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PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER THROWS CORE SUBJECTS INTO GYM CLASSES

Students' Grades Improve



Message from the Mayor

If you have any questions regarding voting procedures, please contact the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, Community Outreach Department, 216.443.3200. If you don't vote with an absentee ballot, please be sure to cast your vote at the Recreation Center.

The exceptional community we have here in Warrensville Heights is only getting better, and one of the ways that's happening is by introducing change. We are seeing changes in all parts of the city as the residential, commercial and academic climates continue to get hotter.

One of the changes that's coming most immediately is a new location for voting for all residents. We are shifting all precincts to the Recreation Center where there's a large gymnasium, attached at the north end of Warrensville Heights High School, 4270 Northfield Rd. This change is in effect beginning with the upcoming November 5, 2019 election.

We appreciated everyone who attended (Summer Festival) and enjoyed the food, music and opportunity to gather for a peaceful, joyful weekend. I shook many of your hands and heard your stories and felt the pull of connection.

The occasion for this change in venue is the eventual closing of three elementary schools and the construction of our new schools that will continue over the next few years. The space demands that voting requires is driving us to a centrally located facility that can handle our needs. There is plenty of parking available.

I'm extremely grateful for these chances to meet and greet so many community members. We are one of the few communities in Northeast Ohio that offers its residents this type of summer celebration, and we look forward to continuing the tradition.

Another bright change in our community is the freshly approved plan to move City Hall and add several city departments to a new location on Richmond Road, in our prime commercial corridor, in the building formerly occupied by South University. It will be a modern, multi-functional complex which enables a more streamlined approach for commercial and residential community members to conduct business with the city.

The present 70-year-old City Hall structure on Warrensville Center Road will become a public service building, composed of the Fire Department and a Police Department substation. The move will happen in Spring 2020, and it involves no cost to community members. More details will be forthcoming next year.

This past summer, many community members were able to take advantage of the changes we made to the Summer Festival, which featured activities all weekend long, on Saturday and this time, Sunday, too. The highly successful event drew people of all ages, and the upbeat energy and warm vibe were felt throughout Green Road Park. We added adult contests this year, which enhanced the mix of family friendly activities and entertainment.

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The landscape around town is also undergoing some change and transformation. Residents will soon see the upgrades to Eastwood Park which include exercise equipment and a more attractive green space environment. We can see daily evidence of the stunning progress on our new elementary school as it rises out of the ground, accompanied by the disappearance of the corner store at Clarkwood and Northfield.

Once the three old elementary schools are torn down, we will see those properties developed into something new and financially beneficial to the city. And the property behind the YMCA and the library is also in play for development.

The spirit of change is ushering in a new era in Warrensville Heights, and I'm very proud of how this will improve daily life here and enhance your experiences in all sectors of the community.

Student Makes Move to Get Chess Club in Play

David Hughley III, WHHS Senior (right) and Chris Jolly, Chess Club Advisor



Chess is a game, not a sport, but the competitive spirit and team mentality belonging to senior David Hughley III truly blurs those lines.

His history with the game dates back to 4th grade when his father introduced it to him but he says he mostly taught himself how to play. Then in 5th grade, his computer science teacher always had a chess game in the classroom, so David frequently played when his assignments were done.

Just to keep everything fun, and to not chase away friendship in pursuit of a victory, David says he and his classmates sometimes made up their own rules, changing the way pieces move or the rules for winning.

Now he's working with Chris Jolly, high school special education instructor, to establish a chess club presence in the high school, with 15 students already committed to weekly gaming. He hopes, however, that many more will become involved, including both males and females, as well as parents. In the middle school and at Eastwood Elementary, there are a total of 15 students already involved in a school-sponsored chess club.

What David likes best about chess is how it requires multiple levels of engagement. "You need to be very strategic to win, and you must be able to think under pressure," David explains. He hopes to have tournaments once a month and play against other schools.

David describes his personality as easy-going. He admits though, that friends think he's "enigmatic." This makes him wonder because he believes he's transparent. He also leans toward being an intellectual.

