Dear Resident,

Thank you to everyone who came out on Memorial Day to pay tribute to our Veteran heroes who gave it all so that we may enjoy the wonderful freedoms we have today. If you have lost a loved one in the line of duty, please know that we will forever be grateful for your sacrifice.

If you have driven down Brecksville Road over the last few weeks, you may have noticed a mural being painted on the south side wall of the old C and B Garage/Barbershop building. The mural was designed and painted by artist Oscar Velasquez and has over 20 different architectural icons that pay tribute to the rich history of Independence.

The mural is nearly 75% complete at this point and is anticipated to be finalized the second week of June. Once completed, the property next to the building on the south side will be converted to a small park-type setting where people can picnic or enjoy a cup of coffee and reminisce upon the familiar images from early Independence.

On June 2nd, ninety-five students will be receiving their diplomas from Independence High School. I would like to Congratulate the graduates of the Class of 2019 and their families for the hard work, love and support it took for you to arrive at this momentous occasion. Wherever you go from here... whether you have decided to enter the workforce, join the military or go on to further your education, we as a community wish you the best of success in whatever path you take. We are proud of your accomplishments and want you to remember that Independence will always be your “home”!

Sincerely,

Mayor Anthony L. Togliatti

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The Independence Historical Society presents
Have a bite to eat, enjoy a mocktail and tour the museum!

Join us for happy hour 4–7 p.m.

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS

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June 7  |  July 12  |  Aug. 23
Historic Hall, 6675 Brecksville Road, Independence
INFO: indyhistoricalsocietyohio@gmail.com

www.independenceohio.org
Pledge to Plant

Every year trees are given away by Community Canopy, an Arbor Day Foundation program, and we suspect many of those don’t end up planted correctly or planted at all. Sign our pledge and we will give you a tree in the Fall with supplemental material on how to care for your tree. We will provide follow up advice and check in to see how your tree is doing. Supplies are limited so sign up today!

www.cuyahogaswcd.org

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Chairman - Norman Casini

Civil Service Commission
1st Thursday each month
Chairman - Peter Nelson

Council
2nd Tuesday each month – 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission
1st Tuesday each month
5:30 p.m. caucus, meeting to follow
Chairman - Raymond Wieck

Board of Zoning Appeals
3rd Thursday each month
5:30 p.m. caucus, meeting to follow
Chairman - Mark Moreal

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POLICE/FIRE EMERGENCIES 9-1-1
Fire Department 216-524-4001
Human Resources 216-524-4131

Police Anonymous Tip Line 216-524-9699
Indy FieldHouse 216-524-0088

Animal Control 216-524-3940
Library 216-447-0160

Building Department 216-524-1019
Maple Shade Cemetery 216-524-9191

Chamber of Commerce 216-524-3711
Mayor’s Office 216-524-4131

City Meetings 216-524-1374
Outdoor Pool 216-524-3262

Clerk of Courts 216-524-4131
Police Department 216-524-1234

Community Services 216-524-3711
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ARBOR/GOVERNMENT DAY

Mayor Togliatti and his Administration welcomed the 4th grade students from St. Michael and Independence Primary schools to City Hall on Thursday, May 9th. After appointing students to be Mayor and Council Members for the day, they went on to successfully process a piece of legislation and experience municipal government.

The Arbor Day festivities continued with a visit from “Outback Ray”, who brought a variety of amazing animals and explained how vital our trees are to all creatures. He explained that it is our responsibility to take great care of all of our natural resources.

Our 4th graders are well aware of the value of trees. They recently collaborated with the City to raise funds for the “Community Tree Recovery Program” sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation. $600.00 was sent to the program to help communities across the country that had their tree population decimated by natural disasters.

The day continued with the planting of a beautiful Oak Tree, generously donated by our Independence Garden Club, and then off to the old Rec Center to enjoy a pizza lunch organized by the Recreation Department.

Our Police, Fire, and Service Departments had their vehicles on display for the children to enjoy. The Police Department provided a demonstration of the K-9 Officers and their dogs.

The day’s activities ended on a perfect note - a visit to the concession stand for ice cream!
Having a safe Fourth of July takes a few precautions and some common sense. Sparklers burn at approximately 1200 degrees F and can cause severe burns. Clothing ignites at 900 degrees F.

**NOTE TO PARENTS**
Actions by children under the age of 18 are the legal responsibility of parents. Misuse of fireworks causing death, injury, or property loss could incur civil liability.

**AND FOR YOUR PETS**
The Humane Society encourages pet owners to keep their pets indoors and make sure their pets have identification tags in case they run away. Pets may refuse to eat, become hyperactive, or run away from home because of the noise from fireworks of all sizes.

**SPARKLERS AND FIREWORKS ARE PROHIBITED ON CITY PROPERTY**

Remember, the Fireworks Law in the State of Ohio states that it is legal to purchase fireworks in Ohio, but is **ILLEGAL** to shoot them off in Ohio.

**INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION BOOTH INFORMATION**
If your non-profit City organization is interested in having a booth, visit www.independenceohio.org/Departments/Recreation/JulyCelebration.aspx to fill out an application. Please be aware of the following criteria:

- Only Independence non-profit organizations may request a booth.
- No trailers are permitted.
- Groups keep 100% of their earnings.
- Booths selling food must purchase a $22 Board of Health permit.
- No two groups may sell the same item.
- Booths are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Deadline: Wednesday, June 19th

For more information call Linda at the Recreation Department: 216-524-3262
Summer Road Construction!

As summer kicks off and we start making seasonal plans, we get excited about many things: vacations, trips to the beach, Cedar Point, fireworks, and of course orange barrels! Unfortunately, there will be a bumper crop of orange barrels sprouting across northeast Ohio as the improvements to our road infrastructure continues. The Valley View Bridge project and the Brecksville Rd./Interstate 77 interchange are just two of the major projects in Independence that will affect driving this summer.

