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Cleveland City Council increases penalties for illegal riding of dirt bikes, off-road ATVs

Cleveland City Council held its regular Monday meeting night and initiated a crackdown on dirt bike and off-road ATV riders, increasing penalties for all noncompliant vehicles.

The legislation would increase fines to \$500 and then \$1000. Currently, fines are \$50 and then increase to \$100. The new legislation also broadens the rules against operating a vehicle to make "unreasonable noise" or to "disturb the peace," or be "detrimental to the life or health of any individual."

Another section addresses a vehicle that "blocks or impedes an entire intersection for the purpose of... trick riding" as well as "trick or stunt riding or driving of any vehicle upon any part of a sidewalk, street or other public property of the city."

Additionally, the new legislation outlaws drivers in cars taking over streets doing "donuts" and burning rubber. The legislation was sponsored by Councilman Mike Polensek, chair of the Safety Committee, and Council President Blaine A. Griffin.

Council also approved legislation sponsored by Council President Blaine A. Griffin allowing the city's Department of Community Development to enter into one or more sub-recipient agreements totaling \$17

million in American Rescue Plan Act funding to Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation for a lead safe program to provide grants for repairs to create lead safe housing and emergency housing assistance.

Council had previously established the public-private Lead Safe Cleveland Coalition to ensure all rental homes are lead safe. The initiative is being expanded with the council appropriation and other private money (\$50 million recently from the Cleveland Clinic) to ensure all Cleveland homes are lead safe. The legislation allocates the ARPA funding for expenses included between March 3, 2021 and December 31, 2024.

Council passed changes to Chapter 523 of the codified ordinances relating to Cleveland Public Power. First is the establishment of an appeals process for customers facing disconnection by establishing a three-member arbitration panel. Another is to officially codify the name from the Division of Light and Power to Cleveland Public Power and clean up some other language. This legislation does not affect any CPP charges.

Other legislation passed authorized the city to enter into a contract with Global Cleveland, a nonprofit agency, to provide services to immigrants, refugees,

international students and new citizens of Cleveland. Global Cleveland attracts, welcomes and connects international newcomers to economic, social and educational opportunities in Cleveland. The one-year contract is not to exceed \$150,000.

Introduced was a bill urging First Energy Corp. to remove its name from the city's publicly owned pro-football stadium, citing the company's role in a bribery scheme currently under federal investigation.

In 2013, the naming rights to the stadium were sold to First Energy for a reported \$107 million. A federal investigation uncovered that First Energy spent nearly \$61 million to conspire with and bribe public officials in an effort to secure the state subsidies provided by House Bill 6, a \$1.3 billion bailout by ratepayers of two nuclear power plants.

NN closed for Memorial Day

The Neighborhood News office at 8613 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Heights, will be closed this Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.

Deadlines for advertising and news items for next Wednesday's edition will be extended until 12 noon on Tuesday, May 31.

The staff and management wish all our readers a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend. We join with veterans' groups throughout this great land in asking everyone to pause to remember those who gave their lives defending the cause of freedom.

Justice Center in 'deplorable' condition, Mayor Burke notes at council meeting

By Ellen Psenicka

In his remarks at Monday night's meeting of Garfield Heights Council, Mayor Matt Burke said the Justice Center, which houses the courts and police department at 5555 Turney Rd., is in "deplorable" condition with a leaking roof and black mold forming and "something needs to be done about it!"

"It's time that we as a community come together and decide to build a new Justice Center and talk about ways to fund it," Burke said.

He invites anyone interested in seeing what he is talking about to visit the Justice Center anytime during the day this Thursday, May 26, where someone will be available to offer tours of the building.

During the Comments by Citizens portion of the meeting, residents went to the podium to say they had



Centered in the photo above surrounded by members of the Garfield Heights Police Auxiliary is retiring Auxiliary Commander Mike Lange, who has been on the force for the past 50 years and commander for the last 14 years. He was honored Monday night by city council.

learned that Cuyahoga County may be interested in part of the Bridgeview location in Garfield Heights as the site for the new Cuyahoga County jail.

