

Garfield Heights

A Caring Community



MAYORAL NEWSLETTER

6/2/2021

First, I would like to wish former Mayor Vic Collova and his wife, Jeannie, a great retirement. I would like to introduce myself. I am Matt Burke, previously the city's President of Council. I stepped up to become your new Mayor as of February 1, 2021. I am honored to serve as such and will, to the best of my ability, represent you proudly.

Since being sworn in as Mayor, I have worked very hard to bring business and industry to Garfield Heights. I am proud to welcome a few new companies to Garfield Heights.

Switchback is a company that manufactures containers like pill bottles, craft beer cans, cereal boxes and so on. They will occupy the former WalMart Unit.

Innoplast/Thermoprene is a company that manufactures Bollard covers for the hundreds of thousand of bollards throughout Northeast Ohio. They have plans for growth and will occupy the former Dick's Sporting Goods and A.J. Wright unit.

Both of these companies are located in Highland Park, on Transportation Boulevard where redevelopment is taking place. And then we have **JTL Construction**, which purchased the building at 9601 Granger Road. This company is moving to our community as well. Jason Effner, the owner, is a graduate of Garfield Heights High School and is proud to bring his business "back home". Jason says he plans to grow his business and also sublease part of his building for a distribution company.

All of this economic growth since February 1st is very exciting. As Mayor, I have made it a priority to promote the benefits of Garfield Heights. We are centrally located with 180,000 vehicles passing daily on I-480 and we offer easy on/ easy off access to the interstate system, certainly something that big manufacturers and distributors are looking for when considering a location. New business translates to increased tax revenue that doesn't come from homeowners; more tax revenue to share with our schools; and better services for the community.

We have entered a revitalization phase and are starting to restore our city services. I have addressed some much-needed equipment and staffing issues. I am doing the very best I can to ensure we have the very best people in place with the best equipment available to get the job done. If there are any concerns please do not hesitate to call my office. Let's all work together to help our neighbors.

Thank you kindly,
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OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

I have decided to open our Civic Center on June 7, 2021 for essential business. There are guidelines that will need to be followed. One of them is the current CDC mandated guidelines which will be posted at the entrances of the building. The building department will operate as usual prior to the pandemic. All other departments will require an appointment. Temperatures will be taken upon entry of the building and protective barriers will remain in place. Council meetings will resume in person in council chambers. The Senior center will remain closed until we get authorization to resume. I am excited to see we are getting close to reopening.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Our Service department continues to address the areas of trash in the City. We have added more citywide trash receptacles throughout our city. Now the residents have more areas to place trash into a trash can rather than littering. And thanks to Council, the fine for littering has been raised to match other communities in Northeast Ohio. We are extremely thankful to community groups such as Abundant Love Community Outreach for coordinating efforts of cleanup in our city. It always helps when residents get involved in this problem we face every day. I also have noticed that our city street sweepers have been out on our streets. Again, I would like to say thanks to our Service Department for keeping our streets clean and patched properly. Together we can all do our part

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The City Pool will be open to residents this summer. Recreation Director Paul Birk has worked hard to put together T-ball and Softball programs this year. We are working to make Cranwood Fields Park, located off E. 131st Street in Ward 1, available to all residents as a place to host family gatherings and meetings etc.



NOW HIRING

LIFEGUARDS NEEDED

PLEASE CALL (216) 475 - 7272

www.GarfieldHts.org



SENIOR CENTER

The Senior Center will remain closed until further notice. Senior meals will continue. Contact Social Service Director Kathy Rush-Parssons for details on the Senior Center.

SENIOR ZOOM CHAT WITH MAYOR MATT BURKE

The City of Garfield Heights is inviting you to a scheduled weekly Zoom meeting hosted by Mayor Matthew Burke. Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. The meeting link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87054878177>.

SPECIAL REQUEST

Please remember to take your trash receptacles in after each collection.

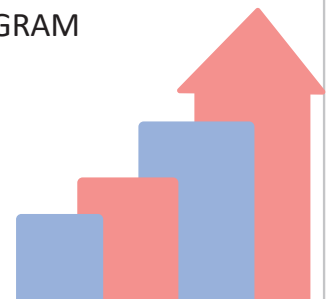
COFFEE WITH MAYOR BURKE

The City of Garfield Heights is inviting you to a scheduled weekly Zoom meeting, which is hosted by our own Mayor Matt Burke! Meetings are held every Saturday. The meeting link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83761204942>



PROGRESS REPORT

4 NEW OFFICERS
3 NEW BUSINESS
ROLLOUT OF COVID-19 VACCINATIONS
IN PERSON & ONLINE DIVERSITY EQUITY AND INCLUSION PROGRAM
NEW K-9 UNIT
NEW WEBSITE THROUGH CIVIC PLUS
RESTORED CITY SERVICES





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GARFIELD HEIGHTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP YEAR: **2021**
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Membership
Individual \$10

What are you interested in? Please Check

Photography _____

Developing Exhibits/Displays _____

Planning/organizing Events _____

Writing Promotional Material _____

Maintaining Museum & Garden _____

Other: _____

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Membership Card Issued _____

Notes: _____ Welcome Packet? _____

_____ Date _____

Membership Committee Member Signature