Plan ahead when taking trips - ODOT provides some excellent real-time traffic data at their website: http://ohgo.com/cleveland. They also have a mobile app available (just don’t use it while you are driving!). Most importantly, remember to slow down and pay extra attention when you are approaching construction zones. Fines are doubled for traffic infractions that occur in construction zones. The construction workers and traffic control officers working in these construction zones are vulnerable to passing traffic, so drivers need to do their part to ensure that all parties make it home to their families at the end of the day.

Have a great summer and drive safely!

Remember to Keep Your Dog On A Leash

It’s that time of year again! The warm weather indicates that folks will be out around the city with their dogs.

Most cities, including Independence, have leash laws in place. An unleashed dog is a threat to others regardless of how friendly the dog is. Even the smallest dog can induce fear in some people. It is up to you as a responsible pet owner to keep your dog on a leash. Dogs must be under “reasonable” control when off your property.

Face it...there are some people who just do not care for dogs! And even if your dog is friendly with other dogs, another person might be walking an unfriendly dog, so it is best if both dogs are on leashes. When your dog is not on a leash, it might approach someone that doesn't like or is afraid of dogs, and they could kick your dog or use pepper spray if they feel they are threatened by it.

When off-leash, the movements of even the best trained dog can be hard to anticipate. It only takes one time for your dog to see an animal or something across the street to be hit, injured, or worse. Even in your own yard, your dog might chase animals that come onto your property. Deer, especially those with fawns, can be very protective and they will attack if they feel threatened. Dogs have been severely injured after run-ins with deer.

There is a dog leash on the market called a “flexi” leash which is an extended length leash that allows your dog to wander 10 or more feet away from you. If you use this type of leash and your dog goes off of the sidewalk and wanders into another resident’s yard, it is considered trespassing. Also, it is extremely inconsiderate of your neighbors. Dog urine can burn grass leaving an ugly burnt spot from the acidity (highly acidic or alkaline urine may alter the pH of the soil, adversely affecting the grass in the portion of the yard where your dog goes).

Remember that dogs are not allowed to run at large (unrestrained outside of your property), nor are cats. Keep your pets safe this summer!

– Judy Burrier, ACO
NEW SENIOR PROGRAM
The Independence Fire Department is pleased to announce a new program for our senior residents. This program is grant-funded and focuses on reducing the risk of death and injury from residential fires and fall injuries in the homes of seniors aged 65 and older.

To qualify:
• Residents must be 65 years old or older and live alone or with a spouse.
• Qualifying residents will have their home evaluated by Fire Department personnel for properly working smoke alarms and Carbon Monoxide (CO) detectors. If they are found to be deficient, new devices will be installed at no cost (certain limitations do apply).
• Participants will also be provided with recommendations and instructions on improving safety in their home.
• Residents will be required to complete a short pre and post visit survey. It is also recommended that they have their home heating system inspected by a heating professional prior to the Fire Department visit. Proof of inspection within the past year is acceptable.

For more information and to see if you qualify for this program please call the Independence Fire Department at 216-524-4001.

Alzheimer’s Awareness Month
Alzheimer’s Caregivers: What to Remember

Whether it happens gradually or overnight, there’s a distinct possibility that one day you will become a caregiver for a loved one. According to the National Alliance for Caregivers, there are over 65 million unpaid caregivers aged 65 or older in the United States. That’s 29% of the U.S. adult population who provide an average of 20 hours of care per week; some provide care around the clock.

Often, there’s very little preparation for the daily challenges that caregivers face. There are practical answers to questions such as how to manage doctor’s appointments, handling insurance paperwork, and how to take time off work. There are numerous city and state education programs and services to address the needs of those who provide long term care for loved ones at home. But what can be done about the physical and emotional toll, which can be overwhelming? Researchers Carol J. Farran and Eleanora Keane-Hagerty offer the following tips to keep in mind as you face the challenges of caregiving:

1. Although I cannot control the disease process, I need to remember I can control many aspects of how it affects me and my relative.
2. I need to take care of myself so that I can continue doing the things that are most important.
3. I need to cultivate the gift of allowing others to help me, because caring for my relative is too big a job to be done by one person.
4. I need to take one day at a time rather than worry about what may or may not happen in the future.
5. I need to have a sense of humor, because laughter helps put things in a more positive perspective.
6. I need to remember that my relative is not being “difficult” on purpose; rather their behavior and emotions are distorted by the illness.
7. I need to increasingly depend upon other relationships for love and support.
8. I need to focus on, and enjoy, what my relative can still do rather than constantly lament over what is gone.

Last, and most important, caregivers must often remind themselves that they are doing the best they can at this very moment.

The Alzheimer’s Association has a toll free hotline 1-800-272-3900. You can also reach them at alz.org/Cleveland. They provide a 24/7 Helpline, Care Consultation, Early Stage Education & Support, Education, and Support Groups.

Source: Ava M. Stinnett, ActivityConnection.com
Kiwanis Korner

Congratulations to our latest 300 Club winners: Katherine Wohl, Joe Tartabini, and Hank Shadrach.

We welcome new member Eileen Hawkins, installed by former President Bill Morrison at our April 22nd meeting.

Our Kiwanis International Relations Committee Chair Rich Rejna will donate funds to Ready-To-Use-Therapeutic Food (RUTF) also known as Plumpy’Nut. Developed to treat acute malnutrition that plagues over 178 million children globally, Plumpy’Nut is a peanut and milk-based paste containing essential minerals and vitamins, packed in a plastic wrapper. Rejna researched this project through Doctors-Without-Borders.

We are looking forward to August 2nd – 3rd when our Beer Garden will again be on Public Square for the 103rd Annual Home Days celebration. It is a fun booth where you can enjoy a brew with family and friends.

There will be a Fall Chicken Barbecue scheduled for Sunday, September 15th at the Kiwanis Pavilion in Elmwood Park.

Stop “Wish-Cycling”:

The District and your recycling processor want everyone to stop “wish-cycling” which is when people put items in their recycling that they WISH would be recycled. Stick to the core items that can be recycled. When items that cannot be recycled are put with recyclables, the entire bin can become contaminated. There are other ways to recycle “wish-cycle” items. For instance, plastic bags can be taken to grocery and retail stores for recycling and scrap metal can be taken to a scrap yard.