"You'll see me DOING more than SAYING more," he notes.

Mr. Jolly stresses that "chess is not as hard as some might think." He also notes that the game can help kids with lessons for life. "You learn patience and ways to outmaneuver your opponent." These skills and strategies can cross over and apply to everyday situations. He believes chess also helps with academics, saying, "They go hand in hand."

Throughout his academic life, he has done a substantial amount. He has a 4.319 grade point average and has been ranked first in his class for the past three years, qualifying him as the valedictorian in his grade. He has been offered a full scholarship to Kenyon College, after participating in the school's

three-week summer enrichment program for the last three years.

Mr. Jolly credits David with having wonderful leadership qualities and being well respected amongst his peers and teachers. His chess ability also stands out: "He really thinks about both sides of the board."

His goal is to one day be the owner of a business, possibly in the restaurant or clothing sectors. But he might also like to be a mayor. He counts among his role models Mayor Bradley Sellers, Chris Jolly, his parents David Jr. and Latia and his older sister, Dajah, a senior at the University of Akron where she's studying to become a Registered Dietician Nurse.

David has remained very active in all corners of the high school. He has been playing basketball since 6th grade when he was a guard. But once he started growing taller, now measuring 6'4", he plugs in to nearly all positions. He may not be done growing either.

He's also serves as the president of the National Honor Society, and he's involved with the speech and debate club, College Now, Upward Bound and Students of Promise.

When he's not studying (favorite subjects: math, history and Spanish), his hobbies include reading (favorite books: The Kite Runner and Soul on Ice), listening to music (favorite artist: J. Cole) and watching Anime on Netflix.

Among his volunteering activities, David is involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters. He works with elementary age children and offers help with homework, as well as moral support. He describes the experience as a little surprising.

"The kids are so energetic and charismatic. I was never that excited when I was younger. Makes me feel old...."

In truth, he's just getting started and the future is looking very bright. **WHS**

Teacher Reinvents Physical Education Class

High School Students Learn Lessons for Life

Kathleen Busse is certain the good Lord led her to Warrensville Heights. When she discovered an open teaching position for a high school physical education instructor at Warrensville Heights High School, she secured an interview and was instantly smitten.

"There was something about this place, the way I felt when I walked through the door, it drew me in," she says during an interview in her office at Warrensville Heights High School.

It's been five years since that feeling swept over her, and her attachment to this district has only intensified.

The 55-year-old Newbury native has completely transformed the physical education curriculum here, and through that process, she has earned numerous awards for the district and has received several speaking engagement invitations to share her wisdom.

But it's her students, or her babies, as she often refers to them, who have been the greatest beneficiaries of her unbridled energy and unconventional approach.

Her diminutive size, at 5' 1", is also a perfect match for serving as the district's Tiger mascot. Actually, she assumed that role by accident. When she was talking to Athletic Director Brian Swift, a huge supporter of her program, she saw the costume in his office, so she asked about it. "Oh, nobody wants to wear that - it is scalding hot," he told her. But she said she'd do it.

Then she teamed up with the cheerleading coach and joined the girls. When she appeared in costume and saw the look on little kids' faces and how parents wanted to get pictures with the mascot, she felt encouraged and started going to more school activities.

Frankly, she admits to loving to wear a costume. She dresses as Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny, and dons a disguise for every holiday and non-holiday in between. Some of her costumes include fruit and emojis. "It sounds silly and stupid but it helps make the kids' days."

TIME AND ENERGY ARE BOUNDLESS

She also coaches volleyball at WHHS and track at Fairview High School. Over her 30-year long coaching career and teaching, the teams she managed reached the championships 11 times. At WHHS, she introduced a swim program three years ago, and last school year, 141 kids out of 142 passed. As part of the program, four students were able to earn lifeguard certifications and found summer jobs with these skills. Also, this school year marks the first time the high school will have a swim and dive team.

"When I was growing up, I wanted to be outside playing sports more than anything else. I loved all sports and could play all day long. I also loved competition and the thrill of winning."

In high school, she played on the basketball team and the volleyball squad which went to the state competition, and she ran track while also being a cheerleader.

