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# Tony Zajac to retire April 1st Cleveland

After nearly 30 years in public service as executive assistant in Cleveland City Council's Ward 12, Tony Zajac will formally retire on April 1, 2017.

Zajac came to City Hall in 1990 as executive assistant to former Councilman Edward Rybka and continued as the ward's executive assistant under current Councilman Anthony Brancatelli.

He graduated from John Adams High School in 1961 and shortly after began a career in banking at the former Cleveland Trust bank (Ameritrust/ Key Bank), where he worked for 30 years. He earned a degree from the American Institute of Banking and became the manager of the Broadway and Harvard branch before retiring.

A lifelong Clevelander, Zajac is an avid gardener with his home garden often on display during the neighborhood Gar- National Hall this Saturday at den Walk. He also is a Cleve- 11 a.m. The Summit is orgaland history buff with a focus nized by Broadway/Slavic Vilon industrial and historical lage community leaders and buildings. One of his greatest sponsored by Slavic Village hobbies is collecting postcards Development. The event is free and memorabilia of Cleveland. and open to the public.



#### **Tony Zajac**

He has more than 1800 engraved postcards, many of which are over 100 years old.

Zajac's work and dedication to his city will be recognized during the 20th annual Neighborhood Summit at Bohemian

# homicide victim identified

Cleveland police were called to a home in the 3400 block of East 51st St. in the North Broadway neighborhood on March 3rd, around 7:40 p.m., and found Jermaine Wagner, 42, inside the house with multiple gunshot wounds. He was taken to MetroHealth Medical Center where he was pronounced dead, according to the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner.

Police said a preliminary investigation indicates Wagner and his wife were involved in a verbal argument and she left the home. Some time later a small gray vehicle pulled up to the house and three males got out and went into the home. Neighbors heard gunfire and the males then left the scene.

No arrests have been made. The Homicide Unit will continue to investigate.

#### Garfield Heights. The following information was taken from a Garfield Heights police report.

On March 3rd, around 8:45 the area near Marymount Hos-

# **Missing Garfield Hts. teen**

Davyun Diggs, a 15-year-old girl from Garfield Heights, was reported missing by her family on February 22nd, and hadn't been home for about a week at the time of the report, said Garfield Heights Detective Ted Grendzynski. Her family told police they had been keeping in touch with her on social media until about Friday, March 3, when contact stopped.

Davyun Diggs Grendzynski said Davyun is a habitual runaway. He said a younger sibling saw her leaving through the basement window of the family's Thraves Avenue home last month.

She is 5'11", about 130 pounds. Anyone with information on Davyun's whereabouts is asked to call the Garfield Heights Detective Bureau at 216-475-5686.

### **Transportation Blvd. to get upgrade**

The city of Garfield Heights and the Ohio Department of Transportation will be widening Transportation Boulevard to Council also passed legislation authorizing the Cuyahoga improve traffic flow in the area. Construction should begin in

# S.V. Summit Saturday at Bohemian Hall

The 20th annual Slavic Village Neighborhood Summit, "Back to the Future," is set for this Saturday, March 11, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave.

All are welcome to fill the Slavic Village time capsule to be sealed in March and unsealed in the future! Arrive at the Summit with mementos of your family church, block club, street, school, business and social circle. Space in the capsule is limited; small items are preferred.

Keynote speaker at the event will be Richey Piiparinen, senior research associate, Center for Population Dynamics, Maxine Goodman, Levin College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State University. Lunch and networking immediately afterwards.

Refer any questions to Susan Gordon at Slavic Village Development, 216-429-1182, ext. 132,

# Woman injured during Garfield carjacking

A 41-year-old Maple Heights jumped on the hood of the car talking to her cousin. As they woman was injured after she as it was being driven away. was thrown from the hood of The caller told dispatch she her car during a carjacking in

was chasing after the suspect on E. 131st St. and Saybrook Ave. and said her cousin had been thrown off the vehicle near Marymount. The caller followed the suspect and saw the p.m., police were dispatched to driver pull into a driveway in the 13800 block of Willard Avpital after a woman called and enue, and as she attempted to was contacted by CMHA Police said her cousin's car had been turn around, the suspect and Cleveland police who instolen and her cousin had backed out of the driveway and formed them they had located fled the area. She attempted to the woman's vehicle disabled follow him but lost sight of the and abandoned in the 2500 vehicle.

> An officer arrived at Marymount and found the victim lying in the road in the McCracken and Henry intersection, with several people trying to help her. Police said she looked severely injured. She was taken to Marymount for treatment and later transferred to MetroHealth Medical Center.

The victim said had been vis-

were engaged in conversation, a man jumped into her car and began backing up. She said she jumped on the hood, but the man continued driving, and as he made a sharp turn on to Henry Street, she was thrown from the hood and hit her head on the pavement.

A short time later, dispatch block of E. 109th Street. CMHA officers said they were called to the scene for a shots fired report, and when they arrived they saw a man speeding away in the vehicle with heavy front end damage. He then parked the car and fled on foot, and officers were unable to catch him

While still at the scene, a woman said she was involved in a hit-skip with the same vehicle iting her mother at her apart- at E. 116th and Kinsman Avment on E. 126th Street and as enue. She said she followed the she was preparing to leave, she driver to E. 109th Street and left her car running and stood watched him flee the area. Ofoutside on the passenger side ficers continue to investigate.



# M.H. Council passes legislation to create a quarterly newsletter

#### By Judith Goldsworth

In the interest of publicizing information for the benefit of the city's residents, Maple Heights Council, at its March 1st meeting last week, passed a resolution to create "Maple Heights Headlines," a newsletter that will be published by The Neighborhood News on a quarterly basis.

At a cost of \$1000 per quarter, 7000 copies of the four-page newsletter will be published, according to the contract approved at the meeting. Citizens will be informed on city activities, administrative news, business development projects, senior news, safety news from police and fire, and council news, the resolution stated. The city will sell advertising to help defray costs.

