TO: Council Members
City Directors
FROM: Mayor Anthony L. Togliatti
DATE: May 24, 2019
RE: Administrative Update

FIRST ENERGY NORTHERN REGION DISTRIBUTION CONTROL CENTER:

On Thursday morning, May 23rd, I joined other elected officials from Northeastern Ohio on a tour of the First Energy Distribution Facility in Brecksville. The timing was very appropriate, as First Energy customers in Brecksville and Independence were without power due to high winds that morning. During the tour I was able to witness First Energy's response to the power outage. The representatives from First Energy did a great job explaining the prioritization of power restoration, safety protocols and outage reporting.

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS WELCOME NEW HEAD COACH:

Recreation Director Walchanowicz and I attended Cleveland Cavalier's new Head Coach John Beilein's first press conference at The Cleveland Clinic Courts on Brecksville Road. Cavaliers owner, Dan Gilbert, along with General Manager, Koby Altman, joined together to welcome Coach Beilein to Cleveland. Both Dan Gilbert and Koby Altman spoke about the intensive interview process, Beilein's exceptional credentials and
the team’s future prospects. It was truly a pleasure to welcome Coach Beilein to Independence and wish the team future success.

NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY:

This past Wednesday, I had the pleasure of presenting a Proclamation to resident Andrea Kovesdi and Erin Dickinson of Broadview Heights designating June 7th, 2019 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day in Independence. Both Andrea and Erin are members of Moms Demand Action, a group dedicated to fighting for public safety measures that can protect people from gun violence.

Wearing orange on June 7th will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors and will also be a sign of commitment to reduce gun violence and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our children safe.

LANE CLOSURE BRECKSVILLE ROAD:

Dominion East Ohio Gas, Middleton Mechanicall, LLC is scheduled to begin work on a gas main replacement project beginning Saturday, June 1st. The work will be performed in the median-lane of the southbound-side of Brecksville Road, generally between Tanglewood Drive and Valley View Road.

The work is anticipated to last 30 calendar days (weather permitting) beginning Monday, June 3rd, and continuing through to Friday, June 28th. Due to the construction, Brecksville Road will be restricted to the one southbound curb-lane within the work area, however, two-way traffic will be maintained at all times.
Dominion will soon be providing additional information to those residents and businesses within the work zone area.

*Please* travel with caution in this area and *thank you* for your patience as this very important project progresses.

**STATE OF THE SCHOOLS:**

On Thursday, May 23rd, Vice Mayor Dave Grendel and I attended the Independence School District’s 2019 State of the Schools which was held at the Independence Primary School. In addition to being updated on many of the wonderful things happening in our schools and the results of a report regarding the condition of our educational facilities, those in attendance were also introduced to the newest administrator of the District, Mr. Timothy (T.J.) Ebert. Mr. Ebert has been hired for the position of Principal of the Independence Primary School replacing Cindy Ipsaro who is retiring at the end of this school year.

**MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES:**

A reminder that we will be holding Memorial Day Services on Monday, May 27th at the Soldiers Memorial on Public Square. We ask that you gather on the Square at 9:00 am with the services beginning promptly at 9:30 am.

A parade to Maple Shade Cemetery will take place immediately following the services. After a short graveside service, all are invited to stop by Drug Mart for a hot dog cookout and enjoy the music of the Independence High School Marching Band. Proceeds of the cookout will benefit the Independence High School Marching Band.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:**

- The Elmwood Outdoor Pool is scheduled to open on **Sunday, May 26th** and **Monday, May 27th** (weather permitting) from **12 noon to 8:00 pm**. From **May 28th through June 5th**, the pool will be **open 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm**. **Saturday, June 1st** and **Sunday, June 2nd 12 noon**
to 8:00 pm and after school is out the main outdoor pool will be open from 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm and the Activity Pool will be open from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm.

- **Memorial Day Services** will be on the Square, Monday, May 27th. Gather at 9:00 am with services to begin at 9:30 am followed by a short parade to Maple Shade Cemetery.

- Another opportunity to hear the **State of the School**’s presentation by Superintendent Ben Hegedish will be **Wednesday, May 29th from 6:30 to 7:15 pm** in the **High School** cafeteria. Pizza and salad will be served from 6:00 to 6:30 pm in the cafeteria as well.

- The Class of 2019’s **Senior Awards Program** will be held on **Friday, May 31st at 9:00 am** in the **High School Auditorium**.

- The **Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County** will be holding their annual **Plant Sale** on **Saturday, June 1, 2019 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm** at the **Kiwanis Pavilion in Elmwood Park**. A wonderful selection of plants will be available at very low prices.

- **Graduation Ceremonies** for the Independence High School Class of 2019 will take place on **Sunday, June, 2nd at 1:00 pm in the High School Auditorium**.