Mayor Burke said, in essence, that Garfield Heights would not be their first choice for the jail, and that so many other things had been planned for that site and had never come to fruition that it was too early to sound the alarm yet. He also said no one from the county had contacted him about it.

The following legislation was passed at council's Monday night meeting:

- Participating in the Ohio Public Works Commission And/Or Local Transportation Improvement programs for the Multi-Street Reconstruction & Waterline Re-

placement-Phase 7-Project, including but not limited to executing any and all applications, agreements and/or contracts as may be requested by the OPWC in order to secure the loan funds requested, per the application as prepared by City Engineer David Krock.

- Purchasing 10 Motorola portable radios from Chagrin Valley Dispatch for the Garfield Heights Fire Department at a total cost not to exceed \$60,000.

- Entering into an agreement with OHM Advisors to create and maintain GIS applications.

- Updating the salaries of members of the GHPD and GHFD for 2022 in accordance with the Garfield Heights Charter, which states that the rate of com-

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MEMORIAL DAY

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See Page 7 For Area Memorial Day Observances



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pensation for members of the police and fire divisions shall be no less than the average that is paid to members of the police and fire divisions in suburban cities with a population of 10,000 or more whose boundary lines are contiguous to the city of Cleveland.

- Entering into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local 2729 and Council 8 AFSCME, AFLO-CIO.

- Applying for the Ohio Emergency Management Agency's American Rescue Plan Act First Responder Wellness, Recruitment, Retention & Resiliency Grant on behalf of the Garfield Heights police and fire departments.

Resolutions were also passed by council honoring three individuals for their outstanding and dedicated service to Garfield Heights upon their retirements. They are:

Auxiliary Police Commander Mike Lange, who is retiring from the force after 50 years, and commander for the past 14 years.

Sister Shawn Lee, president of Trinity High School since 1996, and a teacher there before that with 30 years at Trinity High.

Linda Bacho, Trinity High School principal, who has served in that capacity for the past 12 years, as assistant principal for four years, and a teacher, coach, guidance counselor and women's athletic director over her years of service at Trinity High.

G.H. Master Plan meeting

The second community engagement opportunity for the Garfield Heights Master Plan will be held in-person at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd., today, Wednesday, May 25, at 6 p.m. Input from the residents will help finalize Master Plan recommendations for the city, and your unique perspective for Garfield Heights is vital, said organizers.

The presentation will also be recorded and made available for viewing following the meeting's conclusion. For more information about the project, to view the draft recommendations or take the online survey please visit: www.countyplanning.us/GarfieldHeights.

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Eight new area Boys & Girls Clubs to open this summer - one of them in Garfield Hts.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Ohio will open eight new clubs across the region this summer, including a site at Garfield Heights High School, 4900 Turney Rd.

The new Garfield Heights club will be for youngsters who have completed kindergarten through those who have completed seventh grade; starting date is June 20.

Boys & Girls Clubs provide safe, fun places for kids ages 6-18 to go after school and in the summer, club officials said. They focus on healthy lifestyles, academic success and character development. BGCNEO was formed by the 2019 merger of clubs in Cleveland, Akron, Lorain County and Sandusky.

"There has never been a greater need to prioritize the best interests of our youth," BGCNEO CEO Jeff Scott said. "This expansion will help more kids and more families in more places in our community. In order to start reversing the worst child poverty rates in the country, parents who are able to work must be able to have free care for their kids while they work to support a family."

There is no charge to join a club. Activities include athletics, academic help, arts and music programming, leadership opportunities, field trips and breakfast and lunch each day. You can find out more about Boys & Girls Clubs and access membership registration forms by visiting www.bgcneo.org. To access the summer membership form, go to tinyurl.com/BGCNEOSummer.

