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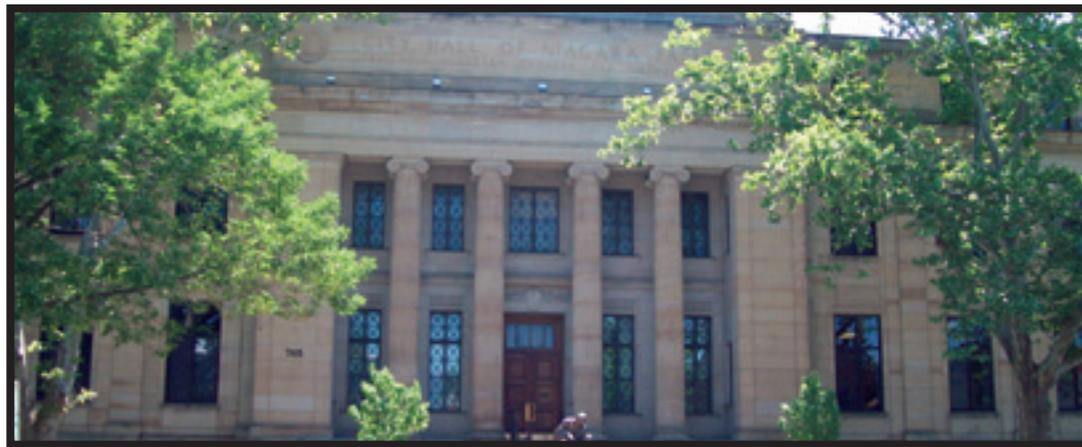
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Piccirillo's Revenue Sharing Plan Looks Like Shot in the Dark



By: **Tony Farina**
Analysis

"It will take a team approach to get Niagara Falls moving again," says former Mayor Vince Anello, emphasizing that stakeholders must work together to make

anything happen, and that includes arguing for a share of state parking revenue to create an investment account, as suggested by mayoral candidate Seth Piccirillo in a recent social media post.

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Proposals to Ban Cell Phones & Impliment Agenda Items Tabled in North Tonawanda

By: **Brendan McDonough**
Analysis

Last Tuesday the North Tonawanda Common Council postponed two items that have gained public attention in recent weeks.

One was the debate on rules governing council business and the other was the suggestion that Council members put away cell phones

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Piccirillo Cont.

"That's not something new, that's something we've always looked at," says Anello, but he cautioned that while the potential new revenue source could be significant, it would take a unified approach by stakeholders to try and convince the state to partner up. A unified approach would be something new for Niagara Falls, a city with a history for political discord and failed initiatives.

There's no mention of any legislative support on either side of the political aisle in Piccirillo's post, and he works for an administration that has mostly played follow-the-leader when it comes to the state, most notably with the Senecas and major state-driven developments like the Hamister hotel. But sharing state parking revenue could be a godsend.

"They [the state] do very well with parking," says Anello, "and it could certainly produce a significant new revenue stream, something the city needs. But it will take more than a lone mayor to get anything done."

As part of his post, Piccirillo says the city needs to create a better financial relationship with New York State "that does not change on a whim." The community develop-

ment director in the Dyster Administration, Piccirillo's history and that of his mentor does not suggest independence although he may be trying to establish that image now that he's a candidate on his own.

In his words, he says the city would offer to match every dollar of parking-based revenue that the state offers, budgeting it in an infrastructure/neighborhood investment account. He advocates for the creation of a stakeholders group, including the Senecas, to guide how the investment funds would be spent.

This is coming from the member of an administration which has developed far less than a good working relationship with the Senecas, mostly dependent on the revenue sharing from the gaming compact to balance budgets, and not seeking common ground for expanding that relationship beyond casino dollars.

It should be noted here that as of this date, the Senecas have still not indicated whether or even if they are going to pay the state the money that a state arbitration panel ruled is owed under the compact from 2017 when they stopped making payments.

Right now, the city has relied on a \$12- million loan from New



The superb artist Gerald Skrlin presents another outstanding lampoon of mayoral candidate and Dyster lackey Seth Piccirillo. While some may say the cartoon is rather crude, let readers be reminded that under Dyster-Piccirillo the city plunged to the highest taxed, highest crime, highest unemployment, highest vacancy, fastest shrinking city in New York. A tremendous accomplishment considering Niagara Falls has the biggest tourist attraction and the greatest natural hydropower in the world.