"My poor mom tried to enroll me in 'charm school' where you



Busse dressed for welcome back to school

learned how to be a lady because she was concerned about me. We laugh about it now."

Both her energy and interest in sports still remain high, and she funnels so much of her enthusiasm into her dedication to her students. For example, when she learned that African Americans were great candidates to get college scholarships if they excelled in the sport of rowing, she seized the opportunity to get them involved. "I'd walk across glass (shards) to get students trained," she remarks.

This mission took some students out of their comfort zones, with early morning trips on weekends down to The Foundry in the Flats where there's a training center. But she supported them every step of the way over the past year on weekends. This is one of the many demonstrations of how Busse takes sports as seriously as she takes her students' lives and their futures.

PE CLASS SERVES AS INCUBATOR FOR LIFE LESSONS

"I am an absolute believer that sports teach you patience, integrity and self-esteem." She reminds students, however, that classroom work always comes first, noting, "It's a privilege to be an athlete." She credits the support of Principal Richard Reynolds, Superintendent Donald J. Jolly II and the school board with enabling her to do her job well. They allow her the freedom to tailor-make programs for kids with specific needs.

She describes her students as hard working, with great senses of humor, and like most kids their age, they are trying to find themselves. One of her favorite quotes to share is: "If it's meant to be, it's up to me."

Community service is another important aspect to her teaching. She directs students to offer their time in a variety of ways such as volunteering at the food bank or making bread for seniors.

"It's important to give back and to know that someone always has it worse than you." As part of these efforts, during this past Christmastime, she collected 75 books and teddy bears and took them to a pediatric unit. "It was well appreciated...and the looks on those kids' faces at the hospital...."

ATTACHMENT RUNS DEEP

"I truly can't wait for school to start – I miss the students." Why? Because the greatest part of teaching is the personal connection she makes with children, she says. The implication of her attachment though is that graduation is always a particularly difficult time. "I've known the students for a long time and I'm excited over what their lives will be like. I like being part of their journey."

But not every day is sunshine. "I may have days when bad language goes on, along with bad behavior, but I look at them and say, I'm going to love you through this moment, and then tomorrow, we'll be able to talk." Some days, kids seek her out to decompress when they are having problems. "I'm a safe zone," she explains.

She freely admits that some kids hate physical education. But she'll inform them that they'll be introduced to 26 different activities during the school year. She tells them, "Somewhere in there, there should be something that you like...I hope!"

On the first day of class each year, she has red carpet squares placed outside of the physical education, so kids "walk the red carpet" before they enter. She has blinking lights set up, resembling photographers' camera flashes. The students have their picture taken, and this is what's used later in the year when she picks a "student of the week."

She believes this type of welcome sends the message that her class is going to be dramatically different. This folds into her master plan to do something fun and possibly unprecedented at least once every week. And she admits, she's fortunate: "I have a whole gym to use."

CURRICULUM HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED

During her first year at the high school, zero kids passed the state science test. As a result, the staff determined they needed to pull together to work on improvement. So Busse developed some curriculum to tie common core standards into physical education. This includes math, language arts, social studies and science. For every unit she teaches, she includes two state standards. She collaborates with other teachers in those subject areas.

An example of this approach is evident with science. Busse incorporated into her lessons and activities the concepts of buoyancy and forces of gravity by involving the recreation center's pool. She created the "float your boat" lesson.



Busse with Tairiq Stewart

To set it in motion, she went to Lowe's and picked up some refrigerator boxes and duct tape. Then she told students that, as a class, they needed to create a boat that would float from one end of the pool to the other. So her five classes constructed five boats. Some sank.

Ultimately, after redesigning them, they managed the weight distribution and prevailed with floatation. They also made paddles. Modified tennis rackets did not work. Through team

work, they figured it out. Another example of threading multiple subjects through the fabric of her lessons: the skeletal system. She had students lay on the floor and they drew outlines of each other. Next, they labeled the 26 bones. "Then I started to rap. I said, 'gimme a beat, and I started singing the bones to them. By the end, when they took the anatomy test, they got it!"