While recycling has its limits, we urge everyone to learn the recycling rules to recycle more and recycle better. You can do that by contacting the Solid Waste District or visiting CuyahogaRecycles.org. They are the leading resource in Cuyahoga County for information, expertise, and programs that support sustainable materials management and reduce the environmental impact of waste.

Recycling is Driven by Economics:

Recycling rules have changed over time because recyclables are commodities that are sold and traded throughout the world. Recycling is an industry fueled by environmental responsibility but ultimately driven by economics.

The economics of recycling are rarely discussed, but are at the center of the issue of recyclability. Currently, supply exceeds demand mainly because of recent restrictions China has placed on the materials they will import including mixed plastics and paper. It is clear that China is tired of being the world’s dumping ground and is now demanding cleaner, sorted recyclables since they use them to produce the goods we buy here at home.

Street Light Outages & Power Outages:

CEI is responsible for street light pole outages, flickering, and damaged poles and power outages. Please have the pole number, address or location of the pole prior to calling CEI. Should you need assistance from CEI for any of these items, please call CEI at 1-800-589-3101 or website at www.firstenergycorp.com

Special Pick Up

There are a select few items that cannot be thrown out with your regular trash. To arrange disposal of these items (listed below), you must call the Service Department at 216-524-9191 to schedule a Special Pick Up prior to Friday. Special Pick Up is a year round service. Items must be placed on your treelawn by 7:30 am the morning of your scheduled pickup.

- **Household Hazardous Waste**: A product is hazardous if it is toxic, corrosive, reactive, or explosive and if words such as poison, danger, warning, or caution appear on the label. Hazardous wasted include chemicals, propane tanks, batteries, chemicals, paints, oils, gasoline, drain cleaner, oven cleaner, turpentine, furniture polish, etc.
- **Computers and Equipment**: Computers, keyboards, computer equipment, printers, modems, and cell phones, etc.
- **Fluorescent and Compact Light Bulbs**: Any other items not listed above may be put in your rubbish cart or on your tree lawn on your regular rubbish day (no call required). If you have any questions about Special Pick Up, please call the Service Department at 216-524-9191.

Shredded Paper:

Shredded paper should be put with your trash. It cannot be recycled.

Recycling:

Curbside recycling is designed to collect only **five** types of materials. These five materials reflect the industry standard at this time. New markets may develop down the road but for now, the following items are the only materials you can put in your recycle cart:

1. Cans
2. Cartons (milk, soup, broth, and juice)
3. Glass bottles and jars
4. Paper and cardboard (excluding sanitary items and those contaminated with food)
5. Plastic bottles and jugs

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COUNCIL MEETING – MAY 14, 2019

MAYOR TOGLIATTI’S REPORT

Mayor Togliatti reported that last month I stated that the agenda was loaded with road maintenance and construction projects, and I can repeat that same statement again this evening.

Tonight we have the acceptance of the bid for the Lower Brookside and Bramley Drive project along with the approval of our annual asphalt and concrete road maintenance contracts. The residents on Lower Brookside have been plagued with a very troublesome water main for many years, with that main breaking 22 times over the course of the last 18 months. Relief is finally on its way as the project includes replacement of the 90 plus year old water main along with new sidewalks, storm drainage improvements, and a new road surface for the entire area. This project will be constructed by DiGioia Suburban Excavating at a cost of $5,400,000. Once the contract is approved, our Engineering Department will coordinate with the contractor and then schedule an informational meeting in the near future with all the residents living in the construction area. Although this project is very expensive, coming in at $5,400,000, if Council passes Ordinance 2019-70 this evening, $1,360,000 in funding can come from the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District's Community Cost-Share Program, thus bringing the City's portion of the project cost down to approximately $4,000,000.

Our asphalt and concrete road maintenance contracts encompass many streets and areas of the City this year. The asphalt contract is valued at $971,000 and will be awarded to Ronyak Paving. This contract includes the repaving of Evergreen, Tanglewood, Upper Brookside from Brecksville Road to Eastview, Parkland, Highland from Brookside to Parkland, Treelawn, and many areas of Brecksville Road.

The concrete road maintenance contract is valued at $714,000 and will be awarded to C.A. Agresta Construction Company. The concrete work will be completed on many of our streets; too many to list in this report. All of this work is a direct result of our Engineering Department’s adherence to our comprehensive Roadway Asset Management Plan which prioritized street resurfacing and maintenance projects across the street. By adhering to this plan we are ensuring that our roadways are well maintained and avoid failing conditions which will reduce the need to perform major roadway overhauls in the future.

These three contracts total approximately $7,000,000, and if we continue to repair and maintain our roadways, future investments in our road infrastructure will not need to be as large or as frequent as this.

Lastly, reporting from the Finance Department, Ordinance 2019-46 on Second Reading tonight will pay off the outstanding debt from the Fieldhouse three years earlier than the bond maturation date. We will be reducing the City’s debt by approximately $4,600,000 by aggressively paying off this bond.

Additionally, several pieces of legislation on the agenda tonight are funded as a result of the forecasting of the purchases and infrastructure projects in the Five-Year Capital Plan. I must applaud City Council, the Finance Committee, and the Finance Department for their efforts to ensure the availability of funds that allow these important projects to move forward.

With the school year coming to a close, I wish all of our graduates the best of luck in the next chapter of their lives and a safe and fun-filled summer to all.

Vice Mayor Grendel said I just want to thank Maggie and the Finance Department for providing us the Legislative Review that we get each month. We are used to John adding that and appreciate it very much. It gives us what the effect is on the finances on each piece of legislation if it's a financial one. I thank you for that, Maggie; you and the department for providing that to us.