SPRING FORWARD!! DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS THIS SUNDAY AT 2 A.M. Set Your Clocks Ahead Saturday Before Bed!

or via email, susang@slavicvillage.org.

County Board of Health to submit an application for the Safe late 2017 and be completed by the fall of 2018. Routes To School Travel Program, on behalf of the city, which is also working in conjunction with the Maple Heights City School District.

The federal government has set aside funding, which the city can apply for, through the Ohio Department of Transportation, to improve the safety of students traveling to and from school through construction projects. The city is applying for funds not to exceed \$400,000, to help pay the construction costs.

appointing the Consolo Law Firm Ltd., and law firm employees John Thomas and Christine Londrico, to both serve as assistant Frederick.alderman@ohm-advisors.com. Comments will be relaw directors and assistant prosecutors for the city. Also the city ceived until March 22, 2017. will pay a \$125 hourly rate for attorney representation in jury trials, according to the resolution.

Ulee as a part time maintenance man for the city, at the rate of \$15 an hour, working no more than 28 hours a week.

Council approved legislation for the city to contract with inSITE Advisory Group, LLC, to provide economic development services for Maple Heights, at an hourly rate of \$175, not to exceed \$17,500.

At the recommendation of Mayor Annette Blackwell, inSITE "will perform economic development services, including business representation and tax incentive negotiations, identifying and securing grants, tax credits and other incentives," and other services.

Marbury & Associates LLC will provide an employee assistance program to city employees, according to a resolution passed by council at last week's meeting.

Ja'Nitta Marbury, Ph.D., PCC-S, owner of Marbury & Associates, an Ohio supervising licensed professional clinical counselor, will provide counseling as part of the employee assistance program, which will offer diagnosis and testing of mental and emotional disorders, conflict resolution, anger management, and other counseling services.

Full time city employees will receive EAP sessions through health insurances, and will not charge the employee for the \$10 co-pay until after the 12th session, according to the legislation. Also, Marbury "will provide part time employees with six EAP sessions at a cost to the city of \$55 per session," and after the sixth session, could continue to receive services at \$55 per session out of their own pocket.

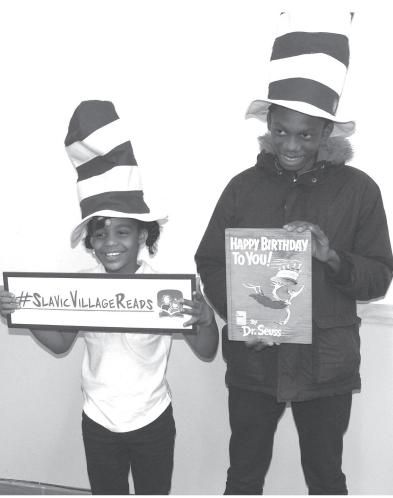
After taking it out of committee from last year, council passed an ordinance to enact a new chapter, "Nuisance Abatement," regarding "properties that require ongoing attention from building and fire inspectors, police officers or other governmental agencies for complaints," including criminal activity, disrepair, harm to quality of life, and draining of city resources.

Another piece of legislation regarding passage of the city's 2017 budget, which is in the area of \$19 million, was placed on second reading for further discussion and passage at a future meeting. Photo by Michael Psenicka

Transportation Boulevard improvements include widening the pavement along Transportation Boulevard from Granger Road to the I-480 bridge, widening the Transportation Boulevard bridge over I-480, minor modification of the I-480 westbound ramp at the intersection, and improving Transportation Bouldward's traffic signal coordination from Granger Boad to Boulevard's traffic signal coordination from Granger Road to the I-480 interchange.

Comments on this project by the public may be directed to Council passed legislation to pay a \$40,000 annual retainer Frederick Alderman, Assistant City Engineer, 5407 Turney Road, Garfield Heights, OH 44125, or 330-913-1056 or

### Another resolution passed at last week's meeting hired Robert **DR. SEUSS FUN AT LIBRARY**



As part of the Slavic Village Reads initiative, kids were invited to the Fleet Branch of the Cleveland Public Library last Thursday afternoon for "Seuss on the Loose," a birthday party for Dr. Seuss featuring storytime, crafts and a birthday cake. The youngsters on hand had a great time at the party!

# William Bican, former owner of

WILLIAM J. BICAN, JR., who lived in Slavic Village for over 70 years, passed away on March 3rd. He was 86.

Beloved husband for 68 years of Joyce (nee Lang); loving father of Bill (Betty), Ed (Karen), Mary Florek (Eddie), Donna Szczepaniak (Mike), George and Susie Kozora (Dave); dearest grandfather, "boompa" of Billy, Amy, Joe (Amy), Ed, Michelle Santo (Kevin), Shannan Weinschreider (Alan), Kevin DeGrood (MaryBeth), Melissa Zanny (Dave), Ed Florek, Mike Szczepaniak (fiancée Allie Granakis) and Stephanie Florek; great-boompa of 10; brother of Francis Bican (Carol), Bernice Roark (deceased) and Rita Zack (deceased).

Following in his father's footsteps, Mr. Bican was owner of Bican Bros. Funeral Home on Fleet Avenue from 1957 until his retirement in 1994. He was an usher and Eucharistic minister at St. John Nepomucene Church, and a member of the following: Knights of Columbus, Holy Name Society, St. John Men's Club, Czech Catholic Union, Ceska Sin Karlin Club and Knights of St. John's. He loved to golf, bowl, play softball and poker.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held today, Wednesday, March 8, at 11 a.m. at St. John Nepomucene Church, 3785 Independence Rd., Cleveland. Meet at the church. Interment in St. Mary Cemetery.

At the request of the family, memorial contributions may be made in William's memory to St. John Nepomucene Parish.

# **Union Miles awards fundraiser**

Save the date for Union Miles Development Corporation's 15th annual awards fundraiser, "Connecting Rich History to a Bright Future," set for Saturday, May 13.

