TO: Council Members
       City Directors
FROM: Mayor Anthony L. Togliatti
DATE: June 22, 2018
RE: Administrative Update

PART-TIME FIREFIGHTERS SWORN IN:

It was my pleasure to swear in three excellent candidates as part-time firefighters for the City of Independence on Thursday, June 21st. Joseph Murray, Derek Von Der Vellen and Anthony Girardi took the Oath of Office in Council Chambers followed by a reception held in their honor at the Fire Department for family, friends, and members of their new “firefighter family” who are both excited and proud to welcome them to the department.

*Congratulations* to each of you and may you have a long and successful career with the City of Independence!

SAFETY TOWN GRADUATION:

Graduation for the City’s first session of Safety Town this summer took place this morning at 9:00 am in the Willow Room at the Civic Center.

I had the pleasure of congratulating each of the 38 Safety Town Graduates and providing them a coupon for an ice cream treat at one of our concession stands.
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Watching and listening to these young students recite the safety jingles they learn in the program that can literally save their lives… never gets old. **Congratulations** to our new graduates and of course to their proud parents!

**PINECREST GRAND OPENING:**

On Thursday morning I attended a celebration of openings and appreciation kicking off the grand opening of the new Pinecrest mixed-use development in Orange Village. The event was hosted by the Digeronimo Companies and Fairmount Properties. Pinecrest is a mixed-use development situated on 80-Acres in the Chagrin Highlands area of Orange Village. The development consists of 400,000 square feet of retail and restaurants, 87 luxury apartments, 162,000 square feet of office space, a 145-room hotel and over 2100 parking spaces.
PADDO RETIREMENT:

Over 140 people stopped by the Civic Center last Saturday to congratulate K-9 Paddo on his well-earned retirement! The room was filled with pictures galore of Paddo and his partner, Jim Green. The success of this 11-year team has been astounding and we could not be more grateful for all Paddo has done for our community. I would also like to give kudos to Officer Green because a K-9 officer is only as good as his partner. It takes a strong commitment and dedication, not to mention hundreds of hours of training to reach the level of trust and communication that bonded this amazing partnership which has been such an asset to the City of Independence.

We wish Paddo many happy and healthy years of retirement with the Green family who will certainly provide all the love and care that any dog could ever ask for!!!

RESIDENT ROUNDUP:

Now’s your chance to have some fun at Home Days! Put yourself, your spouse, your children, family and friends on a wanted poster for charity!

Then, come to Home Days…find your picture, let the information table next to the Bandstand know when you find your picture, and your name will be entered into a drawing to win $100 worth of gift cards! The drawing for the winner will take place on Saturday night at 7:30 pm at the main Bandstand. All monies received will be donated to a local charity!

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

- A Utility and Sewers Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 25th, at 4:30 pm in the Council Caucus Room at City Hall.

- A Streets and Sidewalks Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 26th at 4:30 pm in the Council Caucus Room at City Hall.

- Lobster & Pho will soon be opening their doors to the public on Monday, July 2nd. Located at Rockside Corners Plaza, this new restaurant will offer Asian cuisine including delicious Lobster Rolls made fresh with Lobster flown in from Maine.
The City of Independence will be celebrating the July 4th Holiday on Tuesday, July 3rd in Elmwood Park. Food Booths will open at 7:00 pm and a spectacular fireworks display will take place at dark (approximately 10:00 pm).

The City will once again be offering the availability of an MWR Area at the Independence Day Celebration beginning at 7:00 pm which is open to all military personnel and their families. *Please bring your Military ID Card or a copy of your DD214 to gain entry.

The “Farmers Market” will soon begin to have a presence at 6565 Brecksville Road in the center of town every Sunday beginning July 8th through September 16th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Stop by to pick up farm fresh fruits and vegetables grown at the family-owned and operated Luther Farms.

The next Council Workshop to discuss the Downtown Greenspace, Streetscape and Alternative Housing will take place on Tuesday, July 31st at 4:30 pm in the City Hall Council Caucus Room.

Back by popular demand, Food Truck Fridays will resume at the Independence Historical Society from 4:00 to 7:00 pm:
  o July 13th - Smokin’ Rock N’ Roll
  o August 17th – Slyman’s Tavern

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Following are some highlights of recent activity, updates, events and/or statistics from various departments for the week ending June 15, 2018.