York State to balance the 2019 budget pending the arrival of the casino money, if that happens. That uncertainty, along with a growing structural imbalance in the city budget that won't be fixed without reduced spending and new revenue, puts Piccirillo or whoever wins the mayoral race on the hot seat.

One can applaud Piccirillo's proposal, but it falls flat when not accompanied by any commitment

from any stakeholders of consequence, and none are included in his social media post. How will it come together, Mr. Piccirillo, when for the last 12 years there has been little commitment to putting together and nurturing relationships that could help in a rainy day? We'll have to see if he has anything more substantive to offer in the weeks leading up to the June primary.

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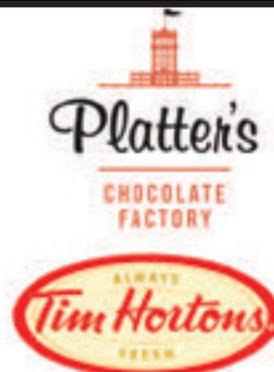


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Wilson: Lakeside Market

Youngstown: Anchor Spirits & Wines, Bandanas Bar & Grill, Public Library, Rite Aid, Village Diner

Highland Community Up in Arms Against Low-Income Mental Facility



Ken Hamilton

DePaul Properties, Incorporated's website touted that they DePaul Properties, Inc. creates and operates attractive, affordable housing solutions in urban, suburban and rural settings within environments that promote respectful community relationships. And they do; however, they certainly didn't "promote respectful community relationships" in their recent meeting held for the Highland Avenue neighborhood residents that attended their most recent meeting at the St. John's AME Church. It was clear that the election season now had yet another issue for which incumbents and candidates would have to address. That question is, "When is enough low-income housing enough?"

Despite protestations of the increase of low-income housing by Toronto's Norstar Development Corporation/Niagara Falls Housing Authority's uncompleted Center Court II, LLC project, and Rochester's

DePaul Properties coming in with another scheme to add to it and Norstar's Cornerstone Village project, residents were baffled by some of the speakers from DePaul who cited that they lost the opportunity to have done the project on property owned by NFR. Personally, I doubt if any serious dialogue had taken place at the site that that they cited, as it is clear to me that NFR wouldn't have been holding out and maintaining property to roll over into a mental health facility.

That's right, a mental health facility is what it would substantially have been there, and on Highland. But somehow, solace was to be taken by Highland residents in that they would not allow sexual predators to live in the facility, and that the reason why the Highland community was chosen as an alternative site was because Community Mission's distressed clients wanted to live in communities that were most like themselves.

It was bad enough that someone would cite such a reason as "like themselves" for building on Highland; and yes, race did come up. But it didn't appear to sink into the audience when it should have when the speaker first prefaced it by saying that their client, Community Missions having housing in both North Tonawanda, which is 95% white and less than 2% black, and in Niagara Falls where the population is 70% white and a whopping 22% black. Shamefully, this many years after the Civil Rights Act, was DePaul trying to intimate that after the polling of Community Mission's client base, white people with mental issues preferred to live in North Tonawanda and blacks with mental issues wanted to live on Highland? I certainly hope not.

Let me say that the folks at both DePaul and Community Missions have a very, very difficult job to do; and they do it to the best of their abilities. That's their job, and not only does my heart goes out to them, I support those good people the best that I can. But the city has over the years indeed not only put all of the elements in place to attract and keep the poverty industry going, but has also continued to add attractions for it.

Highland Avenue, Census Tract 202 – population roughly 2,600 people, has 2 medical arts building – Mount Saint Mary Hospital's and Community Health Clinic of Niagara (CHCN) which was supposed to have replaced the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center's Hamilton B. Mizer Clinic in the former 10th Street School Building on the campus. But what was tantamount to an eminent domain lawsuit forced a sunset clause on the funding, forcing them to site elsewhere. Because the former Center Avenue School site was available, the city made it possible for them to quickly move there. These were obviously strikes, not balls, as in 1942 the original projected-segregated Center Court project was cited on Center Avenue for the same reason – it was easier, as was the 2nd mistake HOPE-VI unnecessary replacement for the 1st mistake, and the 3rd in a row CHCN building. But it seems that while Highland has been striking out, DePaul is looking at the area as a grand slam. The recent meeting seemingly got them slammed.

