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Garfield Heights settles old lawsuit over 'noxious odors' coming from landfill site LaRose rules Shayla Davis cannot run in State House District 18 race

By Ellen Psenicka

Garfield Heights Council, at its meeting Monday night, passed an emergency ordinance to approve the settlement in the case known as John C. Berdysz, et al, v. Boyas Excavating Inc., et al, with the city of Garfield Heights named as a defendant.

The plaintiffs in this action are all residents of Garfield Heights with their complaint that noxious odors in their neighborhood in the former City View Center Shopping Center area affected "the use and enjoyment of their properties."

The class action lawsuit, for which the city will pay a total of \$500,000 divided into three payments due in September 2022, June 2023 and December 2023, was originally filed in 2009 and refiled in 2014.

In addition to Garfield Heights, numerous other defendants were named in the original suit. According to court records, the plaintiffs' claims against the defendants revolved around the development of property in Garfield Heights that previously was the site of two landfills from the 1960s through the 1980s. In 2002, the waste materials on the property were disturbed as developers explored ideas for using the property. In 2005, the property was developed into the City View Center Shopping Center.

Residents in the neighborhood immediately adjacent to the City View property complained of odors, and as a result, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued orders in March 2005 obligating Garfield Heights to take actions necessary for full compliance with environmental regulations. As of November 2014, most of the tenants in the shopping center had vacated. The site now is the home of Highland Park.

"It's time to put this behind us," Mayor Matt Burke said, noting that the lawsuit was filed long before Burke was mayor and most were on council.

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State Rep. Shayla L. Davis, former Garfield Heights councilperson, will not be running in the race for Ohio State House District 18 on the Nov. 8 ballot because she does not meet the qualifications to run as an independent, Secretary of State Frank LaRose ruled last week.

The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections certified her petitions in early August to run for the House seat as an independent candidate, but Shalira Taylor, a Republican write-in candidate for the House District 18 seat, submitted a protest on Aug. 9, to the Board of Elections against "a seating member of the Ohio House Democrat Caucus, Shayla Davis, being allowed to seek the state house seat as an independent candidate."

The Board of Elections met to consider the merits of Taylor's protest and came up with a tie vote along party lines. Secretary of State LaRose was called on to rule as to Davis' eligibility to run as an independent.

"A candidate does not need to have a compelling reason for disaffiliating with a political party, as long as their statement that they have done so is accurate and made in good faith," LaRose wrote in his tie-breaking vote.

"Nevertheless, here I find that the candidate did not disaffiliate from the Democratic Party in good faith," he continued. "In February 2022, the candidate was appointed by the Ohio House of Representatives to fill the vacancy of former democratic Representative Stephanie Howse to the 11th Ohio House District. The candidate still represents this District. On May 3, 2022, the candidate ran unsuccessfully for the Democratic Central Committee for Garfield Heights".

He went on to say that, "Although the Candidate indicates that the submitted written documentation to withdraw from the Democratic Party and did not vote as a Democrat in the August 2, 2022 Primary Election, the evidence presented to the Board and subsequently, my office, indicates that she continued to affiliate with the Democratic Party during the time between signing her Nominating Petition and Statement of Candidacy on June 10, 2022, stating that she 'is a proud part of the Democratic Caucus.'

"On July 29, 2022, she issued a press release with Republican Representative Bill Seitz, identifying her as a Democrat. This same day she filed her petition to run as an independent candidate. For these reasons, I break the tie and vote against certifying Representative Shayla Davis as an independent candidate for the 18th Ohio House District in the November 8, 2022 General Election," LaRose concluded.

Davis was appointed to her current House District 11 seat in Feb. 2022. The newly constructed District 18 includes Garfield Heights, Maple Heights, all of Cleveland Wards 2 and 4, and portions of Cleveland Wards 1, 5, 6 and 12. Republican write-in candidate Taylor will face democratic candidate Darnell Brewer on Nov. 8.

G.H. Police: Department with a heart!

The following was posted on the Garfield Heights Police Department's Facebook page on Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 5:11 a.m.:

"On 8/17/2022, G.H.P.D received a phone call from a concerned citizen reporting that two guinea pigs appeared to be left outside in the elements without food and water.

Unfortunately, one was already deceased when the Animal Warden arrived, but he was able to save the other one.

"She was extremely skinny and very timid around people. After a few short weeks, she has finally begun to trust human beings again. Our Dispatchers and Officers have created such a bond with her that we just did not want her to leave.

"So, without further ado, please welcome our newest member of our Police Department, Bolo! She currently keeps our Dispatchers company in the dispatch center and Officers visit her often!"