NOVEL APPROACH GARNERS RECOGNITION

Her curriculum creation earned the Physical Education Program of the Year Award from the Ohio Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, resulting from an application that took 15 hours to complete. She has also spoken at numerous conventions on her reinvented curriculum. Her efforts have established her as a PE expert, and she is looked upon for guidance by other districts.

She credits some of her success to her added advantage over other educators, as she refers to it.

"In PE class, I am able to teach every single student, and I have the opportunity to present things in a manner that classroom teachers cannot. As we go along, both students and teachers see how all the subjects can blend. But this program requires the help of the whole staff, I don't do it myself."

PLUGGING IN TO POSITIVITY

To further encourage students, Ms. B, as her students call her, delivers five "good news" calls home to parents weekly. In one case, when dealing with a difficult child who demonstrated some positive behavior, Busse called the child's home and the mother hung up on her five different times, once she identified herself.

But when she blurted out, "I have good news for you," the mother started to cry. "No one has ever called me with something good that my child has done." He had acted as a leader in class and helped another child, who was deathly afraid of the water. He helped that student learn how to swim.

She also rewards a "student of the week" with a snack, a call to parents and a letter sent home. This can be earned for showing kindness or being a leader, or when she sees improvement.

Another weekly inclusion: "High Five Fridays" where students must note one positive thing that happened in their week. Examples: "my mom made spaghetti for dinner," "I won a prize or snack in a teacher's classroom," "I became first chair in band," and "a girl said she'd go out with me."

She'll tell them something good about themselves, too. Even little things light up their faces: "Friday night, you were awesome in the band show" or "Your hair looks great!" She says it sets the tone for her class to be safe and positive.

In addition to everything else, Busse offers a first period weight

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BUSSE'S TROPHY SHELF

- Disney Teacher of the Year Finalist - '96
- Exploratory Teacher of the Year
Sheffield Middle School - '00
- WHHS Teacher of the Month - February '16
- Ohio Lottery Teacher of the Month - May '15
- Ohio Gold Star Award of Excellence
- Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (OAHPERD) and Speaker/Presenter - '17, '18 & '19
- Ohio Elementary PE State Convention Keynote Speaker - '19

faces in the community

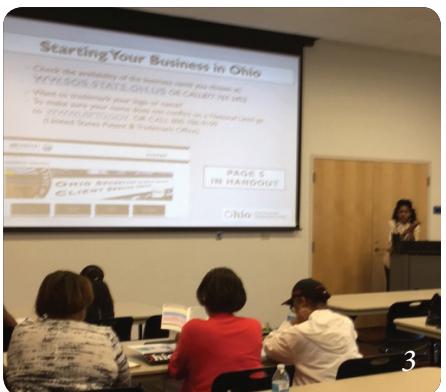


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(1) Desiree and Earnest Mitchell at July 4th Fireworks, (2) City Council members Stanley Anderson, Dorise Hagwood, Andrea Mitchell and Matthew Howard at Chagrin Valley Beverage grand opening, (3) "How to Start a Business" workshop, (4) B Buzz Baseball participants, (5) food pantry volunteers, (6) summer interns and, (7) honorees at Community Park party with 40+ years of volunteer service: Melvin Lester (seated), Dorothy Blackmon and Ed Chambers.



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Summer Festival / August

city council spotlight

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As a resident of this great city, no one knows better than you that we are both a vibrant and growing community. I am extremely proud to be part of this new era of city government and grateful for the opportunity to represent you. My service is about purpose...not the position. I strive to be the leader...I would follow.

The challenge is to keep pace with our progress, supporting smart resilient business decisions and legislating for the future. The reward most often comes from a job well done. The growth keeps our city robust and the overall health of the city could not be better. Together...we laid out a simple agenda, making safety paramount, ethics reform, economic growth, effective city services and transparency.

Thank you for your support and encouragement, and for walking this journey with me. You are appreciated!