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From Garfield Heights Ward 3 Councilman Jason Seither (Navy Veteran) and Retired Ward 3 Councilman Michael Nenadovich (Navy Veteran) and Family

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LIBRARIES PLAN SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Bedford (Bedford Heights/Oakwood Village) Branch Library

Here are some of the **FREE** programs coming up at the Bedford 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.

African American Authors Book Group, In-person or Virtual, Thursday, May 26, 7 p.m.

African American Authors Book Group meets the last Thursday of each month. All adults are welcome. May Title: "All Her Little Secrets," a novel by Wanda M. Morris. Join us for the discussion of this novel by a native Cleveland and CWRU Law School graduate. You can attend in-person (limited to 10) or virtually. Each is a separate registration.

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Summer Reading Extravaganza
Saturday, June 4, 2 p.m.

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Death Notices



FREDERICK D. MALEC; 95, of Maple Heights. Born June 21, 1926, and died on April 19, 2022, two months shy of his 96th birthday. Treasured husband for 67 years to the late Elsie T. (nee Zimmerman) Malec. Loving father of Audrey Schmidt (William), Daniel (Valerie), Diane Burk (Frank), and Julia Zevchek (Leonard); devoted grandfather of Ernie (Theresa), Mark (Leanne), Jason (Trisha), Molly (Kurt), Amanda (Chad), Nicolas (Kaitlyn), Benjamin, Jessica (Drew), and Kimberly (Evan); proud great-grandfather of 12 and great-great grandfather of 5.

Fred was a distinguished U.S. Navy WWII veteran, past commander of VFW Post 2079, quartermaster and adjutant, past president of Prazky Pepiku Club, past president of the Military Order of Cooties Unit 19, past treasurer of Happy Chums Outing Club, a member of the American Legion Post 309, PLAV, the Maple Heights Catholic

Club, St. Joseph Society No. 156 of the Czech Catholic Union, The Bicycle Club, Cleveland Polka Association and life member and past director of Ceska Sin Karlin Club. A parishioner of St. Therese Church and past parishioner of St. Wenceslas Church in Maple Heights.

For many years, Fred was an accomplished musician as a drummer in the Malec Brothers Band, along with other bands, sharing his love of Czech music with others. He also played the trombone and marched in Memorial Day parades. Fred lived his 95 years to the fullest. He had a very large family and many friends who loved him and will truly miss him. He has left a void in many lives. Always the LIFE of the party, singing, "I don't want to go home, the party's just begun!"

Fred was preceded in death by his parents, Otto, Sr. and Bertha (nee Dvorak) Malec and the following siblings: Otto Malec, Jr., Ralph Malec and Mildred Malec. Our sincere appreciation to Transitions Hospice and Elmcroft Senior Living for their kindness and the loving care given to our quick-witted father with the one-liners! In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial contributions in Fred's name to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 3396 E. 55 St., Cleveland, OH 44127. Interment has taken place at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery. Arrangements by Ferfolia Funeral Home of Sagamore Hills.

Free Community Meal


The free Monthly Community Meal at The Lutheran Church of the Covenant, 19000 Libby Rd., Maple Heights, will return indoors from 5 to 6 p.m., this Thursday, May 26, and continuing every fourth Thursday of the month. Come to the back of the church to enter the church hall. Call Mary with questions, 216-924-6096.

Garfield Hts. Ward 7 Block Watch meeting

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch, sponsored by Councilman Tom Vaughn, will meet Thursday, May 26, at 7 p.m., at St. Monica's outdoor pavilion off Rockside Rd. All are welcome. Please note that these meetings will take place on the last Thursday of each month. For more information call Gail, 216-662-9213.

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Mayor Annette M. Blackwell
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Maple Hts. Council OKs applying for ODNR grant for Stafford Park improvements

By Judith Goldsworth

Continuing the initiative of Mayor Annette Blackwell and the collective goal of city leaders to enhance Stafford Park, Maple Heights Council passed additional legislation at its meeting last week to apply for an Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) grant for added improvements at the park.