Mayor Togliatti said they continue to do a great job.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ASSEFF – ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

Councilperson Asseff reported that economic growth and development processes are generating good income for the City. I think we are about $3,000,000 year-to-date better than the same period last year. The economic cycle has helped us greatly and also...
“Vision Statement: 
"To be the premier community in which to live, work, visit and raise a family" 

the plans and development. We still have the properties north of Rockside Road, and once those plans become solidified it will be discussed at an open meeting of Council.

I also want to thank the house on Chestnut that took down the eight signs sitting in front of it. the no multi-family housing. That really doesn’t give the City a good image. Now we have two that have cropped up on Brecksville Road just north of the Cornerstone of Hope, and I would hope that they would take those down too. It just doesn’t give a good image to this City, and perception is reality until proven otherwise.

GRENDEL – FINANCE

Vice Mayor Grendel reported that from the Finance Committee there are a number of pieces of legislation on tonight’s agenda. I will highlight a few.

Ordinance 2019-46 provides for the early payoff of the Shared Use Facility outstanding debt in an approximate amount of $4,595,000. If this is approved, the money will be put into escrow and paid over a series of payments. It would be off the books of the City, and the remaining debt that will be on the books has dedicated sources of repayment such as TIF or assessments.

Ordinance 2019-53 authorizes the expenditure of a sum of money not to exceed $36,500, and that’s for the City’s Planner. Jeff Markley has been our Planner for a number of years, and he has done an outstanding job. He has worked for three different Administrations and provides a good service to the City.

Ordinance 2019-61 and 2019-62 are both ordinances that provide for construction management services. Ordinance 2019-61 is accepting the proposal of Donald G. Bohning & Associates. This is in regard to the construction management of the Upper Brookside Road Sidewalk Improvements project, and that’s on First Reading.

Ordinance 2019-62 authorizes a change order that increases the amount for construction management services on the Rockside Woods Blvd. North and Brecksville Road Improvements. It increases that dollar amount not to exceed $749,204.60.

Ordinance 2019-67 is an ordinance authorizing the purchase of a server and storage hardware, licensing, and consulting services in connection with the City’s server and storage infrastructure upgrade in an amount not to exceed $130,000. We have had $223,000 encumbered, so like Kyle Collins said earlier in Caucus, we have some of the money to start for the next time we have to upgrade. With computers you have to keep upgrading in a short period of time, especially with the City having to keep things running properly.

The Planning Commission met last Tuesday, May 7th. There was a Public Hearing regarding 5555 Brecksville Road, which is the former America’s Best Value Inn. I don’t think there was a single person in the audience, if I recall. They will be on the agenda for the Planning Commission in June.

There were two items under new business, and both were requesting a variance to Chapter 1383 Protected Hillside Zone Regulations to allow the construction of single-family dwellings. One was on 36 Oval Drive, and the other one was on Sublot 36 on Oval Drive. As our land gets built out these lots are getting more and more challenging to build a house on. Both requests were approved with the consent of and the information we received from our Engineer.

Finally, I always have to give a report on the High School sports teams. The boys’ baseball team is playing Kidron Central Christian today at Elmwood Park in their first tournament game. Independence won the ball game 3 to 1.

The girls’ softball team won their sectional final game against Beachwood. They will be playing tomorrow at Avon Lake High School against Brookside High School. If the girls win, they will be playing the following day in the District Championship. The girls had a tremendous run last year. I think, Chief Rega, your daughter was a pitcher last year. They had a good year this year. I think they won the conference. They have had three losses, but they were very tough teams; Solon and Bellevue I know are two of the three teams. They are having a very successful season, which pairs up with all the girls’ teams going back to volleyball. They made it to the final championship game in the state. The basketball team had a fantastic season, and this year in the spring season the softball players have had a great year.

Finally, because usually they don’t get much publicity, the boys’ and girls’ track teams competed at the conference meet. The girls’ team finished in second place and the boys’ team was in third place. I want to highlight that Luke Clymer won the discus and the shot put in the conference, so congratulations to him, and hopefully he will do well in the state meets. Then McKenna McGhee, who is General Wagner’s granddaughter, won the 3,200 meter run last year. I think, Chief Rega, your daughter was a pitcher last year. They had a good year this year. I think they won the conference. They have had three losses, but they were very tough teams; Solon and Bellevue I know are two of the three teams. They are having a very successful season, which pairs up with all the girls’ teams going back to volleyball. They made it to the final championship game in the state. The basketball team had a fantastic season, and this year in the spring season the softball players have had a great year.

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KAPUSTA – COMMUNITY SERVICES

Councilperson Kapusta said I would like to express my sympathy to the families of George Englehart, Helen Majewski, Aloysius Mullee, Michael Schneider, and John Wiecik. I am sorry for the loss of your loved ones.

The Employee Healthcare Committee met on April 18th. The activities for the first quarter of the year were reviewed. Representatives from Be Well and Medical Mutual were in attendance to answer any questions from the committee members. Various health-related offerings were discussed such as the upcoming Senior Health Fair and Renee Roche Jog Into Spring, both of which events have already been held.
The Be Well portal has a full activity calendar posted to keep all of our employees aware and informed of offerings.

I also want to add my congratulations to those given to Debi Beal, our Clerk of Council. We are very proud of Debi and her accomplishments, but those of you who knew Debi know that we have always been proud of her. So, it’s nothing new. We are very fortunate to have her here with us in Independence and God Bless you in your continued success.

As this is graduation season, I wish to congratulate all of our resident students who are graduating. This includes students from the primary school on up through college who are making the next step in their academic or work careers. I am very proud of each of you and wish you all the best in your futures. Congratulations also to the parents and families who supported these students throughout the years.

**NARDUZZI – PUBLIC LANDS & BUILDINGS**

Councilperson Narduzzi said thanks to all the residents who come out, and I think there are six of them who show up every month, so thank you guys for coming to watch us do what we do. There are two women out there, and that’s kind of scary. When women come to a Council meeting you never know what’s going to happen.

Thanks to Debi for doing what you do for us. I know you can tell everybody that I’m your favorite because I am always calling Debi and making her day miserable, but she is the best. She’s like a mother. God Bless you. You have taken care of me since I was on Zoning Board, Planning Commission, and now Council. Thanks for doing what you do.