Bolo

Commission votes to support landmarking of Sidaway Bridge

The Cleveland Landmarks Commission voted last week to support the landmarking of the Sidaway Bridge, built in 1929, and no longer in use. The Sidaway Bridge runs from Sidaway Ave. to Berwick Rd., and was built to connect the Kinsman Rd. neighborhood with what was then known as the Jackowo (St. Hyacinth) Cleveland neighborhood. It is blocked off at both ends, with overgrown shrubs on private property obstructing the view, according to Atlas Obscura.

The bridge was designed by Fred L. Plummer as a suspension bridge, a popular type of bridge form in the United States in the 1920s. Using an intricate series of weight-bearing steel cables, suspension bridges allow for great expanses of bridge deck with a minimum number of support towers.

Completed in 1930, the new Sidaway Bridge was the first and remains to this day the only suspension bridge ever built in Cleveland. (As referenced by Danielle Rose and Jim Dubelko with research support from Craig Bobby, Cleveland Historical.)

Tony Brancatelli, a member of the Landmark Commission, voted to support the bridge's landmarking and calls it "an architecturally significant structure." He said if the bridge cannot be restored, there are plans to study constructing overlooks on either side.



Sidaway Bridge as it looks today. Photo by Tony Brancatelli

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Bedford city leaders give update on legal action against University Hospitals

By Judith Goldsworth

City Manager Mike Mallis and Mayor Stan Koci gave an update at last week's council meeting on Bedford's ongoing legal action against University Hospitals, after its closure of UH Bedford's emergency room and all inpatient services last month.

In response to what they felt was discrimination against the city's residents, as well as what they perceived as a lack of concern for the health and well being of the surrounding communities, Bedford officials filed for a temporary restraining order in Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court that would have kept the hospital open, and filed a \$100 million lawsuit against UH.

Common Pleas Court Judge Steven Gall ruled in favor of UH, but said he was sympathetic to the city's concerns, Mallis stated.

At last week's meeting, Mallis stated that the temporary restraining order stopping the closure was not successful, but all of the parties involved were open to mediation, and that mediation began last Monday.

Mallis said UH's decision had given Bedford and the surrounding communities "zero time to plan, and that is unacceptable. And it's why we've taken up this fight, and

why we're going to continue to fight. I wish we could get into more specifics, but due to the mediation, we're unable to do so. UH has expressed an interest that they are committed to the region, and they're committed to working with Bedford, and our goal throughout this process is to hold them to that."

Mallis added that not only did the city file the documents in Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, but formal complaints were filed with the Department of Housing and Urban Development and with the federal Health and Human Services agency in Washington, D.C., which oversees Medicare and Medicaid divisions.

Mallis said that a formal complaint was also filed with the Joint Commission, "which is in charge of certifying hospitals and emergency rooms. And we believe this decision violates some of their principal standards. I just wanted to share that we did file those complaints as well."

Koci said, "We're not challenging this just for Bedford and the region, there's so many ancillary things that happen with that hospital. One example is Meals on Wheels. The hospital provided hospital meals, special dietary meals for people that had a restricted diet that are part of our Meals On Wheels program. And they've been doing that, I believe, since 1976.

"And they did not even give them a word that they were closing, which is terrible," Koci said.

Koci said there was also a daycare opened up specifically to work with the hospital employees but was open to anyone. Now those parents have to make other arrangements, he said.

Councilwoman Sandy Spinks noted that through the

efforts of the Meals on Wheels volunteers and staff, no one in the program requiring a special diet missed out after the hospital stopped providing those meals, thanks to all those in the program.

Legislation on agenda

Many pieces of legislation were passed at last week's meeting, including the following:

- Contract with Walt Kucharski Septic Service, Inc. for emergency repairs to the sludge thickener tank at the city's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), including cleaning the tank and removing obstructions that impeded operations, at a cost of \$10,600.
- Contract with Clean Harbors for removal and disposal of hazardous chemicals at the WWTP at a cost of \$29,316.18.
- Contract with AECOM for services relating to the lease of overflow monitoring equipment to identify activations and quantities of system overflows throughout the city as mandated by the EPA to comply with standards and eliminate secondary treatment bypasses in the sewer collection system, at a cost of \$90,000.
- Contract with Sirna Construction, Inc. for the 2022 Sidewalk Repair Program, including concrete sidewalk repairs on Columbus St. and Helper Dr., at a cost of \$48,245.
- Contract with Specialized Construction, Inc., for the 2022 Crack Sealing Program, including repairs to Solon Rd. and Egbert Dr., at a cost of \$32,990. Part of this work will be reimbursed through a 50/50 grant from Cuyahoga County, Mallis said.
- Declaring the property and structure at 788 Wellmon St. a nuisance and condemning it.
- Amending previous legislation to make additional budget appropriations for current expenditures in the city during the year 2022.
- Accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies, and certifying them to the County Fiscal Officer.