The Engineering Department Reported:

  • Two water main breaks were detected at:
    o 6204 Ranchview - Cleveland Water was contacted.
    o 4103/4180 Chestnut – Cleveland Water was contacted and work to repair it commenced.
  • One (1) Permit for asphalt parking lot repair at 6557 Brecksville Road was issued.
  • Sanitary and Storm service inspections for a new home at 709 Hawthorn Trace, sublot 154 were performed and found to be compliant.
  • The Engineering and IT Departments met with representatives from ESRI to discuss the City’s GIS system -- our current status along with possible improvements.
  • Joe Potoma attended the GIS Users of Northern Ohio meeting regarding “Engaging Your Community with ArcGIS Hub”
  • Engineering plans, specifications and contract documents were completed in-house for the West Creek Road Improvements Project and alternate Jefferson Drive Improvement.
    o A Notice to Bidders was published in the Plain Dealer on Thursday, June 14th and the bid opening is scheduled for Friday, June 29th at 11:00 am.
The plan is to award a contract at the July Council Meeting and have the project commence around the 1st of August.

The Fire Department Reported:

- EMS Incidents: 30
- Fire Incidents: 9
- Mutual Aid:
  - Engine Responses: 0
  - Squad Responses: 0

The Police Department Reported:

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The Community Services Department Reported:

- Rita Glover, Mary Walsh, Claudia Duhan and Marcia Abbadini are to be commended for the excellent job they have done coordinating and preparing for this year’s Summer Camp and Summer Playground programs. This will surely be another outstanding year for those who participate in these great programs!

- **Summer Camp**: (started Wednesday, June 13th)
• **Summer Playground:** (started Tuesday, June, 19\(^{th}\))

  - 12 Preschoolers - Registered
  - 117 Grades K-4 – Registered
  - In preparation for a safe and fun summer 36 staff members and 4 volunteers were trained in First Aid. HR Director Letitia Linker also spoke to the group on City policies and procedures and Fire Prevention Specialist Don Reis addressed weather safety with the team.
Summer Playground Fun!

- Graphics/Marketing/Flyers:
  - A variety of banners and posters were designed for various programs including: Summer Band Concerts, Power Wheels Raffle for Home Days, Indy’s Got Talent for Home Days and I-Play.

The Recreation Department Reported:

- **Saturday, June 9th:**
  - Photographs of all Little League Teams were taken today.
  - The Cleveland Comets Professional Women’s Fastpitch Softball Team game took place at 7:05 pm at Zuber Field this evening.

- **Sunday, June 10th:**
  - The Ride-For-Kids fundraiser event took place at the Shared Use Soccer Fields to raise money for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Society.

- **Monday, June 11th:**
  - First day of the Cleveland Indian’s Baseball Camp. This camp sold out with over 80 children attending.

- **Tuesday, June 12th:**
  - Recreation Director met with representative of Qualite to review the electrical requirements for the new lighting systems which are to be installed at both Zuber Field and the U-10 Fields.
  - A new CO2 System was installed at the outdoor pool which will control the PG of our pools and make the overall operations safer and more efficient. The company will be providing a 750-liter tank which they will fill on an as needed base, eliminating the need for the Recreation Staff to handle dangerous high pressure tanks.

- **Wednesday June 13th:**
  - A Tucker Neale Basketball rental took place at the Fieldhouse this evening from 6:00-10:00 pm generating a rental income of $520.
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- Thursday, June 14th:
  o Staff poured and stamped 100 feet of sidewalk at the new playground site and also formed up another 80 feet of sidewalk to complete the surrounding circle of the main play structure.
  o Staff also re-mulched the Fieldhouse playground with 35 yards of engineered wood fiber playground mulch in preparation for the Summer Camps heavy usage of this playground.

- Friday, June 15th:
  o Table and chair deliveries for the upcoming weekend: 50 tables and 300 chairs to 6 resident homes.

*PLEASE NOTE:* I WILL NOT BE SENDING OUT AN ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE THIS COMING FRIDAY, JUNE 29TH.

See you at the Fireworks on July 3rd!