In the subject of the Community Mission residents apparently directing DePaul, St. John's AME Church administrative assistant Denise Easterling chimed in and said, "And so, I really hear your concerns for your residents; but I have the same con-

cerns for the people that live here already. So, I need clarification; your residents and clients already have housing?"

The response was that they have housing in the community in which they are not really happy with. Easterling goes on to say that it sounds like it's a matter of convenience for some people [those who are serviced] and inconvenience for others [who are not serviced.] Her concerns were for the people that live in Highland already.

Easterling went on to mention the need for transportation services for those who already lived there, inferring the increased density in the new Center Court project. While I maintain that the Center Court project should likely have been placed at Packard Court, where transportation and other services have long been readily available, including the ability for parents to walk to their parent-teacher conferences for elementary school students at Niagara Street Schools [which itself was proposed for between Packard Court and the new high school], Gaskill Middle School and for Niagara Falls High School itself. But, again, it would seem that the expanding circle of Niagara's poverty is fueled by an accumulation of poverty services that, including the Gospel Rescue Mission – which I begrudgingly support -- only create more need rather than solutions.

I applaud community members for waking up and finally taking a stand against an increase of poverty. Further analyses will be forthcoming on what they want their neighborhood to be; and on if Niagara Falls wants to be a state of the art, water-wonderful tourist city, or merely the state's poverty pool.

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City Council Candidate Candace Corsaro

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I personally know how hard it is to live paycheck-to-paycheck, and sometimes making the tough decision between paying the electric bill and buying groceries. I did my fair share of penny pinching and going without.

I know that it will take years for savings accounts to build back up and families to feel stable again. This means that NOW is the time to face the challenges that threaten further damage to our local economy.

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Please give me your vote in our primary this June, and please give me some of your time this election season.

Thank you!



THE CRIME

WEEKLY HEADLINES

-Niagara Falls Police responded to reports of a suspicious person in the afternoon hours of Tuesday, March 19th, 2019. According to reports, Police pulled over a Ford Explorer with out of state license plates after receiving numerous complaints of two suspicious males going door-to-door aggressively trying to sell things. The two parties were warned to stop or face arrest.

-Niagara Falls Police responded to 22nd and Calumet Avenue in the afternoon hours of Tuesday, March 19th, 2019, after a school bus aide was threatened by a parent with a knife. According to reports, the parent allegedly grabbed the bus aide and pressed what the aide believed to be a knife up against his ribs. The parent only fled upon being told by the aide that he was being recorded. Police are continuing to investigate the incident and no injuries were reported to police.

-Niagara Falls Police responded to the Family Dollar on Main Street in the evening hours of Friday, March 22nd, 2019, after reports of an armed robbery. According to reports, the suspect entered the store and brandished a weapon while demanding money. It is unclear at this point how

much money the suspect took off with. Police are continuing to investigate the incident.

-Niagara Falls Police responded to the 1400 block of Ferry Avenue in the early morning hours of Saturday, March 23rd, 2019, after receiving reports of a stolen vehicle with a nine-year-old inside. According to reports, a Kia Optima was stolen and, unbeknownst to the thief, there was a nine-year-old girl inside. Upon learning that a girl was in the vehicle, the car thief pointed a loaded gun at her and directed her out of the vehicle, which she did. The vehicle was later recovered on the 1000 block of Garden Avenue and no injuries were reported of the child.

-Niagara Falls Police, Town of Niagara Police, County Sheriff's, Lewiston Police, Border Patrol and State Police responded to reports of a high speed chase in the early morning hours of Saturday, March 23rd, 2019. According to reports, one person was taken into custody after leading police throughout the City overnight. The chase came to an end on Hyde Park Blvd. near Maryland Avenue when the suspect's vehicle lost a tire after spike strips were utilized by law enforcement.

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Communism: We are against Communism as we see it as a failed economic concept, oppressive and murderous in intent.

