MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members and  
Department Directors  

From: Mayor Anthony L. Togliatti  

Date: July 29, 2016  

Re: Administrative Update  

COUNTY CLEAN ENERGY INITIATIVE:

Marty Kurkul and I met with Cuyahoga County representatives to discuss the possibility of Independence utilizing solar photovoltaic and thermal installations in our city buildings to reduce our dependence on the electrical power grid. Cuyahoga County has launched a Clean Energy Financing Hub to help local governmental entities engage in clean energy technologies at reduced costs. Before we make any decisions to install any solar technologies, a full cost benefit analysis must be completed. I will keep Council updated on this as we proceed with the analysis.

SPINS BOWL INDEPENDENCE AND VERSO:

This week I had the opportunity to meet with the new owner of Spins Bowl Independence (formerly Cloverleaf Lanes). Bill Diamond, Diamond Properties, discussed the vision for the property which includes complete exterior and interior renovations of the building, as well as improvements to the parking lot. After the year-long renovations are finished, Spins Bowl Independence will feature updated bowling lanes, laser tag, an arcade, and a private party area with attached bowling.

The food service will also receive an overhaul with Independence resident Ed Ripepi relocating his restaurant, Verso, from Parma to Spins Bowl Independence. I believe this project will be a great amenity for our residents and business community, while also being a catalyst for further reinvestment in this part of the community.

SUMMER PLAYGROUND WRAPS-UP:

Yesterday was the final day of Summer Playground for this summer season. This year’s program provided 136 children four hours of fun-filled activities, three days a week from June 21st through July 28th.
Some highlights from this year’s program included the following activities:

- “Pool and Water Game Days” – Children verses Counselors
- “Creeking” – Looking for crayfish, water striders, building dams and learning about water flow.
- “Bubble Day” – Making square bubble wands and creating up to 4-foot long circular bubbles!
- “Carnival Day” with Flower Clown and Dance Day with Jim Rio.
- Building boats made out of recyclables and racing them in the pool.
- CD Craft Weaving and Pony Beads! *Thank You* to the Independence Library Branch for providing 400 old CD’s!

An end of the season picnic was held yesterday at the Kiwanis Pavilion to wrap up the program. A big Thank You to all the parents for providing the delicious “goodies” for the picnic. We hope your children enjoyed this year’s program as much as we enjoyed having them participate!

And last but not least... Congratulations to Youth Program Coordinator Claudia Duhan and her Assistant Coordinator, Marcia Abbadini, for coordinating another outstanding year of programming for our youth! The effort and creativity you put into this program is second to none!

**SCRATCH RESTAURANT:**

A new restaurant will be opening at 6595 Brecksville Road, formerly the location of SubSations sandwich shop. The new “Scratch” Restaurant is scheduled to open this coming Monday, August 1st. Hours of operation will be 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday for breakfast and lunch, dine-in and/or carry out.

As always, we encourage you to support our local businesses, so make it a point to stop by “Scratch” at your earliest convenience to welcome them to Independence and to enjoy a great breakfast or lunch made from scratch!

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

A Council Workshop is scheduled for next Tuesday, August 2 at 4:00 pm, to discuss Ordinance 2016-80 regarding the possible creation of a Rental Occupancy Permit.

Planning Commission will then meet at 5:30 pm after the Council Workshop followed by a Special Council Meeting to vote on Ordinance 2016-86 to approve the final Plat for the Chestnut Woods Subdivision, Phase 4, for the development of 42-Residential Single-Family lots.
100TH HOME DAYS:

The Home Days Committee is coming down the home stretch in preparation for the City’s 100th Celebration and employees are working extra hard to make sure everything is in order and ready to go by next Friday night at 6 pm.

Home Days’ programs will be inserted into the August Independence Post, which should arrive in residents’ mailboxes by August 2nd; however, a copy is enclosed for you in your Friday Packet

Elected Officials should be on the lookout for your parade instructions which will be emailed to you early next week. A hard copy of those instructions will also be mailed to your homes.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Following are some highlights of recent activity, updates, events and/or statistics from various departments for the week ending July 22, 2016.

