Well-attended observances for the 66th annual National Day of Prayer took place throughout the City yesterday, May 3rd, at various locations around the City. The day began with students gathering around the flag pole at the Independence Middle School and was followed by observances at Cornerstone of Hope, a lunch and service with five of our local clergy at the Civic Center, a service at All Crane Rental, Inc. for our Business Community, a memorial on Public Square for our Safety Forces and Military and then a final observance took place at Concordia Lutheran Church that evening. Each service was unique in its own way but was presented with the common theme of praying for “Unity”.

Thank you to members of our Clergy: Father Pete Colletti of St. Michael Catholic Church, Pastor Robert Hendrix of Concordia Lutheran Church, Reverend Robin Craig of Independence Presbyterian Church, Pastor Lorrin Radzik of the United Methodist Church, and last but not least, Pastor Donna Barrett of Rockside Church for leading our community in this special day of prayer. I would also like to express my gratitude to Ashley Tengler, Ty Morgan, Lawrence
Liptak, and Police Chief Michael Kilbane for their assistance in leading a service at one of our prayer locations.

Pastor Donna Barrett began the National Day of Prayer program in our City fifteen years ago and the program has only grown in success over the years under her leadership. Unfortunately, Pastor Barrett will be leaving Independence at the end of this month to take on her new position as the 11th General Secretary of the U.S. Fellowship of the Executive Presbytery of the Assemblies of God Church. We will miss Donna terribly and cannot thank her enough for her countless contributions to our City. On behalf of the City of Independence, please know that our wishes for your continued spiritual growth and success will follow you wherever you go!

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The May Planning Commission Meeting took place on Tuesday, May 1st with three (3) items on the agenda:

- 6261 Brecksville Road, McDonald’s Restaurant requested a variance to allow reduction of two parking spaces from the previously approved site plan from 1987.
- 6001 Rockside Road, Holiday Inn/Candlewood Suites proposed hotel renovation and remodel.

All three items on the agenda were Approved.

RESIDENT NOTIFICATION:

Notifications regarding the schedule for the upcoming work relating to the Oakwood Drive Improvements Project were delivered to residents who will be impacted by this project.
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- Fabrizi Trucking and Paving Company, Inc. was scheduled to begin road work on Oakwood Drive this past week.
- Lawn restoration work will commence the week of May 7th.
- Asphalt milling and resurfacing will follow soon thereafter. A separate and very specific notice will be delivered 48 hours in advance of the performance of the asphalt work once that schedule is firmed up.
- All work will substantially be completed prior to the end of May, weather permitting.

2018 PRIMARY ELECTION:

For the upcoming May 8, 2018 Primary Election, Ohio voters will decide a number of local issues and races. Ohioans will also have the opportunity to vote on one statewide ballot issue: Issue 1 – Proposed Constitutional Amendment to create a bipartisan, public process for drawing Congressional Districts. For more information on the issues and to view official ballot language, please visit www.OhioSecretaryofState.gov.

*Notice to all registered Independence Voters: ALL RESIDENTS, beginning with Tuesday’s Primary Election, will now be voting at the Independence Civic Center.

ODOT:

The Ohio Department of Transportation is in the process of updating Ohio’s long-range transportation plan, Access Ohio 2045. As part of the update, public meetings have been scheduled across the state to obtain input from the public. I was recently notified that a local meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15 at the Shaker Heights Public Library should anyone wish to attend.

To learn more about Access Ohio 2045 and information on other meetings, please visit www.access.ohio.gov.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

- The annual Kiwanis Fishing Derby is scheduled for this Saturday, May 5th at Elmwood Pond. Registration begins at 8:30 am and fishing will begin at 9:00 am and continue until 12:00 noon. Interested participants are to bring their own fishing pole and choice of bait.
• Springhill Suites in Independence is once again hosting a *Spring Art Night* on Tuesday, May 8th from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at their Independence location, 6060 Rockside Place. Come enjoy an evening which showcases art displays created by students of the Independence Local School District and be delighted by the music of Thorin and Karah Chappel with their Harp and Violin duet.

• **Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce State of the Schools** will take place on Thursday, May 17th at the Holiday Inn Rockside, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Should you have an interest to attend, please visit the Chambers website [www.cuyahogavalleychamber.com](http://www.cuyahogavalleychamber.com) or call 216.573.2707.

• Our traditional **Arbor Day/Government Day** activities are scheduled for Friday, May 18th for the 4th Grade Students of St. Michael Catholic School and the Independence Primary School. The day’s activities will begin at 9:30 am in Council Chambers and will end with a Safety Vehicle Fair by the Kiwanis Pavilion. Any Councilperson wishing to participate is more than welcome to attend all or part of the festivities.