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Maple Hts. Council rezones parcels in Libby-Lee area to Central Business District

By Judith Goldsworth

Maple Heights Council, at its meeting last week, approved an ordinance adopting the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission that certain parcels fronting Libby Rd. and Lee Rd. be rezoned from General Commercial (GC) and Neighborhood Commercial (NC) zoning districts to Central Business District (CBD).

Mayor Annette Blackwell asked for council's support of the legislation "to rebuild our town and attract various businesses in concert with the Cuyahoga County Small Business Grant."

Other legislation passed

Council passed a resolution authorizing Maple Heights to become a "Power A Clean Future Ohio Community" and to adopt a goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the city. The city expects to have increased access to project funding sources by applying through a municipal-coalition approach.

The program provides cost effective sustainable development policies in the following categories: renewable energy, energy efficiency, transportation electrification and land use.

Passage of the legislation means that Maple Heights will commit to goals appropriate for applying to the reduction of greenhouse gases within six months of application; develop a plan during 2023 to achieve stated goals; prioritize lowest cost measures identified in the plan to meet energy needs; appoint a staff designee to serve as PCFO coordinator; facilitate involvement of community members; provide feedback once a year on how well PCFO is serving the city; and work toward implementing any policies from two of the PCFO policy categories that will result in lowering carbon emissions, cost savings and quality of life improvement.

Also passed:

- A resolution authorizing Blackwell to apply to the

Ohio Public Works Commission for a grant for financial assistance for the following 2023 capital infrastructure improvement projects: Libby Road Waterline and Resurfacing Project-Broadway to Lee; Southgate Boulevard Improvement Project-Warrens Center to Northfield; and Southwest Sewer District Sewer Improvements Project-Phase 1a.

- A resolution to set the rates for garbage and rubbish collection and disposal for 2023, at \$19.35 per residential unit, and \$9.98 per residential unit for qualified residents with a Homestead Exemption as of June 1, 2022. The charges will be placed on the owners' property tax bills.

- Two separate resolutions certifying to the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer sums due to Maple Heights, spent on the following tasks performed by city workers on privately owned properties: boarding up houses and other unsafe structures; and weed and grass cutting. The costs will go on the respective owners' property taxes.

- Three separate resolutions to sell unimproved city owned lots at 5250 Thomas St., Adams Ave., and 19500 Raymond St., to adjacent property owners for use as side yards.

- Placed on first reading was a resolution for a contract with Specialized Construction, Inc., for the Hansen-Watson-Raymond Road Resurfacing Project, at a cost not to exceed \$822,902.50.

- A resolution authorizing a contract with TC Construction Co., for the 2022 Concrete Roadway Repair Program, at a cost not to exceed \$103,680, was also placed on first reading.

- An ordinance to amend the codified ordinances of the city regarding composition of council committees failed, 4-3.

- And a resolution authorizing an agreement with DC Remodeling LLC, to sell a vacant city-owned lot at 14117 Krems Ave., to build a single family, owner-occupied home on the property was withdrawn by Blackwell at the meeting.

Announcements

Councilwoman Dana Anderson, representing council's Community Life and Education Committee, stated that on Tuesday, Sept. 20, from 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m., there will be a Voter Registration Day at the Maple Heights Senior Center, 15901 Libby Rd.

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**ORDINANCE NO.:60-2022
SPONSORED BY: MAYOR MATTHEW A. BURKE**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF AN AMENDMENT REPEALING SECTION 59 OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS CHARTER RELATING TO TRAFFIC LAW PHOTO-MONITORING DEVICES

WHEREAS, Section 52 of the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights permits this Council to submit proposed Charter amendments to the electors of the City upon a Council vote of two-thirds in favor of said change, and

WHEREAS, an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of Council members present shall result in this amendment to be presented to the electors of the City on the November 8, 2022, General Election, and

WHEREAS, the Garfield Heights Charter Review Committee, pursuant to Section 57 of the Garfield Heights Charter, has reviewed the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio, has recommended to Council the repealing of Section 59 of the Garfield Heights Charter relating to traffic law photo-monitoring devices, and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to provide for said amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio that:

SECTION 1. Section 59 of the Garfield Heights Charter relating to traffic photo-monitoring devices shall be repealed in its entirety:

59-1. ~~The City, including its various Boards, agencies and departments, shall not use any traffic law photo-monitoring device for the enforcement of a qualified traffic law violation, unless a law enforcement officer is present at the location of the device and personally issues the ticket to the alleged violator at the time and location of the violation.~~