Building Department Reported-

- 2 Commercial Permits were issued
- 2 sets of Plans were sent to Plans Examiners
- 8 Commercial Inspections performed
- 16 Residential Permits were issued
- 15 Residential Inspections performed
- 9 contractors were registered, 510 registrations year-to-date
- 266 homes were inspected for Property Maintenance
- 1 homes was found to have violations
- Plans were approved for 6055 Rockside Road #300 for a 1588 sq. ft. tenant build-out
- Occupancy Permits were issued to:
  - 6000 Freedom Square – Common Area alterations
  - 4401 Rockside Road – Common Area alterations
- Architectural Board of Review met on July 21:
  - Proposed signage for The Ideal Method, located at 6595 Brecksville Road was approved
  - Plans were also approved for 7300 East Pleasant Valley Road, Involta for a new office and data center building.
- Assisted Fire Department with Food Truck inspections at 6155 Rockside Road and 6801 Brecksville Road.
The Fire Department Reported-

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The Engineering Department Reported-

- Right of Way Permits were issued to
  - Dominion to install a gas connection at 5500 Eastview Dr.
  - Time Warner to replace cable at 6644 Kingscote Park
  - AT&T to install new conduit at 9101 Pleasant Valley Road
- United Survey continues cleaning and televising the Sanitary and Storm Sewer Mains in Chestnut Woods, work is expected to be completed in the following weeks.
- Engineering is looking to perform drainage improvements on Pleasant Valley, on the south side of the road, near I-77.
  - There are areas where water weeps over the sidewalk causing unsafe conditions for pedestrians.
  - Engineering is looking to install inlet basins and under drains in the area to mitigate and potentially stop the water from weeping over the sidewalk.
- Petty Group, subcontractor for Dominion, completed the relocation of the natural gas main on Rockside Road by I-77. Restoration and demobilization were also completed.
- A preconstruction meeting was held on site of the upcoming Rockside Place Streetscape and Improvement Project.
  - City met with the KSU Podiatric College Dean and our Contractor to discuss the work included in the project and some of their events, class sessions, and planned work.
  - Measures will be taken to ensure cooperation and facilitation of their needs during construction.
- Bid documents were prepared advertising for Beechwood Drive, Hickory Nut Lane, and Maple Leaf Lane Concrete Road improvements.
- Sidewalk Plans were submitted by CBRE for the new sidewalk segment they need to build from their parking lot on Patriot’s Way over to the sidewalk that the Hilton Home2 project will install, including the new parking lot east of their hotel site. (for Sterling Backcheck)

The Service Department Reported-

- Home Days is fast approaching and the department is busy setting up booths and preparing the Square for the Home Day festivities. In addition to the booth set up, they have been busy making repairs to the Dunk the Dolly and Putt-Putt green.
- 10 Toter loaner cans delivered, 4 were picked up and 2 were repaired.
• Special pick-ups totaled – 62
• Sweeper was out 4 days.
• The chipper was out 4 days this week.
• 4 new yard waste cans were sold this week. Total sold to date is 31.
• Flag crew out on two separate occasions to untangle flags.
• General shop cleaning ongoing
• Installed 32 Boxwoods on the west side of IFD building
• City wide weed whacking: 3 man days
• Hanging baskets and annuals watered 7 days this week
• Weed trimmed all the center islands on Brecksville Road
• Maintenance Work Orders created: 23
• Maintenance Work Orders completed 24

The Police Department Reported-

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The Recreation Department Reported-

• The total Press Box Concession stand revenue for the week ending July 22nd, was over $2200! The biggest seller was soft serve ice cream as they went through almost 20 gallons of soft serve over the course of the softball tournament!
• Last Monday was the first day of the National Basketball Academy Cavaliers Basketball Camp at the Field House which had over 100 children enrolled.
• The P.L.E.A.S.E. Program began at the outdoor pool last Monday and is a new adaptive aquatic program that April Lemke started for participants 6 and up. The goals of the program are to promote safety in and around the water for special needs children and adults. P.L.E.A.S.E. stands for Promote Lifetime Everyday Aquatics Safety and Enjoyment and currently has 10 participants.
• They are performing preventative maintenance at the High School baseball diamond...replacing and filling the pitcher’s mound and home plate areas.
• Recreation Department hosted students and instructors of Vocational Services Unlimited based in Beachwood. Our guests were given a tour of our facilities and provided information about job opportunities in the recreation field.
• Staff made repairs to the Shared Use Facility soccer fields’ sprinkler system.

Have a great weekend!