• **West Creek Conservancy** will host a 5-mile hike (Hiking the Future West Creek Greenway – Hemlock Trail) to explore the scenic and historic part of the Greenway between the Towpath and Elmwood Park on **Saturday, May 19th from 9:00 am to noon**. Meet at the Gazebo next to the Independence Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library.

• A **Public Meeting** has been set for **Wednesday May 23, 2018 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm** in the **Red Oak Room at the Civic Center** to present the final design elements of the potential Community Greenspace/Brecksville Streetscape Projects.

• A **Groundbreaking Ceremony** for the new Hemlock Trail is scheduled for **Saturday, June 2nd at 10:00 am in the morning at 6801 Brecksville Road behind the Cleveland Clinic Business Operations Center across from City Hall.**

If you are interested in attending this event, please plan to **bring your own shovel** so together as a community we can take part in this commemorative occasion and break ground together!
DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Following are some highlights of recent activity, updates, events and/or statistics from various departments for the week ending April 27, 2018.

The Building Department Reported-

- 1 set of plans sent to the Plans Examiner
- 6 Commercial Permits were issued
- 16 Commercial Inspections were performed
- 8 Residential Permits were issued
- 9 Residential Inspections were performed
- 19 contractors were registered for 2018; 426 registrations year-to-date.
- 1 Residential Rental Registration for 2018; 6 registrations year-to-date.
- Occupancy Permits were issued for:
  o 6480 Rockside Woods Blvd. #220, DuCharme McMillen for a 6,328 sq. ft. tenant build-out.
  o 5619 Brecksville Road, Verso for a new build-out.
  o 6111 Oak Tree Blvd., #130, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society for a 3,433 sq. ft. tenant build-out.
- Two (2) signs were removed from the Right-A-Way.
- Plans were reviewed and approved for a 1,055 sq. ft. addition to existing dwelling at 6414 Dora Blvd.
- Building Official Gero met with a vendor regarding a possible remodel of the Building Department office space.
- Building Official Gero prepared and met with ISO representative for grading of Building Department.
- Information requested by the Census Bureau was prepared and returned.

The Engineering Department Reported-

- One Miscellaneous Permit was issued to replace a driveway.
- Site Plans were approved for:
  o 7069 Hawthorn Trace – Sublot 150
  o 7045 Hawthorn Trace – Sublot 151
- The City Engineer met with an Engineer from the Louis Perry Group regarding a preliminary engineering study work prepared for Brettin Drive (2019 Capital Project).
- A meeting was held with the Traffic Engineers from the GPD Group relative to the status of the Rockside Road IMS Study.
- A sewer design element for the Chestnut Woods Subdivision, Section 3 – Phase 5 Subdivision was discussed with Engineers from Donald Bohning & Associates.
Hemlock Trail:
- Work has commenced and wetland fencing was installed.
- An erosion and sediment control plan has been created (SWP3).
- Required documentation has been executed and provided to ODOT and ODNR.
- CVNP personnel have visited the site to view the work.

The Fire Department Reported:

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

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The Information Technology Department Reported:

- The Press Box Concession Stand computers and registers were set up for the upcoming season.
- Upgraded Engineering Department user computer for CAD related use.
Upgraded the Fieldhouse front desk computer to solid state hard drive for quicker performance and reliability to offer residents a quicker registration experience at the Fieldhouse.

- Designed and ordered video conferencing solution for the Council Caucus Room for future use.
- Added audio recording function to the jail video DVR system.

The Recreation Department Reported:

- St. Michael Orthodox Church Basketball Tournament took place at the Fieldhouse the weekend of April 21 and April 22 using all four courts. Rental fees for the weekend totaled $3525.00.
- The Rene Roche Memorial Run took place on Saturday, April 21st, with over 300 participants!
- Staff groomed and lined diamonds for High School baseball games on Monday, April 23rd.
- The installation of the shade structures at Ball Diamonds 1, 2 and 3 is nearly complete. Fabric needs to still be stretched over the poles at two of the diamonds.
- Recreation staff completed the installation of soccer goals on the Shared-Use field area.
- The Recreation Director met with a representative from the school district to discuss security/card access systems for the Fieldhouse.
- Recreation staff poured and stamped concrete around the gazebo at Liberty Station.
- Table and Chair Rentals for the upcoming weekend: 18 Tables and 18 Chairs going to two (2) locations.
- Recreation staff began edging and mulching around the pond and ball field areas in Elmwood Park.
- A new ice machine was installed by the Technical Services Department at the Press Box Concession Stand.
- Liberty Playground Construction Project Update:
  - All of the old bricks were removed.
  - An access road was built.
  - The Service Department dug out the mulch and dirt mixture.