59-2. ~~Definitions. As used in this Section 59:~~

a.) ~~"Law enforcement officer" means any law enforcement officer employed by the City or any other political jurisdiction in Ohio, including the State. The City may from time to time and in its discretion, by ordinance or resolution, designate which City employees are "law enforcement officers" for purposes of this Section 59.~~

b.) ~~"Qualified law traffic violation" means a violation of any of the following: (1) any state or local law relating to complying with a traffic control signal or railroad crossing sign or signal; or (2) any state or local law limiting the speed of a motor vehicle.~~

c.) ~~"Ticket" means any traffic ticket, citation, summons, or other notice of liability (whether civil or criminal) issued in response to an alleged qualified traffic law violation detected by a traffic law photo-monitoring device.~~

d.) ~~"Traffic law photo-monitoring device" means an electronic system consisting of a photographic, video, or electronic camera and a means of sensing the presence of a motor vehicle that automatically produces photographs, videotape, or digital images of the vehicle, its license plate or its operator.~~

59-3. ~~Any ordinance enacted prior to the passage of this Amendment that contravenes any of the foregoing is void. After the enactment of this Amendment, the City shall not enact or enforce any ordinance that contravenes any of the foregoing. In the event that any provision of this Section 59 is found to be unconstitutional or impermissibly in conflict with state or federal law, only such provision found to be unconstitutional or impermissible will be stricken, and the remainder of this Section 59 will remain in full force and effect.~~

SECTION 2. The proposed amendment to Section 59 of the Garfield Heights Charter shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electorate of the City of Garfield Heights at an election to be held November 8, 2022 during the regular hours of voting permitted as prescribed by law, where a majority affirmative vote is required for passage.

SECTION 3. The Law Director is hereby directed to transmit by certified mail a certified copy of this Ordinance and the following ballot language to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, c/o the Director's Office, located at 2925 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115 and/or to hand-deliver the same to the Issues Department located on the Third Floor of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections and obtain a written and dated receipt therefore and he is further directed to make the necessary arrangements with the Board of Elections, Cuyahoga County, for giving notice of the proposed amendment of the municipal Charter and for compliance with other regulations including but not limited to appropriate ballot language in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code.

PROPOSED BALLOT LANGUAGE

SHALL SECTION 59 OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS CHARTER, WHICH CURRENTLY PROHIBITS THE USE OF PHOTO-MONITORING TRAFFIC DEVICES, BE REPEALED?

YES _____ NO _____

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure for the best interest of the citizens of Garfield Heights and for the further reason that publication requirements of Ohio law pertaining to Charter amendments necessitates passage without undue delay, therefore this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

**ORDINANCE NO.:61-2022
SPONSORED BY: MAYOR MATTHEW A. BURKE**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 12 OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS CHARTER RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Section 52 of the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights permits this Council to submit proposed Charter amendments to the electors of the City upon a Council vote of two-thirds in favor of said change, and

WHEREAS, an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of Council members present shall result in this amendment to be presented to the electors of the City on the November 8, 2022, General Election, and

WHEREAS, the Garfield Heights Charter Review Committee, pursuant to Section 57 of the Garfield Heights Charter, has reviewed the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio, has recommended to Council amending Section 12 of the Garfield Heights Charter relating to the qualifications of the President of Council, and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to provide for said amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio that

SECTION 1. Section 12 of the Garfield Heights Charter shall be amended to include the following language:

The Council shall elect one of its members President of Council at the first meeting in November following the General Election. The President of Council shall preside at all regular and special meetings of Council and perform such duties as presiding officer as may be imposed upon him or her by the Council. Council has the power to establish rules for the removal of President of Council during his or her term as they see fit. If the office of President of Council becomes vacant, or the President of Council is removed by Council, or the President of Council is absent from a regular or special meeting, Council shall elect a President pro tem. The President of Council shall be elected for a term commensurate with his or her duties as a councilperson and shall meet all of the qualifications as proscribed by the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights. **No Councilmember shall be elected President of Council until that member has completed one full term in office. In the event no member of Council has completed one full term in office at the time the President is to be elected, all members of Council shall be eligible to be elected.**

Section 12 of the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights shall go into effect concurrent with the expiration of the term of the Council President elected in the November 3, 2009 General Election, which will be midnight of Sunday, November 13, 2011.

SECTION 2. The proposed amendment to Section 12 of the Garfield Heights Charter shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electorate of the City of Garfield Heights at an election to be held November 8, 2022 during the regular hours of voting permitted as prescribed by law, where a majority affirmative vote is required for passage.

SECTION 3. The Law Director is hereby directed to transmit by certified mail a certified copy of this Ordinance and the following ballot language to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, c/o the Director's Office, located at 2925 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115 and/or to hand-deliver the same to the Issues Department located on the Third Floor of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections and obtain a written and dated receipt therefore and he is further directed to make the necessary arrangements with the Board of Elections, Cuyahoga County, for giving notice of the proposed amendment of the municipal Charter and for compliance with other regulations including but not limited to appropriate ballot language in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code.