Council has approved numerous pieces of legislation to improve various components of Stafford Park at recent meetings. The resolution passed last week follows suit in authorizing Blackwell and City Engineer Ed Hren to participate in the ODNR Natureworks Grant Program for improvements to the basketball courts at the Mayville Ave. park. Deadline for applications is Wednesday, June 1.

"This program provides funding for up to 75% of the engineering and construction costs that would be incurred by the city," Hren stated. "My team will establish preliminary cost estimates as part of the application process and coordinate with the finance director to confirm the availability of local funds."

Council also passed two other resolutions at last week's meeting seeking to renew two separate, existing 2.0-mill tax levies to pay salaries of personnel, provide for vehicles and equipment, maintain buildings, and to provide for other funding designations for the Maple Heights police and fire departments for a five-year period. If council approves submitting the renewals to voters, which as stated in the legislation is their intention, both issues will appear on the Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022 ballot.

Also on agenda

Council passed another resolution on last week's agenda authorizing Blackwell to enter into a professional services agreement with Consolo Law Firm Co., LPA, "to provide paralegal and administrative services" for the city, effective June 1, 2022.

As stated in the legislation, Law Director Frank Consolo intends to hire the Law Department's current paralegal/administrative assistant to work for Consolo Law Firm, "and has recommended that the city not hire a replacement, but outsource the paralegal/administrative services to Consolo Law Firm to provide such services to the city, at a monthly fee of \$4,500," which will include all overhead expenses, such as office space/supplies, telephone, printing and copying services.

Finance Director Tinita Tillman has determined that outsourcing these services for the \$4,500 monthly fee and not replacing the current paralegal/administrative assistant will result in a yearly cost savings to the city of approximately \$45,200 per year in salary and benefits, plus additional savings in office supplies and equipment for the Law Department, according to the resolution.

And placed on first reading was a resolution accepting funding awards totaling \$44,923.50 from the Cuyahoga County Healthy Tree Canopy Program, and authorizing Hren to prepare plans, bid specifications and cost estimates for the Northeast Quadrant Tree Planting Project, and to provide for bidding the projects.

"This legislation will authorize the mayor to accept the funds and me to immediately begin the planning and design and bid the project, which will include planting trees on Hansen, Watson and Raymond in Spring 2023, once sewer and roadway repairs are complete," Hren said in written correspondence to council.

Restaurant Month winding down in Garfield Hts.; enter to win \$250 gift card basket

May is Restaurant Appreciation Month in Garfield Heights to showcase and patronize all the dining options within the city, but time is running out. If you would like a chance to enter to win a gift basket containing \$250 worth of gift cards, dine-in or take-out from any or all the restaurants in Garfield Heights by the end of the month.

Here's how it works. Spend a total of at least \$25 during the month of May, 2022, at any of the restaurants listed on the city's website, then drop off your receipts to the Garfield Heights Civic Center. Your receipt should have: (1) Name of the restaurant, (2) Total amount of your bill, (3) Your full name printed on it, and (4) Valid phone number for contacting.

The city will have a drawing on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, for the Gift Card Basket with contents all donated by the city administration.

CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO

List of Meetings for June 2022

Monday, June 6, 2022	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 7, 2022	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 8, 2022	Southeast Area Law Enforcement (SEALE) Board of Trustees Meeting (if needed) Work Session - 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting - 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 21, 2022	Council Summer Session-No meeting
Wednesday, June 22, 2022	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 28, 2022	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 or call Tracy M. Simons, Clerk of Council, at 440-735-6510.

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Pastor: Rev. Thomas Haren
Parish Mass is now being Live Streamed at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday morning

Volunteers clean up proposed Booth Ave. connector area in Slavic Village

Over 500 volunteers came out on Saturday, May 7, to help clean up along the Cuyahoga River and trails at various locations throughout Cleveland. Locally, volunteers filled a 40-yard dumpster of overgrowth and debris at the train overpass at the proposed Booth Ave. connector in Slavic Village.

