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#### **FEATURE STORY:**

CFD Receives ISO 2 Rating



#### CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES ISO 2 RATING

The City of Cleveland is pleased to announce that the Cleveland Fire Department was recently evaluated by the Insurance Service Organization (ISO) and our ISO rating has been reduced from a class 3 to a class 2. This evaluation is performed every five years and is a review of fire standards. The ISO rates fire departments on a scale of 1-10 with 1, being the best.

In the evaluation of actual fire services and personnel, the fire department scored 95.84%, which included the review of engine companies, reserve pumpers, pump capacity, ladder service, reserve ladder service, deployment analysis, company personnel, training, operational considerations and a risk reduction bonus.

City Manager Joe Fivas stated "This means our actual personnel, staffing, training, equipment has almost reached the highest performance level possible." Fivas stressed, "What a great accomplishment for our city and the Fire Department."

City Manager Joe Fivas also stated that the fire and police departments have had substantial growth in personnel, vehicles and equipment during the past several years. "This was shown in the ISO ratings, where we improved our overall rating from a class 3 to a class 2/2X,"

Fivas also added, "This puts us well within the top 5% of all fire department ratings in the country."

Fire Chief Ron Harrison added, "This is the first time in my 25+year career that we have ever had an ISO rating that low. The low fire loss rating is a big factor for an estimated \$3 billion of property in the city. When the insurance rating in the city has been improved, that's when you start to get a feel for the return of the investment."

### 2020 General Election - August 6th



For more information about obtaining mail-in ballot request forms, voting district locations, absentee voting and other information, please contact the Bradley County Election Commission at (423) 728-7115.

#### **VOTE** - Exercise your right

The 2020 General Election is Thursday, August 6th, 2020.

Early voting will begin on Friday, July 17th and will end on Saturday, August 1st.

You can vote early at the Bradley County Election Commission and Bradley Square Mall.

Poll hours of operation will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday thru Friday (weekdays) and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday.

Please remember to wear a mask and practice social distancing.

### **Quality of Life Project Update**

**20th/17th Sidewalk Project:** A long awaited green flag has been given on this sidewalk project. TDOT & AT&T have authorized full right-of-way clearance. We can now begin the bidding process, CEI, and construction of the sidewalks.

**Deer Park Renovation:** Deer Park is one of the most frequently used Parks in Cleveland. We are pleased with the completed renovation. This park will bring enjoyment to families for years to come.

**Blythe Oldfield Park:** This park is a new addition. We are proud to offer it to our community.

**Avery Johnson Park:** This park will include soccer fields, walking track, and dog parks, it is underway and coming soon...

**Taylor Spring Park:** This site is the birthplace of Cleveland. This passive park is expected to be completed this Fall.

**Greenway Extension Phase VI-** This phase will extend the greenway from Willow Street to First Street at Taylor Spring Park. This project is coming soon...





### **COVID-19 Severe Spikes**



Bradley County is one of four counties in Tennessee recently pinpointed by Governor Bill Lee as experiencing severe spikes in COVID-19 cases.

In the interest of public safety, we have postponed any future phases of reopening at this time. The Mayor, City Council and I are very concerned by the growing number of positive COVID cases seen recently. We are proceeding with extreme caution as this is a very serious health crisis in our community and across the nation. "We encourage residents to take extra precautions, stay

home when possible, we encourage you to wear a mask when you have to go out, practice social distancing (6 ft. or more) and continue frequent hand washing and sanitizing. We will continue to evaluate and adapt our operational procedures to ensure the safest

and best possible access to city core services," said City Manager Joe Fivas.

Governor Lee recently signed Executive Order No. 50 to extended the State of Emergency order thru August 29th. For everyone's safety, city offices will remain closed to the public until further notice.



## Municipal "City" Court Judge



Municipal "City" Court Judge Barrett Painter will be leaving the City of Cleveland Municipal Court to fill the un-expired term of Bradley County General Sessions Judge Daniel Swafford who will be retiring in September.

Barrett Painter was appointed as Municipal Court Judge in 2014 after the tragic death of Judge Bill Moss. Painter is also the son of L. Harlen Painter who served the City of Cleveland as City Attorney for over 40 years.

Judge Painter has over 25 years of experience as both an attorney and a city judge. He has a law office in Cleveland, where he helps clients with issues such as divorce; child custody; child support; juvenile proceedings; social security disability issues; real estate law; probate proceedings; and adoption. He is married to Leslie Smith Painter and has one son and two step sons. Painter is well regarded in the community and the City is grateful for his service. We wish him well. He will be missed.

The City will accept applications for this position until 5 p.m on Friday, July 31st. If applications are mailed, they must be postmarked by August 1st. The City Council will review the applications and make the appointment of the Judge. For more information, visit our website at www.clevelandtn. gov or call City Manager Joe Fivas at (423)-472-4551.

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Development & Engineering Services: (423) 479-1913

Fire (non-emergency): (423) 476-6713 General City Offices: (423) 472-4551 Parks and Recreation: (423) 479-4129 Police (non-emergency): (423) 476-1121

Public Works: (423) 472-2851

#### Job Opportunities

Police Officer Call-Taker/Telecommunicator Bradley County ECD Firefighter

Public Service Worker

## **Board Meetings**

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic
All non-essential Board/Committee meetings
are cancelled until further notice.
For the latest news, visit our website and/or our
Facebook page for more information.

For City of Cleveland business information Call (423) 472-4551.

For Bradley County Courthouse business information Call (423) 728-7226 or (423) 728-7141.