PROPOSED BALLOT LANGUAGE

SHALL SECTION 12 OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS CHARTER BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE THAT **NO COUNCIL MEMBER SHALL BE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL UNTIL THAT MEMBER HAS COMPLETED ONE FULL TERM IN OFFICE AND THAT IN THE EVENT NO MEMBER OF COUNCIL HAS COMPLETED ONE FULL TERM IN OFFICE AT THE TIME THE PRESIDENT IS TO BE ELECTED, ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO BE ELECTED?**

YES _____ NO _____

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure for the best interest of the citizens of Garfield Heights and for the further reason that publication requirements of Ohio law pertaining to Charter amendments necessitates passage without undue delay, therefore this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Free workshop in N.H.

The Village of Newburgh Heights, in partnership with the Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District, invites residents to a free workshop entitled Green Yards and Healthy Homes, on Thursday, Sept. 15, from 6 to 7 p.m., in the Newburgh Heights Community Room, 3801 Harvard Ave.

Learn how to replace chemicals in your yard and home with a few inexpensive, all-natural, effective ingredients to create a healthier habitat for all. Register online at: www.cuyahogawcd.org.

Maple Hts. Civil Service Commission to meet

The Civil Service Commission for the city of Maple Heights will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at noon, in Conference Room 7 of Maple Heights City Hall, 5353 Lee Rd. The public is welcome to attend.

Garfield Heights settles

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He said by settling now the city is saving millions of dollars over what the plaintiffs were originally asking.

Also passed

- Purchase of a new street sweeper for the service department, at a price not to exceed \$320,000.
- Renewed an agreement with System 4 for the regular cleaning of the Garfield Heights Police Department and Civic Center, not to exceed \$41,000, the same amount as the previous year.
- Purchase agreement with Phoenix Safety Outfitters to buy eight sets of fire gear not to exceed \$32,920.
- Emergency resolution requesting advance in tax settlement.
- Emergency resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor.

The next regular meeting of city council is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 26.

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ORDINANCE NO.: 62-2022 (AMENDED)
SPONSORED BY: MAYOR MATTHEW A. BURKE

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 41 OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS CHARTER, PROVIDING FOR THE MAYOR TO SERVE AS THE PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR

WHEREAS, Section 52 of the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights permits this Council to submit proposed Charter amendments to the electors of the City upon a Council vote of two-thirds in favor of said change, and

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WHEREAS, the Council wishes to provide for said amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio that

SECTION 1. Section 41 of the Garfield Heights Charter shall be amended as follows:

The Department of Public Safety shall be in the charge of the Safety Director. There shall be in the Department of Public Safety a Police Division and a Fire Division. There shall be in the Department of Public Safety a Division of Building, Engineering and Inspection. **The Mayor shall serve as Safety Director.**

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On or about the first day of April of each year, the Council shall cause a survey to be made as to the rate of compensation paid to members of the police divisions of suburban cities whose population is ten thousand (10,000) or more, whose boundary lines are contiguous to the City of Cleveland, based upon the latest federal decennial census. Not later than the first day of June of each year, Council shall enact legislation providing for the payment of a rate of compensation for the members of the police division not less than the average compensation paid to the aforementioned suburban cities, which such rate of compensation shall become effective on and shall be paid from the first day of June of that year.

The expression "rate of compensation" or pay, as used in this section, shall apply only to a basic amount of wages and does not include such benefits as might be set up by any city by way of holidays, vacations, other permitted absences, overtime, longevity, night or split shifts, pay for specialized service within a classification or rank, or other premium pay differentials or any type whatsoever. The foregoing enumeration is not exclusive; it is the intent of this section that nothing other than a basic amount of wages, with included range scales, be included within the meaning of "rate of compensation" or pay.

Upon passage of this Charter Amendment, a special survey shall be made in accordance with the hereinbefore stated provisions, and the new rate shall be paid beginning January 1, 1973.

For the purpose of this section, the pay ranges of 1971 shall be considered as a base. Such additional funds as shall be required by the operation of this Section in addition to the 1971 base, shall be generated by an increase in the limitation on the rate of taxation as provided in Section 21 of this Charter.

Council is hereby authorized to increase the limitation on the rate of taxation by such millage as shall be needed to realize the funds required.

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SECTION 2. The proposed amendment to Section 41 of the Garfield Heights Charter shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electorate of the City of Garfield Heights at an election to be held November 8, 2022 during the regular hours of voting permitted as prescribed by law, where a majority affirmative vote is required for passage.