Booth Ave. is a planned connector to the Morgana Run Trail and was one of four regional projects of the Cleveland Metroparks that received a total of \$950,000 from a federal Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) planning grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

In Slavic Village the funding will be used for the full design of a 0.8 mile all purpose trail to link the completed Morgana Run Trail to the Mill Creek Falls area of Garfield Park Reservation. It will also connect to the Warner Road bike lanes and Mill Creek Connector Trail, as well as the future Slavic Village Downtown Connector via the Morgana Run Trail.

"This is an important link to a network of trails that will benefit our community and connect the Broadway/Slavic Village neighborhood to the amazing park assets and amenities in our region," said former Ward 12 councilman and civic activist Tony Brancatelli. "I was proud to write a support letter last year for this grant and excited that it was funded so we can move forward with planning."



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The Bedford Memorial Day parade is Monday, May 30, 2022 at 10:15 a.m., and begins at Bedford City Hall, 165 Center Rd. Ceremonies will be held at Bedford Public Square on Broadway and conclude at the Bedford Cemetery on Broadway.

This year is the 60th anniversary of the Cuban Missile Crisis. Our speaker is Lt. Colonel Justin Herdman, US Air Force Reserve. He currently serves as the Staff Judge Advocate for the 910th Airlift Wing at Youngstown Air Base. Lt. Colonel Herdman previously served as an intelligence officer for the Naval Reserve. He is the former United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio. Fr. Edward Estok is the chaplain. The Ohio Motorpool will also be attending. The Bedford Memorial Day parade is sponsored by the Bedford Veterans Memorial Day Parade Committee. For further information or to participate, contact Mike Guyer, Memorial Day chairman, at 440-773-2835.

CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS

The Village of Cuyahoga Heights will hold their annual Memorial Day parade at 10 a.m. Monday, stepping off from Klima Gardens and ending at Cuyahoga Heights Village Hall, where a service will take place.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS

Garfield Heights will host a Memorial Day parade beginning at 10 a.m., Monday, May 30. The parade route has been modified this year and will begin at Garfield Heights High School, 4900 Turney Rd., and travel south to the Veterans Plaza at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd., where services will be held to honor our country's deceased veterans.

There will be a 9 a.m. Flag Raising at the Veterans Memorial, located on Turney Rd., and at the entrance to Garfield Park Reservation. Parade participants will begin to assemble at 9:15 a.m., at the high school and the parade will step off at 10 a.m. The service at the Veterans Plaza is scheduled for 11 a.m. Retired Col. Dave Taylor, US Army Forces, will speak about "Memorial Day, A Time to Remember."

Deadline to register to participate in the parade is 4 p.m., Thursday, May 26. Children and their families are encouraged to decorate their bikes and ride in the parade. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Vintage car owners also are welcome. Contact Jennifer Newrones at 216-624-8802 for information or to register.

INDEPENDENCE

The city of Independence will host its annual Memorial Day Services and Procession on Monday, May 30. The services and procession are long-standing traditions that honor and commemorate those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

The ceremony will begin at 9:30 a.m., at the Veterans Monument on Public Square. Immediately after the service and wreath-laying ceremony, there will be a procession to Maple Shade Cemetery where a short, graveside service will take place.

Limited seating will be available on Public Square, and residents are encouraged to bring a folding chair or blanket.

The procession will start on Brecksville Rd. at Public Square and proceed north to Maple Shade Cemetery just north of Rockside Rd.

There will be delays on Brecksville Rd. during the procession. Independence police will allow one lane for north- and one lane for southbound traffic. This will slow down traffic considerably and roads may be temporarily shut down as the procession proceeds to Maple Shade Cemetery.