The event will be held from 6-9 p.m. at Cleveland Marriot East, 26300 Harvard Rd., Warrensville Heights.

The 2017 award recipients include: Randell McShepard, Distinguished Achievement Award; Khalid Samad, Civic Leader of the Year Award; Joan Myers, Community Advocate Award; Kiara Francis, Inez Killingsworth Youth Award; and Housing First Network, Partnership Award.

For tickets call 216-341-0757. Sponsorship information can be found at www.unionmiles.org.

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#### THE NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

# **Community** calendar

NOTE: A new N.N. policy is now in place for Community Calendar submissions. Events that are free and open to the public will be printed in this section free of charge. Any event that costs money to attend must be submitted as a display ad (minimum \$40). In addition, the event notice will also be printed one time free of charge in the calendar section. Call The N.N. with questions or for further details, 216-441-2141, or email to: nnews1923@aol.com.

#### Wednesday, March 8

#### G.H. Woman's Club Meets

The Garfield Hts. Woman's Club will meet Wednesday, March 8, at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. There will be a guest speaker from the Cuyahoga Valley Railroad discussing events the railroad has hold Fish Fry dinners on Friplanned for this year. Refreshments will be served. New mem- 4-7 p.m. in the parish hall. bers always welcome. Call club Menu: crispy cod with pirohi president Debra Sarnowski for or fries, shrimp dinners or more info, 216-587-0083.

#### Thursday, March 9

#### **Blood Drive**

Remington College Cleveland Campus, 14445 Broadway Ave., will host a 3 Lives Blood Drive for minority blood donors on Thursday, March 9, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. While the focus of 3 Lives is to increase the number of minority donors, everyone is encouraged to donate.

#### Donors must be 17 or older and weigh a minimum of 110 pounds. For more info visit www.3Lives.com.

### Friday, March 10

#### St. Andrew Fish Fry

St. Andrew Church on Maple Park Drive in Maple Hts. will days, March 10 and 24, from combos. Takeout available. tions. Free. All welcome, includ-216-475-9365.

#### Saturday, March 11

#### **Emotions Anonymous Meets**

The Garfield Hts. Emotions Anonymous meeting will be held Saturday, March 11, at 11 a.m. in Marymount Hospital's Board Room, 12300 McCracken Rd., Garfield Hts. Directions available at the from desk of the main building. The group meets every Saturday morning.

#### ADVERTISE! Call 216-441-2141



#### Washington Park Community School 4000 Washington Park Blvd., Newburgh Hts. is now conducting **OPEN ENROLLMENT** for the 2017-2018 school year for Kindergarten through 8th Grade • Enrollment Process open February 21st - March 10th

# Monday, March 13

#### **Slovak Easter Traditions**

Mary Jo Mallchok will discuss Easter traditions in Slovakia and will demonstrate an Easter egg decoration technique developed by her mother on Monday, March 13, following the 6:30 p.m. Cleveland-Bratislava Sister Cities, Inc. meeting at the Garfield Hts. Library, 5409 Turney Rd. Attendees will color an egg and discuss family tradiing children. 216-228-8179.

#### Tuesday, March 14

#### S.V. Garden Meeting

A Slavic Village Community Garden meeting will be held Tuesday, March 14, at 5:30 p.m. at the Fleet Branch Library, 7224 Broadway Ave. Plots are available for all levels of gardening experience. A guest speaker will discuss the benefits and management of community gardening. All are welcome. Details, 440-417-3939.

Cleveland Clinic will present 'Chronic Stress: Take Charge of Your Health" on Tuesday, March 14, from 6-7 p.m. at the Maple Hts. Library, 5225 Library Ln. This educational program will provide ways to get stress under control and health registration is required by calling 216-575-5000 or visiting www.clevelandclinic.org/ communityevents.

#### Wednesday, March 15

#### G.H. Chamber Meeting

The Garfield Hts. Chamber of Commerce Luncheon Meeting will be held Wednesday, March 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall, 10806 Granger Rd. The Cleveland Metroparks will present an informative look back on its first 100 years. Cost, \$15. RSVP chamber.com or 216-475-7775. March 16, at 7 p.m. in Bedford

# WANTED

The GHCC annual Awards Din- City Hall's Council Chambers, July 2017.

#### Arch Park Meeting

Slavic Village Development, 5620 Broadway Ave., in the second floor conference room. SVD was awarded funding for a green infrastructure project at the corner of E. 49 St. and Broadway Ave. View the design and discuss future amenities.

#### **CCC Calcutta Auction**

Cleveland Central Catholic High School will host its 14th annual Calcutta Auction on Wednesday, March 15, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Wasmer Ironman Čenter, 6550 Baxter Ave. Tickets, \$50, includes buffet dinner, drinks and valet. To purchase visit www.central catholichs.org/calcutta2017 or call 216-441-4700, ext. 231.

#### Garfield Hts. United Meets

Garfield Hts. United, a group of concerned Garfield Hts. residents, will meet Wednesday, March 15, from 6-8 p.m. at the Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd., to discuss city issues. All are welcome. Attendees are asked to bring a nonperishable food item to be donated to the Garfield Hts. food bank. James Feeney, 216-856-4628.

#### **St. Hyacinth Meeting**

A neighborhood meeting for residents of the St. Hyacinth area in Cleveland will be held Wednesday, March 15, at 6 p.m. at Elizabeth Baptist Church, 6106 Francis Ave. Ja'Ovvoni Garrison, mayoral candidate for john.R@slavicvillage.org.

#### Ward 12 Dems Meet

Cleveland's Ward 12 Democratic Club will meet Wednesday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. at Scorcher's, 3662 E. 65th St., upstairs. New officers will be sworn in. All Ward 12 Democrats are welcome to join the club.

#### Thursday, March 16

#### **Bedford Ward Meeting**

The city of Bedford will host a ward meeting for residents in

ner has been rescheduled for 165 Center Rd. A portion of the meeting will be dedicated to discussing the upcoming income tax increase issue on the An Arch Park Preview Design May 2, 2017 ballot. The mayor, Meeting will be held Wednes- council representatives, city day, March 15, at 5:30 p.m. at manager and department directors will be in attendance.