There are a couple of pieces of legislation that I will not be supporting tonight. The first one is Ordinance 2019-46. What it is, we are paying off a bond debt of $4,500,000. It really does nothing for us. All it does is pay off debt, but it also takes $4,500,000 out of our cash fund too. So, it’s a wash, and at the end of the day it costs us $16,300 to do it. If we waited to pay it off for the remaining of the three years, it would cost us about $2,000 at the end of the three years. So, to me it’s throwing away $14,000.

The other four ordinances all have to do with the Rockside Woods North extension. I have asked for information since January on the costs, the detailed costs. So, I asked Debi to pull me all the legislation from day one, and after tonight we are way over $14,000,000. So, I hope it all pans out for the City, but we will not recoup that money for 30 years in my mind unless something big comes in there where we are putting in that road. Unfortunately, at this time I hope that they prove me wrong, but at this time I just cannot support it.

**TRAKAS – UTILITIES**

Councilperson Trakas reported that the Utilities Committee did not meet in the month of April. However, we are celebrating National Police Week which will cumulate in Police Memorial Day. It is a great opportunity to see our men, women, and even canines in blue who not only protect our residents and business workers at great personal peril, but do so voluntarily and often times invisibly so as to assure the safety of our community.

Thankfully, prudent economic development and hard work allows our community to have many resources to fight crime and to protect our people. It’s not something we should take for granted, particularly when you read the Police Blotter around other communities, and you see what communities that lack protective resources we have in committing to safety unfortunately have to endure. I am proud that our City government does diligently provide tools and personnel to keep our homes, streets, and businesses safe and work day and night using the latest in crime prevention techniques and technology as well as old fashioned good policing and instinct. Thank you to our Police Officers, to their chain of command, and all who strive every day to make our community safe and protect us from harm.

I wanted to applaud the Mayor for his work and taking the initiative on the City’s Tree Program and Arbor Day. I am sure you will give a report on it Mayor, but I hope that all residents consider planting many trees in their yards. We do reap the benefits of those trees through cleaner air, and of course, the roots help slow down water flow and ultimately contribute to lessening the amount of water that causes flooding in our communities; and obviously it beautifies our communities. So, congratulations Mayor for keeping that program going.

Lastly, as some of my colleagues have stated, I am looking forward to our Memorial Day commemoration that goes forth on May 27th at 9:30 am here in Public Square. From the Civil War through today, and we still even have a few, one or two Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 that are buried in Independence. The city did not exist at the time of those conflicts, but residents from this 205 year old community have sacrificed for Americans to enjoy the protections and freedoms that we enjoy today. I do encourage all residents, particularly young people, to participate in this solemn commemoration of those who gave their lives for our republic and honor their memories as we enjoy the fruits of their blood, toil, tears, and sweat, to paraphrase the great Winston Churchill.

**VEVERKA – STREETS & SIDEWALKS**

Councilperson Veverka reported that the Streets & Sidewalks Committee met April 23rd. Service Director Karas gave us some background information related to the salt purchase as well as salt storage. Fortunately, we used very little salt this past year. We can take advantage of the low price for salt we didn’t need to purchase this past winter. That’s a good sign. Hopefully next year we will have continued lack of the four letter word - snow.

Engineer Don Ramm presented a great deal of information. As we look at the docket today you will notice that there are
approximately ten pieces of legislation related to road projects throughout the community. Don went through each of them in his report, so I won’t repeat each one of those particular ordinances, but I will point out that both East Brookside, West Brookside, Lafayette, Brettin, Rockside Woods North, all of those projects continue to move forward. A number of them are already bid for starting up, and a couple of other ones are currently in the bidding process. So, by the time you read this in the Independence Post they will be bid out and we will have a pretty good idea of what contractors will be working on those jobs around the City.

It’s important to point out that during the construction season, construction workers are very often in peril. If you have somewhere you need to go, please be wary of where there are construction workers and where the detours are. Please follow the directions of flaggers and anybody else involved with construction so we keep those people who are doing the work to improve our streets safe as they go through their work days.

Last of all, I wanted to highlight the Government and Arbor Day celebration last Thursday. I had the opportunity to sit up in my council seat and look out over the smiling faces of probably 70 to 75 fourth grade students from St. Michael and the Primary Schools. The Mayor had the opportunity to introduce the Directors and let them explain their specific roles to the students. The Mayor also pointed out his executive role as the leader of the City and what his jobs are as the Chief Executive Officer, kind of like the City’s President. He also runs the judicial branch of the City of Independence as he rules on the various court cases and traffic citations.

When it was my turn, I had an opportunity to say a few things about the legislative branch, Council procedures, and what the responsibilities are of my colleagues and myself. I described the opportunity that we had to deal with emails, phone calls, and face-to-face contacts with residents. Our goal is to try to be helpful to the residents. Additionally, our responsibility is to review legislation, and I actually held up this week’s packet of legislation which was well over an inch thick to point out what we as a Council do to make sure that we are responsible with the spending of the City’s money. It was so nice looking over all those smiling faces of all of those young people and I just totally enjoyed the day. They went out to do Arbor Day and also some other things, and I won’t step on the Mayor’s report, so I will stop here.

**WISNIESKI – SAFETY/RULES & ORDINANCES**

Councilperson Wisnieski said I would like to start off my report by congratulating Debi - well done. A lot of hard work went into that, I know, and all along the way you have been bringing back some good information for us. So, we appreciate that. Again, congratulations.

Speaking from the Safety Committee, the Safety Committee has one piece of legislation on tonight’s agenda that I would like to mention. That’s Ordinance 2019-74, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease with Jennings9 LLC for the property and office space located in the Hinckley Industrial Parkway, Cleveland, Ohio as fiduciary of the Cleveland Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force. I am looking to schedule a Safety Committee meeting in the next month as well, so I will report about that next month.