Immediately after a brief service at Maple Shade Cemetery, Discount Drug Mart will be holding a Hot Dog Cookout to benefit the Independence High School Marching Band that will be performing on-site.

The City of Independence wants to thank the Fortuna and Vodrazka Funeral Homes for purchasing the memorial wreaths created by Independence Flowers & Gifts.

Procession Route: Begins on Brecksville Rd. at Public Square and heads north just past Rockside Rd. to Maple Shade Cemetery. The procession will use the first driveway past Rockside to enter the cemetery. Anyone driving to Maple Shade Cemetery should park in the Discount Drug Mart parking lot or enter the cemetery by using the second (most northern) driveway off Brecksville Rd.

MAPLE HEIGHTS

The 85th Maple Heights Memorial Day Service will be held on Monday, May 30, at the Maple Heights Veterans' Memorial at City Hall, 5353 Lee Rd., beginning at 11 a.m.

American Legion Post 309, war veterans and members of the city administration and council will all participate in a flag raising, readings and presentations as well as a Memorial Service to departed comrades. The Maple Heights Police Honor Guard will offer a 21-Gun Salute as part of the closing ceremonies.

NEWBURGH HEIGHTS

The Memorial Day Parade in Newburgh Heights will be held Monday, May 30, stepping off from Washington Park School at 10 a.m. From there it will proceed down Alpha to E. 42 St., then east on Bridgeview, with a stop at the USS Maine Memorial and proceed to the American Legion monument outside the Horticultural Center. A small ceremony and wreath placement follows.

Everyone is welcomed afterward at the American Legion Post for complimentary refreshments.

SLAVIC VILLAGE

PLAV Lincoln Post #13, 6009 Fleet Ave., will host a Memorial Day breakfast and service on Sunday, May 29, with breakfast from 8-10:30 a.m. for \$5, and the outdoor service at the flag pole at the post at 11 a.m.

VALLEY VIEW

Valley View is holding its parade and ceremony on Monday, May 30. The parade starts at approximately 11 a.m., at the corner of Stone Rd. and Donald Ave. It travels east down Stone Rd. to Hathaway Rd., then south on Hathaway Rd. to the Village Hall.

The ceremony starts shortly after the parade ends at Village Hall, and includes "The National Anthem" played by the Cuyahoga Heights High School Band, Memorial Day remarks from Mayor Jerry Piasecki, and shotgun salutes as well as flag and wreath presentations at the Veteran's Memorial Monument on the grounds of the Village Hall.

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A Public Hearing will be held on **Monday, June 13, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.**, before the **Maple Heights Planning and Zoning Commission** in the Maple Heights City Hall Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio, to consider the following:

2022-PZ-17 An application from the City of Maple Heights for a Zoning Map Amendment for certain parcels of land fronting Libby Road and Lee Road, from the General Commercial (GC) and Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning Districts to Central Business District (CBD), the District proposed to replace the Broadway Corridor Overlay (BCO) Zoning District, based on a study of the Zoning Text, Built Environment and Recommendations developed by the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission.

Members of the public will only be allowed to speak during the Public Hearing portion of this meeting.

The application and all supporting materials are available for review during normal business hours in the Maple Heights Building Department, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

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Shooting

At 1:35 a.m. on Sunday, May 22, a 32-year-old man was the victim of a gunshot wound to the back in the 7500 block of Aetna Rd. EMS transported him to MetroHealth Medical Center.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS

Traffic Offense – Fleeing

On May 15, at 7:14 p.m., while on patrol two officers observed at dark blue Ford Edge with heavy tint and no visible plates traveling fast and failing to stop for stop signs on Grand Division going eastbound. The car went north onto Turney from Grand Division and as officers

approached, they saw the car had crashed into a pole at the intersection on the Cleveland side. Both the male driver and a male passenger fled on foot. Officers could not locate either man. However, the registered owner of the car had multiple warrants with various cautions. After viewing his BMV photo, one of the officers positively identified him as the driver that had fled from the vehicle. He was charged with fleeing and eluding. Located in the car were multiple bags of suspected marijuana, which weighed in at 216 grams. Report forwarded to the city prosecutor.