SECTION 3. The Law Director is hereby directed to transmit by certified mail a certified copy of this Ordinance and the following ballot language to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, c/o the Director's Office, located at 2925 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115 and/or to hand-deliver the same to the Issues Department located on the Third Floor of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections and obtain a written and dated receipt therefore and he is further directed to make the necessary arrangements with the Board of Elections, Cuyahoga County, for giving notice of the proposed amendment of the municipal Charter and for compliance with other regulations including but not limited to appropriate ballot language in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code.

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SHALL SECTION 41 OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS CHARTER BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE THAT **THE MAYOR SHALL SERVE AS SAFETY DIRECTOR?**

YES _____ NO _____

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure for the best interest of the citizens of Garfield Heights and for the further reason that publication requirements of Ohio law pertaining to Charter amendments necessitates passage without undue delay, therefore this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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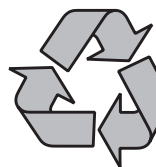
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Gertrude Gardens to be celebrated this Saturday

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11 a.m. - Site Dedication and Blessing

Noon - The "official" opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony with members of Slavic Village Development and Ward 12 Councilwoman Rebecca Maurer

12:30 p.m. - Unveiling of "Serenade," an 800-lb. original stone sculpture by local artist Fred Gearhart, plus a newly installed Art Frame panel by Rain Henderson and the AGI group

1 p.m. - Cake Cutting

There will be food and beverages, live music and family

friendly activities throughout the event, including giant bubbles and an all-ages Scavenger Hunt with prizes. All are welcome to this family friendly and free event.

Gertrude Gardens is the creation of Anne Sheridan, owner of Gold Plum LLC, a picture frame shop in the former Gertrude Bakery building.

The land where Gertrude Gardens is located was acquired by Slavic Village Development after the County Landbank demolished a condemned building on it a decade ago.

"I was truly inspired by Anne Sheridan for her drive and passion and the many volunteers who helped create this vision of an urban garden on an abandoned lot a number of years ago," said former councilman Tony Brancatelli. He said the garden has been the location of numerous art exhibits and installations in the recent past.



State of city, schools address set for Sept. 27, in Maple Hts.

The public is invited to attend the 2022 joint Maple Heights State of the City Address and State of the Schools Address on Tuesday, Sept. 27, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., at Milkovich Middle School, 19800 Stafford Ave., Maple Heights. Presenters will be Mayor Annette Blackwell and Schools Superintendent Dr. Charles Keenan.

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Bedford city leaders give update on legal action

(Continued from Page 3)

- Declaring the property and structure at 788 Wellmon St. a nuisance and condemning it.

- Amending previous legislation to make additional budget appropriations for current expenditures in the city during the year 2022.

- Accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies, and certifying them to the County Fiscal Officer.

- Placed on first reading were three ordinances: to establish resident water rates for 2023, and waiving the required 3 percent increase. Koci said the legislation, if passed at a future meeting, would actually provide a 3 percent reduction; to establish resident sewer rates for 2023; and to provide in a rate reduction for disabled persons and senior citizens for water and sewer discounts.

Gambosi honored; Howland, Saverko sworn in to office

Koci gave several presentations at the meeting, including honoring outgoing Finance Director Frank Gambosi for his 32 years of service to the city, and commending him for the many accolades he earned during his tenure.

After council passed a resolution confirming her appointment, Koci also swore in new Finance Director Jennifer Howland, who is taking her new position after serving as Assistant Finance Director for the past five years.

Also taking the oath of office was new Police Officer Mike Saverko, who worked for the police departments of Maple Heights, Hubbard and Youngstown before coming to Bedford.

Mallis also stated that he and other officials had spoken

to the property owners at Meadowbrook Shopping Center about truck drivers parking their semi trucks overnight at the property. The property owners had promised to give notice to the truck drivers, some of whose behavior was the subject of nearby resident complaints. Because the parking lot is private property, the city is unable to order tows, he said.

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AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING GARFIELD HEIGHTS ORDINANCE 63-2022 AND PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 58 OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS CHARTER REGARDING THE TIME AND METHOD FOR SUBMITTING ZONING CHANGES TO THE ELECTORS

WHEREAS, Section 52 of the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights permits this Council to submit proposed Charter amendments to the electors of the City upon a Council vote of two-thirds in favor of said change, and

WHEREAS, an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of Council members present shall result in this amendment to be presented to the electors of the City on the November 8, 2022, General Election, and

WHEREAS, the Garfield Heights Charter Review Committee, pursuant to Section 57 of the Garfield Heights Charter, has reviewed the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio, has recommended to Council amending Section 58 of the Garfield Heights Charter regarding the time and method for submitting zoning changes to the electors of the City,

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to provide for said amendment, and

WHEREAS, this matter was previously passed through Council in Ordinance 63-2022 with a sixty (60) day requirement; this piece is being brought forth to Council to repeal and replace 63-2022 following a request from Cuyahoga County Board of Elections to extend that time frame to ninety (90) days.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio that:

SECTION 1. Section 58 of the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio shall be amended as follows:

Notwithstanding anything in the Charter or laws of this City to the contrary, any change to the existing land uses, or any legislation changing the existing Zoning Map, shall not be approved or passed by the declaration of an emergency and shall not become finally effective without approval of the electors of Notwithstanding anything in the Charter or laws of this City to the contrary, any change to the existing land uses, or any legislation changing the existing Zoning Map, shall not be approved or passed by the declaration of an emergency and shall not become finally effective without approval of the electors of Garfield Heights:

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Upon failure to receive approval, the proposed change shall not be presented again for one year.