#### Friday, March 17

#### St. Patrick's Day Mass, **Breakfast**

Holy Name Church, 8328 Broadway Ave., Slavic Village, will host a St. Patrick's Day Mass and Breakfast on Friday, March 17. Mass, 9 a.m.; breakfast to follow at 10 a.m., served familystyle. Adults, \$10; children 5-12, \$4; under five, free. Contact Presentation on Tuesday, Bonnie for tickets by March 12: 216-524-1233.

#### Saturday, March 18

#### **Kiwanis Garage Sale**

The Kiwanis Community Garage Sale will be held Saturday, March 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. istration required by March 14 at the Indy Field House at Independence High School, 6354 Selig Dr.

#### **Pancake Breakfast**

First Baptist Church of Bedford, 445 Turney Rd., will host a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 18, from 9-11:30 a.m. The cost is a nonperishable food item. The event will benefit the Hunger Center.

#### **Lupus Support Group**

The Lupus Foundation of America, Greater Ohio Chapter, will host its monthly Lu- and dessert. Reservations repus Support Group on Satur- quired by Monday, March 20, day, March 18, at the Maple by calling 216-447-0264. Hts. Library, 5225 Library Ln., from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. back on track. Event is free but the city of Cleveland, will at- Individual differences and tend. More information: confidentiality are respected. Most discussions focus on "howohio.org.

#### Night At The Races

Treatment Services (CATS) will those who have served our coun-Saturday, March 18, at Sterle's spouses and families. Free con-Country House, 1401 E. 55 St., tinental breakfast, haircuts, Cleveland, from 6:30-10 p.m. massages and additional offers General admission, \$35, in- available. Bring DD 214 or NGB cludes free coffee, iced tea, soda 22 discharge papers. If disand hors d'oeuvres; cash bar; charge papers are not available, required at www.garfield Wards 3 and 4 on Thursday, 11 races; 50/50 raffle boards, Chinese raffles and more. Name the military personnel. RSVP your own horse or sponsor a required by communityassessment.org/ race-page or 216-206-5209.

LET'S DO LUNCH!

(For a small donation)

#### Monday, March 20

#### **Community Awareness** Meeting

The Garfield Hts. Ward 6 Community Awareness Meeting will be held Monday, March 20, at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. Guest speaker will be County Councilman Pernel Jones, Jr. Everyone welcome. www.MattBurke Ward6.com.

#### **Tuesday, March 21**

#### **Wellness Presentation**

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC), in collaboration with the Cleveland Clinic, will host a free Community Wellness March 21, from 1-2 p.m. at CVCC, 8001 Brecksville Rd., Brecksville. Learn about commonly used methods to sleep and insights into alternative solutions to sleep more soundly through the night. Light re-freshments will be served. Regat http://tinyurl.com/CVCC-3-21-17 or by emailing Marie Elias at melias@cvccworks.edu.

#### Sunday, March 26

#### Sokol Sunday Dinner

Sokol Greater Cleveland will host its monthly ethnic dinner on Sunday, March 26, from 1-2:30 p.m. in the lower level dining room at Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave., Slavic Village. Enjoy roast pork, dumplings and sauerkraut. Cost, \$14, includes coffee, tea

#### Monday, April 3

#### **Military Resource Fair**

A Military Resource Fair will tos" of living with a chronic ill- be held Monday, April 3, from ness. Details: 1-888-NO-LUPUS 9 a.m. to noon, at the Indepenor visit www.lupusgreater dence Civic Center and the Independence Branch Library, 6363 Selig Dr. The free event will feature a variety of organi-Community Assessment and zations geared towards helping sponsor a Night at the Races on try, no matter what era, their bring the Social Security card of emailing race. Information or tickets: Rep06@ohiohouse.gov or MilitaryResourceFair@gmail.com, or by calling 614-644-6041.

# Stress Workshop





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#### **Genealogy Society Meets**

The Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society will meet Monday, April 3, at 7 p.m. in the Willow Room at the Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Dr. Topic: "Serendipity in Genealogy," by Margaret Cheney. All are welcome. Coffee and refreshments served. More info: 216-524-3162.

#### Sunday, April 9

#### **Candlelight Vigil**

Golubski Deliberato Funeral Home will offer its annual Vigil Light Ceremony for those who have experienced loss on Sunday, April 9, at 3 p.m. at the Garfield Hts. Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. All are welcome to this free ceremony; event will include a guest speaker. Seating is limited. Call 216-883-3900 to reserve a space or to reserve a vigil light if you are unable to attend.





The Lenten season has begun and the following restaurants, Rockside Rd., Garfield Heights, churches and organizations are serving from 4-7 p.m. on Frioffering delicious fish fry din- days in Lent through April 7. ners! See the Fish Fry ads on Handicapped accessible, dine Page 6 of this newspaper for in, carry out. more details on meatless Friday specials.

**49th Street Tavern,** 4129 E. 49 St., Cuyahoga Heights. Heights, serving from 5-7:30 Kitchen open Monday-Friday, 6 a.m.; weekends, 10 a.m. Serving assorted Lenten appetizers and dinners. Call ahead, 216-417-3102.

American Legion Post 309, 15521 Broadway Ave., Maple Heights, serving from 4-7 p.m. \$8. Open to the public. Carry outs available. 216-662-7768.

**Chris' Family Restaurant,** 84 Broadway Ave., Bedford, serving all you can eat fish fry dinners for \$6.99 on Wednesday and Fridays until 4 p.m. 440-786-1007.

Garfield Kitchen, 4912 Turney Rd., Turneytown Shopping Center, Garfield Heights, serving all you can eat fish frys after 11 a.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays for \$6.99.216-441-2467.