Since our last meeting, we had a joint meeting with the School Board and Council. Mayor, I just want to mention that was held on April 30th and I was not able to attend. So, thank you to Debi for getting all those materials and the Minutes to me. Keep in mind that this date was not the original date; it was changed and for me, unfortunately, I was out of town. My daughter moved up a rank in the Air Force so April 30th was the actual promotion date. So, I can say great things about that. It was quite an experience.

I wanted to do a shout out to Gayle Rudary. Gayle did a tremendous job on all the banners on Brecksville and Pleasant Valley. I think we expanded that this year.

Mayor Togliatti said we have. The demand was so high, we had to expand it. There is still a wait list.

Councilperson Wisnieski said they are fantastic, and I literally had to have my husband drive me because I wanted to look at all the banners and not crash. Kudos and shout out to the Mayor for expanding that program, and the great job that Gayle has done on that.

I also see that the eagle has landed in the center of town. I heard it got a fresh coat of paint. So, it looks great and just in time for Memorial Day. I am looking forward to that ceremony, and I would like to invite all of the residents to come out and help us honor all of our present and past Veterans.

**DIRECTORS’ REPORTS**

**BUILDING OFFICIAL GERO**

Building Official Michael Gero reported that last month the Building Department sent out eight sets of construction drawings for plan review. Thirty commercial permits were issued and 61 commercial construction inspections were performed.

Plans were approved for a 2,194 sq. ft. tenant alteration on Summit Park Drive, and a 7,829 sq. ft. tenant buildout on Rockside Woods Blvd. and alterations to the media center at the high school. Occupancies were issued to a 9,902 sq. ft. tenant buildout on Rockside Woods Blvd. and for a tenant buildout on Rockside Road.

The department also issued 55 residential permits and performed 97 residential construction inspections.

Plans were reviewed and approved for four new dwellings on Bradford Circle. Twenty-one new homes are currently under construction in
City Engineer Don Ramm reported that last month a total of 17 permits were issued from the Engineering Department. Eight right-of-way permits were issued. One commercial plumbing permit was issued to install a storm sewer. Four residential plumbing permits were issued to repair and replace storm and sanitary sewers. Two miscellaneous residential permits were issued for driveway replacements, and two miscellaneous commercial permits were issued for parking lot repairs.

Six topographic site plans for new homes were submitted and are under review, Sublots 93, 102, 103, 105, and 107 on Bradford Circle and Sublot 92 on Linden Lane.

A site plan for a Candlewood Suites hotel on Rockside Place was submitted and is under review. Four bids were received and opened on April 19th for the Brookside Road/Bramley Road Improvements project. We discussed the project details and bid results at the Streets & Sidewalks Committee meeting on April 23rd. Ordinance 2019-69 on tonight’s agenda would award a contract to DiGioia Suburban Excavating in the amount of $714,720.00.

We prepared contract documents and opened five bids on Friday, April 26th for 2019 Asphalt Road Maintenance and Repairs contract. Ordinance 2019-71 would award the contract to Ronyak Paving in the amount of $971,191.10.

We prepared contract documents and opened three bids also on Friday, April 26th for 2019 Concrete Road Maintenance and Repairs Contract. Ordinance 2019-72 would award a contract to the C.A. Agresta Construction Company in the amount of $714,720.00.

We have coordinated with consultants on the final design plans and bid documents for the upper Brookside Road Improvements project, the Lafayette Subdivision Improvements project, and the Brettin Drive Reconstruction Improvements project, all of which are currently advertising for bids and all of which are due before the end of this month. We hope to have the award recommendation for all three contracts in time for the June 11th Council meeting.

As you can see, the Engineering Department has been extremely busy this spring, and I want to personally and publicly thank my team for the relentless pace that they have been working and for the excellent work they performed in-house on the two road maintenance contracts alone which have a combined total contract value of $3,000,000 when considering the base bid and all alternates.

Lastly, I would like to publicly thank Finance Director John M. Veres for all his support and guidance to me in my time here as City Engineer, and to the Engineering Department as a whole, and to wish him the best of luck in his next phase of his successful career.

May is older American’s Month and we kicked it off by having our annual Victorian Tea Party with 35 in attendance. We also had our Health and Wellness Fair with over 150 in attendance and 35 vendors. Remaining events that residents can look forward to include the Ice Cream Social with entertainment by the Men of Independence Barbershop Quartet on Monday, May 20th, as well as the Picnic Lunch Luau Party on Friday, May 31st. See the May/June Spotlight for details.

Summer Playground and Summer Camp registration was also a huge success. 136 kids signed up for Summer Playground, 88 families registered for Junior/Senior Camp, and 62 families signed up for Teen/Tween Summer Camp.

June begins our Summer Community Band Concerts. Concerts run from Thursday, June 6th until Thursday, July 25th (with the exception of Thursday, July 4th). There are still dates open for fundraising opportunities for non-profit city/school organizations to sell light refreshments. If interested, please call the Community Services Department.

Don’t forget to mark your calendars for June 7th which is our Volunteer Appreciation Celebration. This event is an opportunity to recognize and thank volunteers who, throughout the year, have donated their valuable time and talent in our various programs and events.

Fire Chief Steve Rega reported that over the past month our Fire personnel have been installing new smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors in the homes of seniors 65 years old and older as part of our new grant program. If you have not called yet to schedule your appointment, please do not delay. Time is limited as the grant program is scheduled to end in mid-August. For more information, please call the Independence Fire Department at 216-524-4001.

Additionally, the Fire Department will soon be starting its annual hydrant maintenance program. Areas to be serviced will be posted prior to the work being completed. If you don’t see the firefighters on the posted date, it is because they are needed on emergency calls. So, it will be rescheduled as soon as possible. I apologize for the inconvenience this may cause, but it is necessary to ensure hydrants and the water system is operating properly.

Police Chief Michael Kilbane reported that tomorrow, May 15th is National Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the calendar week in which May 15th falls, is National Police Week. Established by
a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others. In 2018, 163 officers died in the line of duty, and there have been 42 deaths to date this year. More than 20,000 names of fallen officers are inscribed on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C.

