

May 18, 2007



## Unauthorized Items

There are no unauthorized items scheduled for Council next week.

## Information Items

### 1. Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week



To help promote awareness of the potentially catastrophic damage that the ash borer beetle is having on ash trees, the Mayor has proclaimed May 20<sup>th</sup> through May 26<sup>th</sup> "Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week." I've attached a copy of the press release that we've sent around to the media outlets for your information. You may also have noticed the signs and caution tape put out around the city advising residents to not transfer firewood that could be contaminated with the beetle. (attachment).

### 2. Board of Zoning Appeals Staff Report

Heather Phile has provided an agenda and staff report for the upcoming May 21, 2007 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting. There are 4 cases coming before the Board (541 Park Avenue non-conforming rental), (Riverside Wines parking variance request), (225 N. Willow Street side yard setback variance) and (MRF Machine setback variance). (attachment)

### 3. Turkish Police Delegation Visit



On Thursday, May 17 Chief Peach was honored with an unprecedented visit from the Assistant to the Minister of Interior and Head of the Republic of Turkey Inspectorate Board, Kerem Al. Accompanying him was the Turkish Nation Police Director of Foreign Relations, Dr. Gultekin. They arrived at Akron-Canton airport and drove to the Kent Police Department to meet and inspect our facilities/operations prior to visiting with the Ph.D. students of the TNP attending KSU.

The Minister of the Interior is responsible for the Turkish National Police (approx 200,000 members), the Turkish Coast Guard, and the Gendarmerie (rural police/soldiers – another 200,000). This was the first time the Assistant to the Minister had been to the United States so we did our best to be good hosts in honor of this very distinguished delegation and we made sure they left with Kent cultural gifts which were donated by the Kent Chamber.

### 4. Cuyahoga River Day



I've attached a short flyer announcing the 17<sup>th</sup> annual river day scheduled for Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 1 pm. City staff (Bob Brown) will be a part of this event that highlights and celebrates the work done to improve water quality of the Cuyahoga. With free family activities the event certainly seems to offer something for everyone. (attachment)