Harry's Steakhouse, 5664 Brecksville Rd., Independence. Fish frys served every Wednesday and Friday in Lent for \$12.99.216-524-5300.

Holy Name Society of Holy Name Church, 8328 Broadway Ave., Cleveland, Fridays only through April 14, from 3-7 p.m. in V.V. closed Basic fish dinner starts at \$8.50. 216-271-4242.

Jennings Auditorium, 10204 Granger Rd., Garfield Heights, days in Lent. Dine in, take out in Valley View. and all you can eat available. 216-581-2900 or jenningscenter.org/fishfry.

Polish Legion of American **Veterans**, 6009 Fleet Ave., Slavic Village, serving fish dinners on Fridays during Lent from 5-8 4), but closed Monday-Friday, p.m. Cost, \$9. Take outs, 216- through July 31. Following July 341-9556.

Red Chimney Restaurant, 6501 Fleet Ave., Slavic Village, serving all you can eat pollock for \$7.99 on Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent. 216-441-0053.

St. Monica Church, 13623

Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Activity Center, 4750 Turney Rd., off Dorothy Ave., Garfield p.m. Fridays in Lent through April 7. Eat in or take out.

Slovenian National Home, 3563 E. 80 St., Cleveland, offering Lenten fish frys and open bowling on Fridays, March 10 and 24, and April 7. Dinners served from 5:30-8 p.m. Open Fridays during Lent. Dinners, bowling, 6:30-11 p.m. Reservasides and extras from \$1.25 to tions encouraged, 440-773-7416.

> Venture Inn, 8602 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Heights, offering dinners starting at \$7.75; potato pancakes, \$6. Take outs welcome. 216-441-2042.

### **Block watch** E. 63 St.

The East 63rd Street Block Club will meet Thursday, March 9, at 7 p.m. at St. Stanislaus School, 6615 Forman Ave. A 50/50 raffle will be held. All are welcome.

# **Section of Towpath Trail**

through March 2018 between serving from 4:30-7 p.m. Fri- Hillside Road and Stone Road for prizes.

> From now through Friday, May 26, 2017 the trail section will be completely closed. Beginning May 27, the trail will be open on weekends and holidays (May 29, July 3, and July 31,2017 a complete closure will again be in effect. There will be



The eighth grade boys basektball team at St. Benedict School in Garfield Heights, shown above, are CYO champions after defeating St. Joan of Arc on Sunday, March 5, with a score of 63-35. The championship win capped off an undefeated season for the team, made up of the following seventh and eighth graders: Mickey Majoros, Michael Wilson, Ricky McLeod, Joe Nealon, BJ Busbee, Jamir Duffy, Jon Caver and Alex Papesh. The team is coached by Jim Stoltz and Jeff Majoros.

# **Independence to offer wellness** challenge beginning March 21st

laborating to bring a free 6-week wellness challenge initiative called the "Spring Into Wellness Challenge," open to all individuals, residents and non-residents. You do not need to be a member of the Independence Civic Center to participate.

Participants will track their is required by calling the Indeinvolvement in a series of The Ohio & Erie Canal Tow- wellness activities revolving path Trail will be closed now around physical fitness, chronic 312-5640; or www.cleveland disease and wellness activities clinic.org/springintowellness.

> Every Tuesday, from March 21 through April 25, from 6:30

The Cleveland Clinic and the to 8 p.m. at the Independence city of Independence are col- Fieldhouse, 6354 Selig Blvd., Independence, the Cleveland Clinic will host a weekly health conversation followed by a different group exercise hosted by fitness instructors. Complementary health screenings will also be offered to all participants on March 21st.

Registration for the initiative pendence Civic Center, 216-524-3262; Jeff Jameyson at 216-

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# close March 20th

The next phase of the Cleveland Innerbelt Modernization organizations will be on site to Plan is getting underway. Crews interview students for full-time, will begin construction by clos- part-time and seasonal employing the Broadway Avenue (SR ment opportunities. For more 14) entrance ramp to I-77 south information, including a list of on March 20th in order to build participating businesses and ora new frontage road along the ganizations, visit www.cvcc west side of I-77.

districts/D12.

# CVCC job fair March 16th

ter (CVCC) will host a Student cvccworks.edu for additional Job Fair on Thursday, March information.

16, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at its campus located at 8001 Brecksville Rd., Brecksville. CVCC invites all students age 16 and older to attend this free event held in the CVCC Commons.

Area businesses and non-profit works.edu/studentjobfair.aspx.

The new frontage road will CVCC invites employers and run parallel to I-77 and connect organizations in all fields with Broadway Avenue and Pershing positions available for students Avenue where traffic will then age 16 and older to participate be able to enter I-77 south- in the Job Fair. A \$30 registrabound. All work is weather per- tion fee for employers is remitting. More information can quired, which includes a 6-foot befound at www.dot.state.oh.us/ table, refreshments and event promotion.

CVCC encourages employers to register as soon as possible. Those interested must register online at www.cvccworks.edu/ studentjobfair.aspx, or contact Cuyahoga Valley Career Cen- Nanci Coleman at ncoleman@



Reddi's Pizza Parlor, 5781 Dunham Rd., Maple Heights, offering white pizza, fish fry dinners and salmon. 216-663-6652.

St. Michael Church, 6540 Brecksville Rd., Independence, serving from 4-7 p.m. every Friday in Lent through April 7. Fish dinners, \$9. Dine in or carry out.

# Area blood donor sites

Those who qualify are encouraged to donate blood at one of the following American Red Cross donation sites:

Valley View Community Center, 6828 Hathaway Rd., on Friday, March 17, from 2-7 p.m. or Independence Community Center, 6363 Selig Dr., on Monday, March 27, from 1-7 p.m.

For eligibility guidelines, more information, and a complete list of donation sites, visit redcrossblood.org.

no detour available.

The temporary closure is necessary for public safety while a contractor with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District performs major river bank stabilization work along the Towpath Trail.

For more information visit www.nps.gov/cuva or call 330-657-2752.