- A **Streets and Sidewalks Committee Meeting** has been scheduled for **Tuesday, June 4th at 4:00 pm** prior to the **Planning Commission Meeting** which is scheduled to begin at **5:30 pm**. Both meetings will be held at City Hall.

- The **Community Services Department** will be hosting their annual **Volunteer Appreciation Lunch** on **Friday, June 7th at the Civic Center**.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

Following are some highlights of recent activity, updates, events and/or statistics from various departments:

The Police Department Reported- (Week ending May 17)

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- Mutual Aid:
  - Engine Responses 0 3
  - Squad Responses 0 10

The Community Services Department Reported- (Week ending May 17)

- Community Services staff members attended CPR refresher course taught by April Lemke from the Recreation Department. The classes reviewed procedures for CPR, choking, and emergency situations as well as use of AEDs and Epi pens.
- The administrative staff worked on implementing project management procedures.
- Youth Program staff attended MEG (McKeon Education Group) training programs and classes.
- Banners were created for upcoming events.
- Adult Programming:
  - 5/10 – Annual Health & Wellness Fair took place with 35 vendors and attracted over 150 attendees.
  - 5/15 Bus Trip: Ashland Adventure – 40 people attended and enjoyed lunch, shopping at several specialty stores, and even visited an orchard.
  - The Community Resource Coordinator assisted seniors with various issues and made several home visits. In addition she has been helping the Fire Department’s outreach for the smoke detector grant program by making 10 phone calls daily to eligible seniors.

- Youth Programs:
  - Programmers are working on summer staffing as well as finalizing enrollment.
  - Gordon worked on the redesign of the camp t-shirts.
The Recreation Department Reported- (Week ending May 17)

- **Saturday May 11:**
  - Tucker Neale Basketball at the Fieldhouse from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm using all four courts.
  - Part-time staff in preparing ball diamonds for scheduled games.

- **Sunday, May 12:**
  - Tucker Neale Basketball Tournament continued at the Fieldhouse from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. The total rental for the weekend was $3600.

- **Monday, May 13:**
  - Recreation staff prepared diamond #2 ball file for a High School Girl’s Playoff Game.
  - Little League games were cancelled due to the weather.
  - April Lemke conducted CPR class for Recreation and Community Services staff.

- **Tuesday, May 14:**
  - A new scoreboard for diamond #1 was installed by Sports Equipment Specialist. This new board replaced an 18 year old board. The new board features all LED lights, the digits are much larger and brighter and has a clock feature which will be an added bonus when using this field for flag football in the fall.
  - Little League Baseball practice games begin today for certain leagues.
  - Dog Obedience spring session began at the Elmwood Recreation Building.

- **Wednesday, May 15:**
  - Most staff worked at the outdoor pool to get it ready for the season.
  - April Lemke conducted another CPR class for both the Recreation and the Community Services departments.

- **Thursday, May 16:**
  - An additional CPR class was conducted for Recreation and Community Services.
A new freezer was installed at the outdoor pool in the Concession Stand which replaced a 20-year old unit.

Director Walchanowicz attended a Campus Security Meeting organized by the Police Department.

- Friday, May 17:
  - Table and Chair rentals for the weekend: 60 Tables 250 Chairs going to 9 resident homes.
  - St. Michael School picnic was held at the Annex Pavilion from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.
  - The High School Freshman Health Class held a Health Fair Event at the Fieldhouse on this day.
  - Staff prepared both pavilions for the weekend rentals.

- General:
  - Recreation staff continued to get the park campus grounds ready for the summer season.
  - Preparation on the outdoor pool continued to get it ready for opening day.

The IT Department reported- (Week ending May 17)

- The IT Department closed 17 helpdesk tickets this week and handled 83 calls this week.
- In addition to helpdesk, weekly project highlights include:
  - New thin client image with various software and security updates.
  - Firewall firmware was updated.
  - Turned on User Account Control on all computers.
  - Fiber interface hardware was ordered for updates to network switch.
  - Council passed new server and storage upgrades.
  - New employee timecards and replacement car was completed.
  - Police care E-Ticket adjustments were made.
  - Citation upload issue was resolved.
  - Repaired computer in a new police car.

**Did you know...**

- People often mistakenly assume that a fawn (baby deer) found alone is orphaned. If the fawn is lying down calmly and quietly, their mother is nearby and they are OK. A doe only visits and nurses
their **fawn** a few times a day to avoid attracting predators. Unless you know that the mother is dead, please leave the **fawn** alone.

- **Cleveland** has been chosen to host the **86\(^{th}\) NFL Draft in 2021!!!** The impact of this massive sporting festival could potentially surpass that of any event Cleveland has ever hosted – both in economic impact and international media exposure. The City of Cleveland is thrilled to have the opportunity to showcase its city to the world and confirm that it is the perfect choice for hosting some of the Nation’s largest events!