The schedule that a proposed zoning change must meet is as follows:

March General Election

September 30 — Last day an individual requesting a zoning change may address a letter to the Mayor requesting a change in zoning.

Prior to this date, the letter must be addressed to the President of Council fourteen (14) days before the next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting:

October 14-21 — Last Planning Commission meeting which may recommend the proposed zoning change to Council and to the Ways and Means Committee (meets the third Wednesday of October):

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November 1 — Last day for notice of a public hearing to be given.

November 15 — Public hearing must be held by this date.

November 30 — Legislation must be passed in Council by this date.

December 3 — The ordinance must be advertised in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Garfield Heights three (3) consecutive weeks by this date.

December 18 — The Board of Elections must be notified of the ordinance. The ordinance and ballot language must be submitted to the Board of Elections by this date.

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March 2-8 — Election takes place between March 2nd and March 8th.

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November 2-8 — Election takes place between November 2nd and November 8th.

Notwithstanding anything in the Charter or laws of this City to the contrary, any change to the existing land uses, or any legislation changing the existing Zoning Map, shall not become finally effective without approval of a majority of qualified electors of the City of Garfield Heights. Said issue shall be submitted to the electors of the City at the next primary or general election which shall occur not less than ninety (90) days after its passage by Council.

SECTION 2. The proposed amendment to Section 58 of the Garfield Heights Charter shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electorate of the City of Garfield Heights at an election to be held November 8, 2022 during the regular hours of voting permitted as prescribed by law, where a majority affirmative vote is required for passage.

SECTION 3. The Law Director is hereby directed to transmit by certified mail a certified copy of this Ordinance and the following ballot language to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, c/o the Director's Office, located at 2925 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115 and/or to hand-deliver the same to the Issues Department located on the Third Floor of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections and obtain a written and dated receipt therefore and he is further directed to make the necessary arrangements with the Board of Elections, Cuyahoga County, for giving notice of the proposed amendment of the municipal Charter and for compliance with other regulations including but not limited to appropriate ballot language in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code.

PROPOSED BALLOT LANGUAGE

SHALL SECTION 58 OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS CHARTER BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE THAT NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING IN THE CHARTER OR LAWS OF THIS CITY TO THE CONTRARY, ANY CHANGE TO THE EXISTING LAND USES, OR ANY LEGISLATION CHANGING THE EXISTING ZONING MAP, SHALL NOT BECOME FINALLY EFFECTIVE WITHOUT APPROVAL OF A MAJORITY OF QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, AND SAID ISSUE SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY AT THE NEXT PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION WHICH SHALL OCCUR NOT LESS THAN NINETY (90) DAYS AFTER ITS PASSAGE BY COUNCIL?

YES _____ NO _____

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure for the best interest of the citizens of Garfield Heights and for the further reason that publication requirements of Ohio law pertaining to Charter amendments necessitates passage without undue delay, therefore this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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Shootings

On Sept. 11, at 2:15 p.m., two teenagers were shot in the 5600 block of Broadway Ave. An 18-year-old male was shot in the hip and lower back, and a 17-year-old male was shot in the lower leg. Both victims were transported by EMS to MetroHealth Medical Center.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS

Theft

On Sept. 4, police were dispatched to the 4600 block of Warner Rd. for a theft report. The complainant told police that sometime between 1 a.m. and 10 a.m. that day someone entered her open garage and stole a used stove, refrigerator and dryer, worth a total of \$325, and an industrial bin of various Craftsman tools worth \$2000. She said that the garage door is broken and the landlord refuses to fix it. Surveillance cameras may have been able to pick up the incident. The investigation continues.

Burglary

On Sept. 8, police were dispatched to the 10800 block of Langton Ave. for a burglary report. They were met by the complainant, who said he had been checking on the

house over the past several days while his brother was out of town. He said that on Sept. 7, he checked the house and noticed a rear kitchen window was open and the rear door was unlocked. He found that two 55" televisions were missing along with a Playstation 4 gaming system. The home had four cameras throughout the house that were also missing. The facts were forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

Breaking & Entering

On Sept. 9, shortly after midnight, officers responded to Rockside Tavern Bar, 12929 Rockside Rd., for an alarm drop. The alarm company advised police that the owner of the bar had said he had seen three males inside on video surveillance cameras. When police arrived they found no suspects inside the bar, but noticed several doors and refrigerators open and wine coolers laying on the floor. There was some damage done to the garage door and minor damage to the interior of the bar. Video surveillance will be forwarded to the Detective Bureau for follow up.