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#### By Amber Weisbarth

**Breaking and Entering** 

On February 28th, a resident of the 4900 block of E. 108th St. told police he discovered someone had broken into his garage. He said nothing appeared to be missing, but the garage door lock had been pried open. He told police he plans on replacing the lock and installing motion sensor lights at the back of the property.

#### OVI

Police were dispatched to the E. 134th St. and Bangor Ave. area around 2:15 a.m. on March 6th for a report of a vehicle that struck a garage and was in someone's front yard. A witness told dispatch the driver and two passengers walked away from the scene. As police arrived, the witness gave a description of the male and two female suspects and their direction of travel.

Officers located three people matching the description on Willard Ave. Two of the suspects followed police orders and were immediately detained, while the third suspect, the woman suspected to be the driver, was hiding behind a parked van. After several verbal commands to show herself, she eventually surrendered and was detained.

Police spoke to the driver, 25, of Bedford, who was highly intoxicated and smelled of alcohol. Police said she had visible injuries from the accident and she was taken to Marymount Hospital. The male passenger, 22, of Maple Heights, was also highly intoxicated, as well as the female passenger, 25, of Maple Heights. Police said she was highly uncooperative and repeatedly used profanity towards officers. The pair were arrested and charged with intoxication.

The 25-year-old driver refused to speak to officers at Marymount and refused any alcohol testing. She was issued two citations for OVI and failure to control.

#### **Pedestrian Struck**

On February 28th, around 2:55 p.m., a 57-year-old Garfield Heights resident was driving eastbound on McCracken Rd. and innovative writing techniques was making a left turn onto Turney Rd. on a green light. As a 14year-old boy was crossing the street in the crosswalk, the driver struck the boy. He was taken to Marymount Hospital for possible tion required. injuries. The driver was cited for failure to yield to a pedestrian.

#### Shoplifting

Police were called to the CVS store on the corner of Turney and Granger rds. on March 2nd, around 5 p.m., for a shoplifter still inside the store. The manager said he recognized the woman as a previous shoplifter at the store. He saw the woman concealing items inside a bag, then hiding the bag behind dog beds. She exited the store without the bag and officers spoke to her.

The woman, 44, of Sagamore Hills, told police she is always accused of shoplifting, but that she only hides the items so she can come back later with a coupon to buy them. The manager of CVS said someone else comes into the store, gets the bag and leaves without paying while the woman distracts a cashier. He said he has video footage of the woman previously shoplifting in that manner. Total amount of merchandise concealed, nearly \$260. Police found the woman to have several outstanding warrants and she was arrested and issued a summons for theft.

#### Theft

• Police were called to the Salvation Army store in Turneytown Shopping Center on February 27th, around 5:55 p.m., and spoke

\$150. The woman, 35, of Cleveland, was arrested, charged with theft and held on a \$3500 bond.

•A resident of the 12900 block of Orme Rd. called police and said she had security camera footage of a male, possibly a juvenile, stealing delivered packages from her home on February 28th.

She said she received email confirmation her packages had been delivered around 5:30 p.m., but when she returned home around 9:55 p.m., the packages weren't there. When she watched her security camera footage, she saw the packages get delivered and concealed between her main door and screen door and at the same time, she saw a possible juvenile male in the area. Around 6:50 p.m., a male, who appeared to be the same one she saw earlier, goes to her home and carefully removes one of the packages. A car then drives by, which she thinks scared the male, but he carefully takes the rest of the packages and flees the scene. Police were given a copy of the footage and continue to investigate.

# LIBRARIES PLAN SPECIAL PROGRAMS

#### BEDFORD

The Southeast Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Li-Columbus Rd. To register or for more info, call 440-439-4997 or visit cuyahogalibrary.org.

 Friends of the Library Book Sale, Saturday, March 11, 9a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 12, 1 to 4 p.m.

•Creative Writing Workshop, Saturday, March 11, 1 p.m., adults. Join creative writer, poet and Bedford language arts teacher, Jamie Cole, to discover that encourage creativity and stimulate imagination. Registra-

• Make-It-Take-It Craft, Monday, March 13, 3 p.m., grades K-5. Drop in and make a fun spring craft to keep or share.

•Community Conversations: The Surprising Habits of Registration required. Original Thinkers, Monday, March 13, 7 p.m., adults. Organizational psychologist Adam Grant studies "originals:" thinknals-including embracing fail- www.cpl.org. ure. Join the community conversation after this TED Talk.

Tournament, Tuesday, March ing fun stories, singing songs 14, 3:30 p.m., grades 6-12. A and rhymes, Super Sleuths will fun competitive edition of Su- look further into their stories

gines to find what you're looking for. Prerequisite: Computers 101 or experience using a mouse. Registration required.

• Coffee with the Counselors, brary is located in Bedford at 70 Wednesday, March 15, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Glendale guidance counselor Bridget Graham and Central guidance counselor Lisa Adamson will be on hand to meet with parents and guardians. Talk with the counselors and learn how you at home can help your child get the most out of the education offered at school. Conducted and sponsored by Bedford City School District.

> Women and Money - Money Smart Week, Wednesday, March 15, 7 p.m., adults. The Society for Financial Awareness will share what every woman should know for financial success. Representatives will discuss developing a spending plan, retirement planning, investments and estate planning.

#### **CLEVELAND**

The Cleveland Public Library's Fleet Branch, 7224 Broadway ers who dream up new ideas Ave., Slavic Village, will offer and take action to put them the following programs. To reginto the world. In this talk, learn ister or for more information, three unexpected habits of origi- call 216-623-6962 or visit

•Super Sleuth Readers, Fridays only through March 31, •Super Smash Bros. Mini 11:30 a.m., ages 3-5. After read-



### Library programs

#### (Continued from Page 4)

Monday, March 13, 4 p.m. Create your own doodlebud with a cup, markers and your imagination.