ANDREA MITCHELL

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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School is back in session, fall weather is upon us, soon the leaves will be changing and there is a refreshing change in the air. Please keep an eye out for our children, be ready to brake when crossing guards signal, stop for school buses and slow down (20 miles per hour) in school zones. Thanks to everyone who came to the Fall Ward 2 Community Meeting at Eastwood Elementary School on Saturday, September 21st. Hopefully, you received some news you can use!

As mentioned in the last edition, there will be a change in where we vote in November. Beginning with the November election, in keeping with the county and to avert future changes, voting in Warrensville will be centralized. There will be one polling location in Warrensville Heights. Every precinct will be located at the Warrensville Recreation Center on Northfield Road (adjacent to the high school). More information about this will be sent from the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections.

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I would like to thank all of you who volunteered for our Annual Party in the Park. With your help and participation, it was a BIG SUCCESS. Congratulations to Dorothy Blackmon, Ed Chambers and Melvin Lester who we recognized at this event, thank you for your dedication and commitment to this community.

We have a number of classes for you to participate in at the Civic & Senior Center. Call 216-587-1250 for a list of dates and times. For more information on the City's Ordinances please go to www.conwaygreenecommunity.org or you may pick up a list of common ordinances from the City Council office.

WALTER STEWART

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The summer break has ended and I hope that everyone had great fun with family and friends. I want to thank the residents who took the time and effort working with the Ward 4 Youth Program in the Granada Gardens Community Garden. For the second consecutive year, the garden has been a great success. The Ward 4 Youth Program took some of the children and adults on two field trips recently with the support of MyCom. The field trips were to the Cleveland Museum of Natural History and the Cleveland Art Museum. The experience was not only lots of fun but also very positive and educational. We thank MyCom for its support.

Election time is approaching, so please make sure that you are registered to vote and that your address is current. Election Day November is Tuesday, November 5. The right to vote was achieved as the result of protest, struggle, and loss of life and it must not be taken for granted. PLEASE VOTE!!!

MATTHEW HOWARD WARD 5 • mhoward@cityofwarrensville.com • 440.561.7990



I hope that everyone has had a great year and a beautiful summer. The summer festival is always a fun event to look forward to. Thank you to all of the council, the Mayor and his staff, all of the vendors, and everyone who came out to make this a great event.

As the weather will be changing before you know, this is a reminder to Ward 5 residents about our annual winter/Christmas party on Friday, December 6th. RSVP only for Ward 5 residents. Planning is underway so please contact me if you would like to volunteer your time, ideas, and efforts to help make our party a success once again.

I hope to see you all at the polls for this year's elections on Tuesday, November 5th, as all of our polling locations have combined to the Warrensville Heights Recreation Center.

A special thank you to the Clarkwood Estates Residents Association for the generous donation to the local school supply drive and for always supporting the city. You are a strong voice and one of the backbones in this city historically.

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Recently, I read a news article concerning the state of affairs that America now finds herself in. The author of that article compares America to a ship in a terrible storm. He said, in part, that America is sinking, and only we the people can rescue it. We are in the middle of a national emergency. The captain is actively attacking democracy and our elections are not secure. In other words, our democracy is in peril and our ship is sinking.

America is worn-in, but still seaworthy. We (the passengers) co-own the ship and hire the crew. Generally, we agree on certain things: people have the right to live peacefully, treat each other fairly and allow everyone with equal access. There are many destinations to sail toward, and generally, disagree on a few options. We disagree often passionately - on the direction of travel.

But at this moment, we have a bigger problem than arguing over to steer. The crew, led by an unpredictable and arrogant captain, is sabotaging the USS America: disrupting communications systems and drilling holes in the hull. They've started false rumors to pit groups against each other. The ship is taking on water. Systems are in disarray. Communications are nonexistent. If we argue right now about which island to go to, we'll go down with the ship. So we are left with a choice. Do we, the passengers and owners of the vessel, band together to save the ship, or keep arguing about which island to steer toward?

We, the rational passengers, must see past our ideological differences and band together to see that our ship gets repaired. This will require replacing all of the sycophantic crew members with people who have morals and the guts to take control of the ship from an unprincipled captain. We, the elected officials, have a duty to seek as many avenues as possible to keep our constituents informed. You, the citizens, also have a civic duty to be better informed and to vote.