Disturbance

On Sept. 10, about 8:19 p.m., GHPD responded to the 12000 of Woodward Ave., for a report of a large fight. When police arrived they found numerous people verbally and at times physically fighting in the front yard of the residence. As police approached people began to disperse and an officer was told it was a family gathering and that there had been a death of a young female in the family. Several family members advised they would get everyone under control and police stood by as they did so. As things began to calm down an officer spoke with a male who said he had been assaulted by numerous unknown persons who were causing a noise disturbance in the front of the Woodward residence. The man said he asked them to turn down their music at which time he was struck several times by fists and then in the back of the head with

an unknown item. He suffered minor injuries and a torn shirt. He was left a statement form that he said he would fill out and return to the officer the next day. Police completed an assault report.

Maple Heights Council

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Anderson also announced that there will be a Fall Festival at Milkovich Middle School, 19800 Stafford Rd., on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Food, fun, music and games, along with a costume contest, will be featured.

Council President Ron Jackson announced that the Joint State Addresses for the city of Maple Heights and the Maple Heights City Schools, to be presented by Blackwell and Superintendent Dr. Charles T. Keenan, will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 27, from 5:30-7 p.m., at Milkovich Middle School. The event is free and open to the public. Visit citymapleheights.com for more information.

Blackwell, Human Services Director Linda Vopat and other city officials accepted a generous donation from Kokosing Materials on McCracken Rd., for the Maple Heights Food Pantry.

Cleveland-Cliffs Open House at Local 979 Hall

Cleveland-Cliffs will hold an open house in USW Local 979 Hall, 3421 Independence Rd., Cleveland, on Tuesday, Sept. 27, from 5-7 p.m. The public is welcome to come and learn more about the company, its operations and employment opportunities. RSVP to: anna.ediger@clevelandcliffs.com by Sept. 20.

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New Kiwanian installed

Meet the newest member of the Kiwanis Club of South East Cleveland, Cheryl Russell, who was installed last Wednesday by President Jerry Seppelt, both shown at right, during the club's meeting at Jones Road Church in Slavic Village.



Cheryl was born and raised in Garfield Heights, is retired from Prudential Insurance and resides in Aurora, with her husband, Bob. She has a heart for working with children which fits well with the Kiwanis mission "to improve the world one child and one community at a time."

For the past 10 years she has worked as a substitute teacher's aid in Chagrin Falls, and with students with learning disabilities for the last five of them.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Slavic Village chapter of Kiwanis can call Jerry Seppelt at 216-407-4076 or email to: jseppelt@aol.com.

Voter Registration Day

The city of Maple Heights, in cooperation with the Community Life and Education Committee of Maple Heights City Council and the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, is hosting a voter registration day on Tuesday, Sept. 20, from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., at the Maple Heights Senior Center, 15901 Libby Rd., Maple Heights.

You can register to vote, update your voter records, check voting status and request Vote by Mail ballots. For more information call 216-587-5481.

Submit Community events to NN via Email: nnews1923@aol.com

Thanks to cleanup volunteers in Ward 5

The Cleveland Ward 5 E. 52 St. Block Community would like to thank everyone in the area that participated in the Neighborhood Clean-up Dumpster Weekend. Special thanks go to Councilman Richard Starr for providing the dumpster, and to neighbor, Mr. Langmeyer, for keeping the area around the site clean during the event.

Garfield Heights Ward 4 Meet & Greet

Garfield Heights Ward 4 Councilman Avery Johnson will host a community meet and greet with Mayor Matt Burke, State Representative candidate Darnell Brewer, School Board President Nichelle Daniels, invited guest Schools Superintendent Dr. Richard Reynolds and members of the Abundant Love community outreach program on Saturday, Sept. 17, at the corner of E. 88 St. and Plymouth Ave., from noon until 4 p.m. All are invited.

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JOIN MAPLE HTS. FIRE DEPARTMENT



Last week the city of Maple Heights welcomed two new firefighters to its ranks, as posted on the city's Facebook page. James Bittel and Chad Duff each bring years of experience to their new positions in the Maple Heights Fire Department. Shown, from left, are: Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas, FF James Bittel, FF Chad Duff and Mayor Annette Blackwell.

G.H. Town Hall Meeting

All are invited to share their thoughts and ideas with Garfield Heights Mayor Matt Burke at a Mayor's Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 6:30 p.m., at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd.

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