4:30 p.m., all ages. Experiment drop-in orientation for the Inwith a variety of computer pro- novation Center. Expect sesgrams, software and 3D printing technology to create unique utes. Come early to ensure a pictures, songs, art and more.

•Tea Tuesday, March 21, 4 p.m. It's tea time at Fleet! Enjoy a cup of tea, a snack and an Wednesday, March 15, 6:30 activity.

#### **GARFIELD HEIGHTS**

The Garfield Heights Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public tions. Previous orientation re-Library is located at 5409 Turney Rd. To register or for more info call 216-475-8178.

• Teen Art Club, Wednesday, March 8, 7-8 p.m. Looking for a new way to express yourself? Join the Teen Art Club! Experiment with new techniques and by John Green. mediums each month. Participants may be recorded and/or surveyed. Info: cuyahoga library.org/parent-options.

a loved one or just for fun. Bring cloud, lit by an LED, that they birds are likely to be seen in our your own shirt or one will be can clip on to their collar or area, where to see birds and provided. This craft involves backpack and take home. A what to plant to attract birds to simple sewing.

• Innovation Center Orientation, Saturday, March 11, 9:30-•Media Mondays, March 20, 10:30 a.m., ages 18 and up. A sions to last between 30-45 minspot. Bring library card or photo ID with you.

> •Drop In and Innovate, p.m. This one-hour session provides one-on-one help to get your projects rolling with some basics and staff will answer quesquired.

> cussion, Wednesday, March 15, 7-8 p.m. Discuss new and classic Young Adult books. Adults and teens welcome! March title: "The Abundance of Katherines,"

•LED Cloud Workshop, Wednesday, March 15, 7-8:30 p.m., ages 11-18. Join Progressive Arts Alliance for an explo-

ture making a small teddy bear ating a small cloud sculpture. backyard a haven for wildlife, mediums, such as paint, pastels brary and your local school disout of an old t-shirt! Make it for Participants will create their own how to read a field guide, what Form is required.

#### **INDEPENDENCE**

The Independence Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 6361 Selig Dr., will offer the following programs. Call 216-447-0160 or visit www.cuyahogalibrary.com for MAPLE HEIGHTS more details or to register.

•Teen Book Discussion, Thursday, March 9, 3:30 p.m., grades 5-9. Enjoy food and fun brary Ln. To register for any of and discuss a different book the following programs, call each month! Stop by the library 216-475-5000. to pick up the March title.

•Young at Heart Book Dis- Irish, Thursday, March 9, 7 p.m. Many immigrants sailed vited for pizza and engaging to America, the "new world." One immigrant group, the Irish, ily. Learn about different redug the Ohio & Erie Canal, sources and ideas to help your Cleveland Clinic hosts this free opening the state up to the rest students succeed in life and meet of the union. Celebrate the con- other people from your commutribution of all immigrants to nity to share ideas and support. the valley and the nation. Performed by costumed characters.

•Birding for Beginners, Mon-•Evening Art: T-Shirt Teddy, ration of simple circuits and art days, March 13, 20 and 27, 6-Thursday, March 9, 7-8:45 p.m. making. Students will learn 7:30 p.m. Learn the basics of tions. Examine the works of art preschool or child care center, Ave., Slavic Village. Play for free; This adult craft night will fea- about simple circuits while cre- birding and how to make your masters and explore various Cuyahoga County Public Li- winners will receive prizes.

Release and Hold Harmless your yard. Note: Week 3 will be spent outdoors.

> Book Discussion, March 15, 7:15 p.m.; March 16, 2:15 p.m. A casual and lively book discussion of "My Beloved World" by Sonia Sotomavor.

The Maple Heights Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library is located at 5225 Li-

• Engage with Me, Thursday, •Campfire: Celebrate the March 9, 6:30 p.m. Families of students in grades K-8 are inconversation for the whole fam-

> •Art Experiences, Friday, March 10, 4 p.m., grades K-8.

and clay. All materials included. trict invites you to join the Kin-

• Operation Ownership, Saturday, March 11, 10 a.m. A three-part series on how to prepare for buying a house. Topics include establishing credit, •Wednesday and Thursday money management and purchasing a home.

> • Studio Saturday, March 11, 2:30 p.m., grades K-5. Enjoy a St. Stanislaus story and a chance to create something amazing!

 Monday Morning Book Lovbooks.

•Messy Monday, March 13, 7 Grandmother's Club p.m., newborn to eight years with a caregiver. Enjoy stories, creative playtime and leave the mess at the library.

•Chronic Stress: Taking Immaculate Heart Charge of Your Health, Tuesday, March 14, 6 p.m. The program to educate you on ways to get your stress under control and your health back on track.

•Kindergarten Club, Tuesday, March 14, 6:45 p.m. If you Bingo on Wednesdays from 1-Engage your imaginative self have a child entering kinder- 2:30 p.m. at Stella Walsh Recrewith open-ended art explora- garten this fall who is not in a ation Center, 7345 Broadway

dergarten Club for free food, fun and family activities. There will be free books for children and a family prize for attending.



The St. Stan's Golden Agers will meet Thursday, March 9, at 1:30 p.m. in the Social Center ers, Monday, March 13, 10 a.m. on Baxter Ave. Members will A lively discussion of good enjoy a light lunch, games and raffle after the meeting.

The Grandmother's Club will songs and a fun activity. Share a meet Thursday, March 16, at 11:30 a.m. at Cuyahoga Heights Village Hall, 4863 E. 71 St.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Golden Agers will meet on Tuesday, March 21, at 11:30 a.m. in the parish hall.

#### Bingo

Seniors are invited to play





# **GHWC seeks formal dresses**



The Garfield Heights Woman's Club has been collecting formal dresses to donate to Rockin' Frocks, an organization that provides young women with formal dresses for many occasions. Shown above, from left, is project organizer Emily Kondash and GHWC members Carol Stolarski, Beverly Cigoi, Debra Sarnowski, Sally Templeton, Mary Forsythe and Barbara Kozma, with some of the dresses that have been donated.