Shots Fired

On May 16, at 12:52 a.m., police responded to Saybrook Ave. for a report of shots fired. Shortly after that dispatch received a call that a home in the 13300 block of Saybrook was shot into. The front window of the house appeared to be shot four times. The two occupants of the house said they heard the shots; neither were injured. Inside the house two rounds had struck the dining room wall, and two rounds were found in the dining room floor. A witness told police she saw a light-colored sedan pull in front of the residence, a male get out and fire rounds into the house, and then the car fled eastbound on Saybrook Ave. The witness told police she believes the house was shot at by mistake as another house in the area is known to cause problems.

Found Property

On May 16, an officer responded to the Goodwill store at 12650 Rockside Rd., to pick up a handgun that was found

among other donations. The weapon was in a soft, black holster and was loaded with six rounds of ammunition.

Assault

On May 17, about 4:30 p.m., police were dispatched to the Speedway station at 5122 Turney Rd., on a report of several females fighting inside the store. Wine bottles and merchandise were being thrown and damaged as the fight persisted. The caller then said several of the females got into a blue Lincoln and were attempting to leave the scene. One of the officers had just arrived as the car pulled away and was able to execute a traffic stop and detain them on Elmwood as another officer at Speedway gathered information. He was met by a male transgenering into a female and his sister, who said they were walking into Speedway past a car in the parking lot which contained several females who began to taunt the transgender person and started to attack him and his sister inside the store. The women tried to hit the brother and sister with wine bottles before leaving in the Lincoln parked outside. The females said it was the transgender person who instigated the altercation with them. The Speedway manager said she needed time to gain access to the surveillance video so police can view it and find the most accurate account of what had happened. The transgender person was advised to contact the Law Department. The Speedway store had to be closed for about an hour so the mess inside could be cleaned up.

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~College graduates~



Jack Brancatelli

On Saturday, May 14, Jack Brancatelli of Slavic Village, received his Bachelor of Arts degree from The Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University.

He is passionate about making cities pedestrian and bike-friendly along with expanding public transportation. He interned with RTA doing community outreach promoting the Next-Gen bus system redesign and helping create a field guide for central facilities. He also served as vice-

president of the CSU chapter of the American Planning Association.

Jack will be spending the summer managing youth counselors at the Boy Scout's Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. He is the son of Gail Glamm and Tony Brancatelli.

Tinisha Middleton

Tinisha Middleton, a 2018 graduate of Garfield Heights High School, graduated cum laude from the University of Toledo, with a major in Criminal Justice and a minor in Forensic Science. She is the daughter of Ken-

neth and Sandra Middleton.



Tinisha Middleton

Lal's Dry Cleaners to close

Lal's Dry Cleaners, 8809 Garfield Blvd., a fixture in Garfield Heights for the last 70 years, will close its doors by this July 1st.

Owner Ron Diegidio was just 14-years-old when he pressed his first wool skirt in his grandfather's drycleaning shop, and now, 55 years later, he will hang up his last garment.

Ron says he wants to thank the many friends and customers he has had the pleasure of knowing over the years and hopes they will stop by and wish him well, as do his neighbors at The Neighborhood News.

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- Cobb, Marcella
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- Gaillard, Edward
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- Milenovic, Kenneth
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- Presby, Lawrence
- Rusnak, Ted
- Shriver, Noel
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- Smith, Doris
- Szelagowski, Walter
- Szeremet, Casimir
- Tobiasz, John
- Todaro, Kenneth
- Zuranski, Dale

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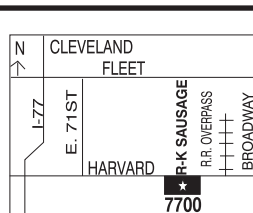
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