This Saturday, May 18th is Armed Forces Day. My wife and all three of my children have chosen to serve their country in our armed forces, and 15 members of the Police Department are veterans as well. I would like to recognize them, as well as all of the members of our community who have volunteered to protect our great country.

As Memorial Day approaches, please remember all those who served their country and especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice defending our freedom.

Independence will have a memorial service on May 27th at 9:30 am at the Soldiers’ Monument on Public Square followed by a parade to Mapleshade in order to honor those who have given their lives for their country.

RECREATION DIRECTOR – WALCHANOWICZ

Recreation Director Tom Walchanowicz reported that the weather outside may still be chilly, but the opening of our outdoor pool is right around the corner. Our management staff has been busy interviewing prospective employment candidates and training them in proper operating procedures. Our maintenance team and the Tech Service staff have been busy with prepping the outdoor pool facility, and we are scheduled to fill the outdoor pools with water early next week.

The outdoor pool will open for the season on Sunday, May 26th, and will be open daily through September 13th. Our pool schedule is available online and will also be posted on our social media channels throughout the summer. Let’s hope for sunny skies and warm temperatures. We advise everyone to purchase your pass early to help avoid long lines once the pool is open. Pool passes are currently available for purchase at the Civic Center Recreation Desk and will be available for purchase at the outdoor pool as well once the season begins.

Finally, summer is quickly approaching, and I hope everyone has a chance to get out and enjoy the great facilities and programs that we have to offer.

SERVICE DIRECTOR – KARAS

Service Director Leon Karas reported that over this past month the Service Department began landscaping, mulching, and mowing all the City grounds and buildings. Additionally, asphalt crews have been out hot patching and crack sealing various roads throughout the City. This past month the waste and recycling crews picked up 347 tons of rubbish, 68 tons of recycling, and 3.3 tons of household metal items. Also, there was 33.62 tons of material collected from the City’s roadways with the street sweeper.

I would like to remind everyone that the City does offer toter carts for sale to be used for yard waste collection. You can purchase your large 96 gallon cart through the Service Department. The carts have green lids on them to distinguish them from rubbish and recycling carts. This year the compost delivery has been off to a slow start. With the poor weather in April, the department has only delivered 149 loads of compost for a total of 745 yards to the residents. There is still quite a bit of compost left at the Service Department, so please call today and reserve your five yard load.

TECHNICAL SERVICES DIRECTOR – SNYDERBURN

Technical Service Director Dave Snyderburn reported that the City Hall chiller replacement is scheduled for startup this week, this Friday. Programming and fine tuning will take place next week.

Tech is fine tuning items for Memorial Day, including cleanup at the memorial which included refurbishing the eagle, installing new ground lights and patching and painting the base and steps.

We are ready for the outdoor pool opening with the boiler serviced and ready, along with the new air conditioning for the offices and gathering rooms. All pool pumps have been exercised, so we are putting the finishing touches on the water features.

The mural at the old C&B garage, I don’t know if anybody noticed it, but it’s taking shape. Oscar the artist is paying much attention to the detail of that mural. If you really get up close and look at it, you will see how much detail is there. Completion is scheduled for the second week of June.

LEGISLATION SECOND READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-43 An Ordinance accepting the proposal of CT Consultants, Inc. for the Lafayette Subdivision Improvements (the “project”) Construction Services Contract. (In an amount not to exceed $185,000.00). Placed on Second Reading without objection.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-44 An Ordinance accepting the proposal of GPD Group for the Brookside Road/Bramley and N. Bramley Road Improvements (the “project”) Construction Management and Inspection Services Contract. (In an amount not to exceed $399,275.00). Enacted 7 yes/0 no.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-46 An Ordinance authorizing the defeasance of certain maturities, or
portions of maturities, of the City's various purpose refunding bonds, series 2011 (limited tax obligation) and Declaring an Emergency. **Enacted 6 yes/1 no (N).**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-51** An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2003-38, which declared improvements to certain parcels of real property to be a public purpose, described the public improvements to be made to directly benefit such parcels, required the owners of the improvements on such parcels to make service payments in lieu of taxes, established a Pleasant Valley Quadrant Municipal Public Improvement Tax Increment Equivalent Fund for the deposit of such service payments pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.40, 5709.42 and 5709.43 and Declaring an Emergency. **Enacted 7 yes/0 no.**