The Garfield Heights Woman's Club will celebrate 50 years strong by collecting dresses to pass along. Those with unwanted, clean, gently used formal dresses are encouraged to donate. The dresses will be sent to Rockin' Frocks at the end of April.

Originally a Girl Scout project, Rockin' Frocks is now a nonprofit organization that provides formal and cocktail dresses, as Indy Kiwanis well as homecoming, prom and wedding dresses to young women. Their mission is to provide formal attire for every young woman who deserves a chance to shine.

Dresses and/or donations can be dropped off at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd., on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m., or at the dropbox at Garfield Heights Branch Library, 5409 Turney Rd. Organizers have already collected over 50 dresses.

For more information call 216-587-3681 or 216-587-0083, or visit www.rockinfrocks.org to learn more.

# 60 confirmed fatal overdoses for February in Cuyahoga County

Cuyahoga County Medical graphics include 36 Cleveland Examiner Dr. Thomas Gilson residents and 24 suburban resirecently announced Cuyahoga County experienced at least 60 confirmed fatal overdoses in February due to heroin, fentanyl or a combination of the two.

This marks the single highest At least 70 cocaine-related monthly fatality rate in deaths have occurred in 2017, Cuyahoga County's history, pre- with at least 50 being mixed viously experienced in Septem- with heroin, fentanyl or both. ber 2016 (57 fatalities). Seven February cases are still pending further toxicology testing, which may cause the monthly total to increase.

At least 109 victims have died in the first two months of 2017 from heroin, fentanyl or a combination of the two. In 2016, 57 victims died from heroin, fentanyl or a combination of the (ACE) group will meet Wednestwo in the first two months.

dents.

February also suffered 35 cocaine-related deaths, with 26 being mixed with heroin, fentanyl or a combination of the two.

For additional information and to view the complete report, visit http://medical examiner.cuyahogacounty.us.

# **Church news**

#### **ACE Presentation**

The Adult Catholic Education day, March 22, at 7 p.m. at St. Michael Church, 6912 Chestnut Rd., Independence, to discuss "Consumerism vs. Compassion."

### Creating 'Kingdom' Communi- and Chicken BBQs are used for Bill Morrison, 216-721-0943; ing T-Ball signups. Registration March 25, from 8:30 a.m. to opment, Easter Egg Hunt, Fish-3:30 p.m. at Marymount Con- ing Derby, Key Club, Lend-Avent, 12215 Granger Rd., Hand, library books and high Garfield Hts.

Fee, \$25, includes lasagna lunch. Deadline to register, March 15. Send name, phone number and address, along with payment made payable to Sisters of St. Joseph, Third Order of St. Francis, to Sr. Joyce Holkamp, 12215 Granger Rd., Garfield Hts., OH 44125. Also specify vegetarian or gluten free.

# **AARP** news

#### **Chapter #4164**

Garfield Heights AARP Chapter #4164 will meet Friday, March 10, at 1 p.m. at the Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day and wear green! Bingo will be played. New members always welcome.

# pancake breakfast

The Kiwanis Club of Independence will hold its 62nd annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 19, at a new location, the Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Dr., serving from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under, and may be purchased from any Independence Kiwanis member or at the door. Kiwanis will be serving pancakes, including blueberry and chocolate chip, along with sausage, juice and coffee.

Proceeds from fundraisers such as the Pancake Breakfast

ties within an Emerging many Kiwanis service projects, Bill Gutermuth, 216-973-8282; Church," with Fr. Michael including Young Children Pri- or visit www.independence for any boy or girl age 5-7 on or Crosby, will be held Saturday, ority One, Community Devel- kiwanis.com. school scholarships.

# **Rec Center news**

Center, 5411 Turney Rd. in more info visit garfieldhts.org For more information contact Garfield Heights, is now offer- or call 216-475-7272.

for the Rec's T-Ball program, before July 1, is being held now through March 31. Fee for residents, \$30; nonresidents, \$60. Season begins mid-April and The Dan Kostel Recreation will conclude late-June. For

# Woodside seniors have active start to new year

Woodside Senior Living Activities Director Vicki Cravne reported a schedule packed full of programs for residents during the first two months of the New Year.

January kicked off with Jamie Milkovich providing an original, archival newspaper presentation offering an in-depth look at the charismatic and tragic lives of the Kennedy family. A special Martin Luther King, Jr. recognition marked the famed civil rights leader's birthday and a chili cook-off, a Mad Hatterthemed happy hour and a Chinese New Year's celebration closed out an eventful month.

African American history was recognized during February by a wide variety of programs highlighted by resident testimonials on subjects such as the Underground Railroad and famous opera singers. A Super Bowl party, a Black History Month Poster Contest won by Matt Dunlap and another original newspaper presentation on American Presidents by



Shown above showing off posters in the Black History Month Poster Contest at Woodside are, from left: Alphine Glenn, Activities Director Vicki Crayne, and Matt Dunlap, who won the contest.

Jamie Milkovich provided indoor activities to warm up the wintery month.

Weekly crochet club meetings, "Learn the Bible" programs and piano concerts were also on the agenda at Woodside.

A bit of exciting news came last month when it was announced that resident Tom Toohig would be inducted into the Ohio High School Athletic Association Officials Hall of Fame.

Woodside Senior Living is located on twenty acres at 19455 Rockside Rd., Bedford.





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February residential demo-

# Newburgh Hts. soccer sign ups

Newburgh Heights soccer sign ups will be held today, March 8th, from 7-8 p.m. at the new Village Hall, 3801 Harvard Ave.

Boys and girls ages 6-14 years welcome to sign up. Resident registration fee, \$15; nonresi- St. Francis Workshop dents, \$20.

Bill Edelburg, Recreation Director, at 216-906-2302.

This free program will expand on one of Pope Francis' key themes: our desire to get goods and services as cheaply as possible while "blotting out compassion." All are welcome. 216-524-1394.

**ST. ANDREW'S FRIDAY** 

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