all the sections are complete and correct before sending it in to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections.

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