**FIRST READING**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-53** An Ordinance authorizing the expenditure of funds to the City’s Planner for various professional City planning services. **Enacted 7 yes/0 no.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-54** An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a purchase agreement with State of Ohio, Department of Transportation for the purchase of real property located within the City. (For a total amount not to exceed $105,000.00). **Enacted 7 yes/0 no.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-55** An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a purchase agreement with Stonemont for the sale of real property located within the City. (In the amount of $105,000.00). **Enacted 7 yes/0 no.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-56** An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Independence City School District and McKeon Education Group for professional consulting services in connection with the Early Intervention/Prevention Program. (In a total amount not to exceed $46,150.00). **Placed on Second Reading without objection.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-57** An Ordinance accepting the bid option of Cargill, Inc., Deicing Technology Business Unit for the purchase and delivery of rock salt for the 2019 – 2020 snow season pursuant to the Joint Municipal Improvement Consortium. (At the rate of $63.41 per ton, dump delivered, and ClearLane at $76.10 per ton, dump delivered for the 2019-2020 snow season). **Placed on Second Reading without objection.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-58** An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a utility easement, retaining wall easement, and temporary construction easement agreement with AAA East Central (Permanent Parcel No. 561-23-011). **Enacted 5 yes/2 no (N, T).**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-59** An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into permanent slope easement agreements with Lieu Tran Group LLC (PPN 561-24-003) and Sofee Maria LLC (PPN 561-24-002). (Authorizing the Mayor to pay Lieu Tran Group LLC the total amount of $1,100.00 and Sofee Maria LLC the total amount of $4,150.00 to secure the rights under the Easements). **Enacted 5 yes/2 no (N,T).**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-60** An Ordinance accepting the proposal of Tanko Streetlighting, Inc. in connection with the City’s streetlight acquisition project. (In a total amount not to exceed $35,000.00). **Placed on Second Reading without objection.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-61** An Ordinance accepting the proposal of Donald G. Bohning & Associates, Inc. for professional services in connection with the Upper Brookside Road Sidewalk Improvements Project. (In an amount not to exceed $49,750.00). **Placed on Second Reading without objection.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-62** An Ordinance authorizing Change Order No. 1 to the Construction Management and Inspection Services Contract with Quality Control Inspection, Inc. in connection with Rockside Woods Boulevard North – Road Extension Improvements (Part A) and Brecksville Road Improvements (Part B). (In an amount not to exceed $649,204.60, and for a total contract amount not to exceed $749,204.60). **Enacted 5 yes/2 no (N, T).**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-63** An Ordinance authorizing Change Order No. 1 to the Engineering Design Services Contract with Donald G. Bohning & Associates, Inc. in connection with the Rockside Woods Boulevard North – Road and Utility Extension Project. (In an additional amount not to exceed $18,623.74, and for a total contract amount not to exceed $312,423.74). **Enacted 5 yes/2 no (N, T).**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-64** An Ordinance amending Ordinance 2019-01 authorizing a $10,724 increase in the amount of funds requested (from $39,226.58 to an amount not to exceed $49,950.58) for the purchase of labor, materials and office furniture for City Hall improvements to Building Department Offices. (For a total amount not to exceed $10,724.00 and for a total project amount not to exceed $49,950.58). **Enacted 7 yes/0 no.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-65** An Ordinance amending
Ordinance 2019-25 accepting the proposal of classic designs for the purchase and installation of vehicle graphics on new Police Department vehicles. *(In an amount not to exceed $3,675.00 and for a total amount not to exceed $80,099.31). Enacted 7 yes/0 no.*

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-66** An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of furnishings, materials, and services for improvements to the Community Services Center. *(In a total amount not to exceed $169,673.00). Enacted 7 yes/0 no.*

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-67** An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of server and storage hardware, licensing, and consulting services, in connection with the city’s server and storage infrastructure upgrade. *(In a total amount not to exceed $130,000.00). Enacted 7 yes/0 no.*

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-68** An Ordinance fixing the compensation of Council Members and the Vice Mayor in the City of Independence. *Placed on Second Reading without objection.*

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-69** An Ordinance accepting the bid of Digioia-Suburban Excavating, LLC for the Brookside Road/Bramley and N. Bramley Road Improvements Project. *(In an amount not to exceed $5,413,935.35). Enacted 7 yes/0 no.*

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-70** An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a community cost-share agreement with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District for the Brookside/Bramley Improvements Project. *Enacted 7 yes/0 no.*

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-71** Authorizing the 2019 Asphalt Road Maintenance Contract to Ronyak Paving in the amount of $971,191.10. *(In a total amount not to exceed $971,191.10). Enacted 7 yes/0 no.*

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-72** An Ordinance accepting the Base Bid and Alternate C Bid of C.A. Agresta Construction Company for the City’s 2019 Concrete Road Maintenance and Repairs. *(In an amount not to exceed $714,720.00). Enacted 7 yes/0 no.*

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-73** An Ordinance creating the Residential Stormwater Remediation Fund and requiring fifty percent of all annual funds from the City of Independence’s Community Cost Share Account with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District be allocated to the Stormwater Remediation Fund. *Placed on Second Reading without objection.*

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-74** An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease with Jennings 9, LLC for property and office space located in the Hinckley Industrial Parkway, Cleveland, Ohio as fiduciary of the Cleveland OCDETF Strike Force. *Enacted 7 yes/0 no.*

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-2** A Resolution commending and expressing appreciation to John M. Veres, CPA, for his distinguished service as the City’s Finance Director, as a member of Council and as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. *Adopted 7 yes/0 no.*

Minutes of the Council Meeting(s) are unapproved at the time of this publication and have been condensed. These minutes will be available in their entirety at the Clerk of Council’s Office after they have been approved, and can also be found on our City’s website.

**PLANNING COMMISSION**
– **MAY 7, 2019**
5555 Brecksville Road, Former America’s Best Value Inn - Represented by MWT Architecture for a change in use from U-6 to U-6A to change zoning to permit the renovation and updating of the former hotel. *Public Hearing held. Matter on June Planning Agenda.*

5994 Hillside Road, PPN 563-08-002, Salvatore & Erin Caruso – Requesting a variance to Chapter 1383 Protected Hillside Zone Regulations to allow a new single-family dwelling to be built on an existing lot. *Approved.*

Oval Drive, Sublot 36, PPN 563-18-029, Michael Haggerty – Requesting a variance to Chapter 1383 Protected Hillside Zone Regulations to allow a new single-family dwelling to be built on an existing lot. *Approved.*

**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**
– **MAY 16, 2019**
6016 Elmarge Drive, Dmitri & Jennifer Dmitruk - Requesting a variance 2 ft. to permit an accessory building to be 4 ft. from the side yard setback (6 ft. required, 4 ft. requested). *Approved.*

6012 Elmarge Drive, Amber Wiesner – Requesting a variance of 11 ft. to permit an accessory building to be 4 ft. from the side yard setback (15 ft. required, 4 ft. requested). *Approved.*

5005 Rockside Road, Burgers 2 Beer – Represented by Ruff Neon & Lighting Maintenance, Inc. and requesting a variance to permit four additional signs to be located on the building (one permitted, four requested) and a variance of 11.75 sq. ft. to permit a sign (Sign 4) to be 41.75 sq. ft. (30 sq. ft. permitted, 41.75 sq. ft. requested). *Approved.*
## Summer Community Concerts

**Thursday**: June 6th – July 25th  
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**Caucus**: 5:30 pm  
**Regular Council Meeting**: 7 pm  
**School’s Out! Architectural Board of Review**: 3 pm  
**Flag Day**: 1st Day of Summer

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