By MIKE BURKHOLDER

ST. MARYS — A lot acquired by the city of St. Marys via donation could one day be a home for a veteran.

Members of the St. Marys Community Improvement Corporation Tuesday afternoon approved a motion to offer the lot located at 220 Lynn St. to Lots for Soldiers at a price of $6,000. The offer has a six-month window to allow for Lots for Soldiers to raise the necessary funding to purchase the lot. The organization, which purchases and builds homes for veterans, recently built a home in Cüsseldorf, Germany, using funds from the city of St. Marys.

"I don’t think they’ll have any problems with that because St. Marys Community Improvement Corp. is a generous community and we want to be involved in stuff like this," Safety Service Director Greg Foxhoven said. When the city donated the property to the city, it came with $7,000 as well. The city removed the structure, transferred the property to the Community Improvement Corp. The group has been marketing the property for sale with little interest. Selling the parcel to Lots for Soldiers plus the $7,000 would net the city $13,000 for the lot.

St. Marys Development Manager Susan Crotty said Lots for Soldiers is looking for parcels in St. Marys. Once a lot is found, the group starts to raise money to purchase the parcel.

"It’s a great lot," Foxhoven said. "It’s in a nice location, a nice neighborhood. A lot of people will donate the cause."

For more information on Lots for Soldiers, visit LotsForSoldiers.com.

Crotty said she plans to present the St. Marys Board of Education with lease renewal agreement next week for use of the district offices on Spring Street, which is set to expire soon. The renewal will be the same as the current deal — five years at $1,000 per month. The matter is expected to be on the agenda at next week’s school board meeting.

"We’ve spent quite a bit of money renovating those offices," CIC President Kraig Noble said. "We certainly anticipated they would be there for a while. We have no indication they won’t be.

Upon renewal of the lease, the CIC will update the awning — a topic that was authorized in the past.

"If they agree to renew the lease, that aluminum awning will be replaced with a typical awning that will more match the historical nature of the building — maybe in the school colors," Noble said. "We have a quote on that for about $5,000."

Noble also gave an update on the recent acquisition of 207 E. Spring St., the former Party Shoppe store. The city recently accepted the loan the CIC money to purchase the property, which would then be leased out to Arts Place. An arts apartment would also be leased out, generating additional income for the CIC to repay the city’s loan.

An inspection of the building revealed a nice location, a nice neighborhood. A lot of people will donate the cause."

Medical condition cited in truck crash

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At 10:50 p.m. Monday, a driver crashed a truck belonging to Kinston Truck Center into a house in the 17000 block of state Route 196 in Wapakoneta.

According to Sergeant Westfield of the Ohio State Highway Patrol Wapakoneta Post, the driver, Glen Farley, 41, of Wapakoneta, blacked out while driving due to a medical issue and did not regain awareness until after the crash. A witness indicated the truck’s engine caught fire soon after colliding with the building.

At the scene were members of the Auglaize County Sheriff Department, Buckland Fire Department, Wapakoneta EMS and Sergeant Westfield of the Highway Patrol. The Wapakoneta Fire Department confirmed the EMS transported the driver from the scene. His condition was not released.

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American astronaut Neil Alden Armstrong was the first human to land on the Moon in the Apollo 11 spacecraft on July 20, 1969, at 20:18 UTC. When Armstrong put his left boot on the lunar surface, he spoke the famous words, “That’s one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind.”

Today marks Neil Armstrong’s 85th birthday and interestingly enough, if the number 85 is interpreted as the calendar date 8-5, it signifies his birth date, August 5. Isn’t this a unique coincidence?

In addition, if numbers 1 to 26 are assigned to the letters of the English alphabet, the number 85 is interpreted as such:

A = 1, B = 2, C = 3, etc. 85 corresponds to the difference of the sum of the numbers assigned to the letters “Arm” and “Armstrong” (which are 40 and 123 respectively). In other words, the product of the digits 8 and 5 is also 40, which coincides with the sum of the numbers assigned to the letters of Armstrong’s first name, “Neil.” (Also, the difference between 40 and its reverse (04) results in 36, which is the product of the numbers assigned to the letters of Armstrong’s middle name, “Alden.”)

Number 85 is also pressed in binary number system equal 1010101, a palindrome number. Interestingly enough, the sum of the numbers assigned to the letters of Neil Armstrong’s middle name, “Alden,” is 185 and its reverse (05) also equals 1010101 in binary which makes Armstrong’s 85th birthday even more special! Happy 85th birthday to the great honored man, Neil Armstrong.

Armstrong birthday of numerical significance

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