The First Amendment: We are strong supporters of First Amendment Rights. We believe that the rights of even those who are critical of our government should be rigorously protected, so long as they voice their opinions in a civil and reasonable manner, and do not incite or threaten violence. However, just as they have a right to voice their opinions, we have a right to voice ours; and to evaluate their opinions, to shine light on them and to dismiss or accept them.

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Proposals Cont.



City Attorney Luke Brown.

during meeting and only use the city issued I-Pads.

City Attorney Luke Brown has been working on the two proposals.

Implementing formal rules for agenda items, which members of the Common Council have been calling for seemingly for over a year, is one such proposal.

The proposal would require the resolutions be introduced at a work session and then submitted to

the clerk's office no later than the Thursday before the meeting.

However, Brown says he and his staff found a set of rules and are unsure if they were ever put into law. Given the new development, more time was requested.

Also tabled was a proposal for Common Council members to put away cell phones during meetings.

Brown says it could be a violation of "Open Meetings Law" after looking into the matter.

"If there is a quadrium of Council Members engaged in a conversation concurrently that can be seen as an open meetings violation because then you are not discussing that in the open. So, I am hoping to get more clarification as to when that applies to text messages," said Brown.

For some council members it's not about the text messages but about following the rules and paying attention at council meetings.

"Whether you are pro I-Pad or pro phone, that is not what this is," said Erik Zadzilka, Common Council President. "It boils down to this. We have a device per protocol that

we are supposed to be using and unfortunately there is really no text messaging from your tablet."

Brown also went on to say that he needs more time to look into the matter. Whether or not it is a violation of the law or simply bad manners is something that he says needs to be researched a little more.

Also talked about at the meeting was whether or not to keep the currently recycling plan.

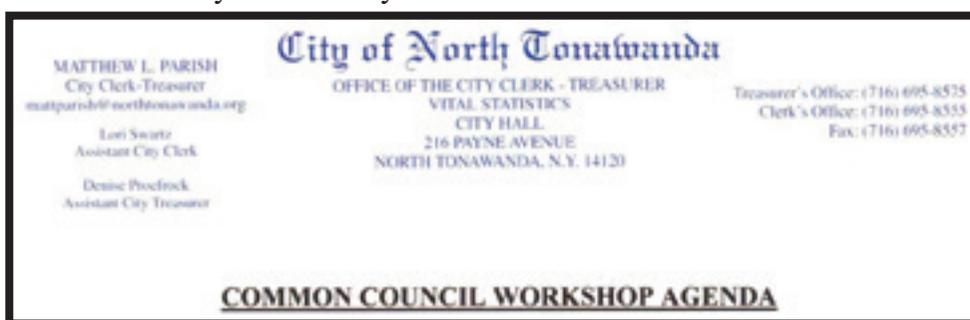
"With the recycling it is something that we have been working on," said Zadzilka. "Yes, it is getting costly to recycle but we want to be a green city. It is something that we have to look at more. Specifically what we can do as a municipality and what is the responsible thing to do for our environment and not just for the convenience of certain people."

Zadzilka says he is always



Alderman-At-Large, Austin Tylec, who has opposed any cell phone related rule after believing such proposal was politically aimed at him.

welcome to hear any ideas from residents on ways to improve the City and move it forward.

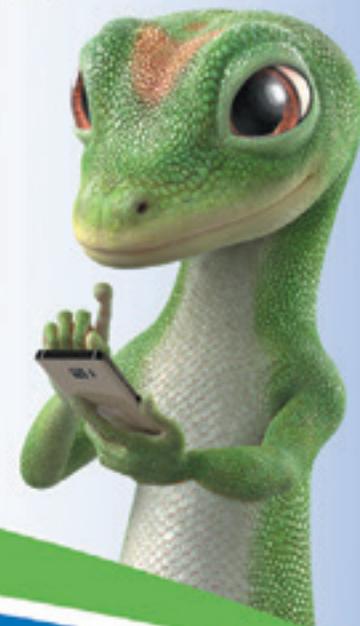
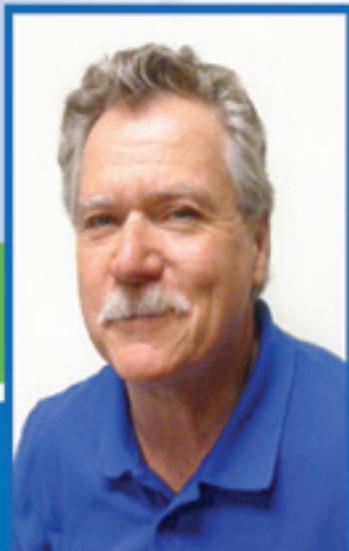


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Combatting Cuts in Local Schools



By: Brendan McDonough

Education cuts are hitting schools hard. In North Tonawanda leaders at the Christian Academy of Western New York says they are coming up with alternative way to offset those cuts.