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I hope that you had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to the fall season. Fall is my most favorite season of the year as I have a fond appreciation for the cooler days and the beautiful colors that accompany this season. Another highlight of this season for me is election time. In order to participate in this upcoming General Election on November 5, 2019, you must be registered to vote by October 7, 2019. So please check your voter registration status to ensure that you are registered from your current address. You can register online at <https://olvr.sos.state.oh.us/>

Early voting starts October 8, 2019 either in-person at the Board of Elections or by use of an Absentee Ballot. Please be prepared to vote early and encourage others to do the same. Every Vote Matters! Every Vote Counts! Please spread the word!

Gym Class *continued from page 5*

training class, which is an elective, but it also serves students with attendance issues. They are scheduled in this slot to help train them to show up on time, and the class has been effective in changing behavior.

"Sometimes high school students need to put younger siblings on the bus or they just don't get out in time. I try to make the class something they look forward to and enjoy."

Regarding her own family, she is married to high school sweetheart Rick, and they have two children, Brittany who runs an occupational training facility in Arizona, and Brendan who works at the Fairview Park Recreation Center and coaches track and football at Fairview Park High School. Busse's unbridled belief is to "do what you love, and love what you do."

Abiding by this mantra, she concludes that she was "put on this earth to be a teacher." **WH**

City Offices

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

JEROME A. DUVAL, DIRECTOR

RAYMON TURNER, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

RESIDENTIAL SHRED DAY AT A NEW LOCATION:

Warrensville Heights Middle School Parking Lot
4285 Warrensville Center Rd.
Saturday, September 28
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

NEW ILLUSTRATED RECYCLING AWARENESS

EDUCATIONAL VIDEO: See the city's website, at the bottom of the homepage, cityofwarrensville.com. Also, use recycling cans only for recycling materials. Kimble will not accept regular waste in those cans.

NEW BUSINESSES:

DaVita Harvard Park Dialysis is open for kidney care services and treatment choices for local patients needing dialysis. The center has 12 dialysis stations and will dialyze patients on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 6 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Contact Christine Moroski with any questions – 216.970.9402 and Christine.moroski@davita.com.

DaVita Kidney Care, 4670 Richmond Road, Suite 250, 216.378.9540.



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BUILDING DEPARTMENT

BENJAMIN BROWN, BUILDING COMMISSIONER

The Building Department has been working very hard this spring and summer with our property maintenance code enforcement inspections for residential and commercial properties. We have been sending out violations to property owners that are not in compliance. If you receive a violation, please do not ignore the notice and make sure you contact the inspector on the notice if you have any questions or need more time to correct the violations. We are here to help you bring your property into compliance.

If you cannot meet the deadline, you can file for an extension with our office. The Building Department also can provide you with information on home repair programs that are available. The city has an Exterior Maintenance Grant Program that can assist you, if have code violations. This program is administered through our Economic Development Department. Brochures are available in the Building Department explaining the program's guidelines. The Grant Program is not available for commercial use.

CIVIC AND SENIOR CENTER

JENNIFER LASTERY, DIRECTOR

SANDRA NOBLE, PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Activities coming to the Center:

SEPTEMBER 25TH – Annual Health Fair: health screenings, balance demonstrations, nutrition advice, raffle of prizes. All are welcome to this free event.

SEPTEMBER 29TH – Cleveland Browns vs. Baltimore Ravens football game: 1 p.m. \$15.

OCTOBER 20TH – Summer, The Donna Summer Musical: 1:30 p.m. \$58, Playhouse Square. Bus departs Center at noon.

NOVEMBER 1ST – Caribbean Night: 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. for \$20/ person which includes live music and great food.

NOVEMBER 7TH – Veterans Luncheon: Noon. Free. All veterans welcome.

NOVEMBER 18-22 – Holiday Bazaar: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., purchase wreaths, live plants, decorated lanterns and other gifts.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

WESLEY HAYNES, CHIEF OF POLICE

We wish a fond farewell to two retiring department members.