On Saturday they held a basket raffle. It is one of 2 major fundraisers the school has every year. Rather than raise tuition prices they say money raised from the raffle, will be used instead of hiking prices.

“Because we are a Christian School we are not funded by the state, we are funded by tuition and fundraisers like this and donations from the community,” said Susan Woodward, Event Organizer.

Students from Pre-Kindergarten to 12th grade attend the school. Tuition is 4300 hundred dollars a year.

It’s well below the average cost for private elementary schools, which is at \$ 12,452 and private high school tuition is an average of \$ 23,834.

They are steep prices and to help keep them from climbing organizers says they tried to offer a little bit or something for everyone at the basket raffle.

“We have a large basket raffle that has a 15-foot kayak, we have concert tickets, we have an American Doll and everything in the large basket raffle is valued at over 100 dollars,” said Woodward.

They are hoping to raise as much as possible and even though the event ended Saturday, school officials say they are still accepting donations from the community.

The next fundraiser for the school will be sometime in the fall.



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The US and New York State Departments of Labor recognize and monitor registered skilled apprenticeship programs in NYS and throughout the United States. The Laborers’ International Union of North America publicly promotes our successful model of labor-management registered apprenticeship programs to combat the growing emphasis on employer programs supported by taxpayers.

What is Registered Apprenticeship?

It’s a job. Apprentices start working from day one with incremental wage increases as they become more proficient. **It’s on-the-job learning and education.** Registered Apprenticeship includes on-the-job learning from an assigned mentor combined with technical training provided by apprenticeship training centers, technical schools, community colleges, and institutions employing distance and computer-based learning systems. **It’s a credential.** At the end of the apprenticeship, all apprentices receive a nationally recognized credential. Some apprenticeship programs offer interim credentials as apprentices achieve important milestones during their apprenticeship.

What are some advantages of Registered Apprenticeship?

The benefits to employers are: more highly skilled employees, reduced turnover rates, higher productivity, lower investment in recruitment, a more diverse workforce, a new pool of workers and the creation of career pathways. The benefits to registered apprentices are: being nationally recognized and portable credentials, improved skills and competencies, higher wages as skills increase and career advancement.

Registered Apprenticeship programs are operated by partnerships of employers, labor management organizations and government. Apprenticeship sponsors – employers, employer associations and labor-management organizations – register programs with federal and state government agencies. Sponsors provide mentors, on-the-job learning opportunities and required technical instruction to apprentices. Incorporating Registered Apprenticeship directly into your workforce development system will strengthen your local and regional economy by offering highly trained and educated residents. Let Registered Apprenticeship be your competitive advantage. Laborers’ Local 91 accepts apprenticeship applications the first Tuesday of every month from 8 AM – 12 noon at our training facility located at 4500 Witmer Industrial Estates Niagara Falls, NY 14305.

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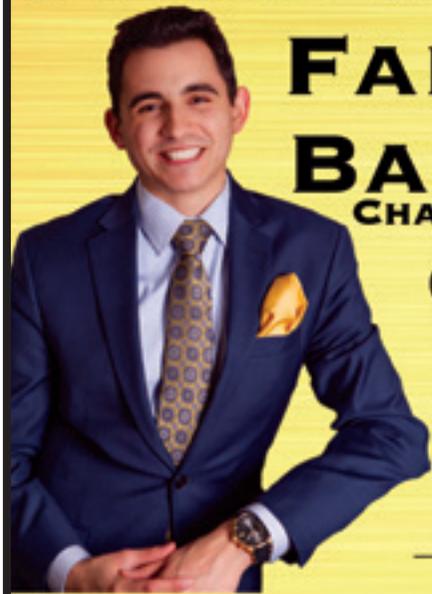
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