After 26 years of loyal and dedicated service to the city, **LIEUTENANT FREDERICK KERLING** retired August 2. He was a valuable member of this department with a wealth of knowledge concerning day-to-day operations. Lieutenant Kerling also held the position of Acting Police Chief after Chief William Jelenic's retirement in 2014. We would like to thank him for his many years of service to this community.

After 25 years of loyal and dedicated service to the city, **PATROLMAN OSCAR OLIVERAS** has retired April 1. He was a veteran officer in this department and with his military experience in the United States Marine Corps, fellow officers looked to him for guidance. Officer Oliveras also served for many years as the Drug Abuse Resistance Education Officer (D.A.R.E) for the Warrensville Heights City School District. On behalf of every police officer on this department, we would like to wish Oscar Oliveras a fond farewell.

After serving this community for the past four years, **PATROLMAN THOMAS KAZIMER** took a position with the Solon Police Department. We wish him a fond farewell and good luck in his career.

NEW POLICE VEHICLES

We have received two new Chevy Tahoes and completed the upfitting of the cruisers. These vehicles are equipped with the latest and newest technology to serve the Police Department.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

HERBERT WAUGH, FIRE CHIEF

We are pleased to welcome two new department members.

BRYAN COOPER wanted to be a firefighter since he was a kid. His father was a firefighter for the City of Wickliffe, so he grew up around the fire service. He attended fire school at Tri-C's fire academy and then attended Lakeland for paramedic school. He started working in Leroy Twp. and Mentor part-time. He works here in a full time capacity.

NICK MANCINI grew up in Independence and attended Trinity High School. After graduating in 2014, he attended The University of Akron where he earned his associates degree in Fire Protection Technology. After graduating in 2016, he attended paramedic school at University Hospitals Parma Medical Center from 2017-2018 where he earned his paramedic certification. He previously worked full-time for the City of East Cleveland as a firefighter/paramedic for two years, and currently works part-time for the Village of Cuyahoga Heights, in addition to Warrensville Heights.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT

TED SIMS, DIRECTOR

LEAF PICKUP - Will begin October 7th and end at the first snow fall. Rake leaves to curb, not in the street. Be sure to not include limbs and stones in your piles.

RECYCLABLES - If cans have non-recyclable materials the cans will be left at the curb and materials will not be discarded.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

CARLETTA FELLOWS, DIRECTOR

The city congratulates the 2019-2020 Community Partners who received funding to support programs that impact Warrensville Heights residents:

Cleveland Clinic South Pointe Hospital Taussig Cancer Institute Outreach Program - received \$10,000 to support and expand programming and outreach efforts in the city for health care interventions.

Cuyahoga County Public Library - received \$10,000 to assist the Warrensville Heights Branch Library's Early Reader Summer Camps. The library offered two free Kindergarten Boost Camps this past summer. These camps provided opportunities for parents with children entering Kindergarten in Fall 2019 to have their child experience an extra academic boost to prepare them for success in their kindergarten year. The library will hold two free 123 READ Camps. Priority registration will be given to 1st and 2nd graders identified by Warrensville Heights City Schools as needing urgent help with reading skills.

Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine Aspiring Doctor's Program - received \$10,000 to assist with programming for Warrensville Heights High School student participants (grades 10 -12). The Aspiring Doctor's Precollege Program is a four-year high school pipeline program designed to foster an interest in medical/health professions among underrepresented minority students from Warrensville Heights High School, High Tech Academy at Cuyahoga Community College and Whitney Young Leadership Academy.

"How to Start a Business in the State of Ohio" Seminars - The seminars, facilitated by the Urban League of Greater Cleveland, Small Business Development Center, were a huge success. Over 40 entrepreneurs attended sessions held at 10 am and 5pm in July. If you missed the sessions, but would like access to the resources shared, please go to www.ulcleveland.org and click on "Accelerate Your Business Success: Entrepreneurial Spirit" or call the Small Business Development Center Team at 216-812-3162, ext. 215.

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