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Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra to perform free concert at Lady of Lourdes Church in S.V.

Members of the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra Advanced Performance Seminar (CAPS) will present a free concert at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 3395 E. 53 St. in Cleveland, on Wednesday, March 29, at 7 p.m. The program will include works by Bach, Borodin, Ewald, Maurer, Smetana and more.

CAPS includes members of the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra and their Cleveland Orchestra coaches. The professional mentors

serve not only as coaches, but also as an embedded musician, creating a unique experience for students.

This year coaches include Sonja Braaten Molloy, violin; Shachar Israel, trombone; and Yun-Ting Lee, violin.

G.H. carjacking suspect arrested

Garfield Heights detectives recently arrested a 16-year-old Garfield Heights male in connection with a carjacking on March 3rd near East 126th Street and Marymount Hospital, according to Garfield Heights Police Chief Robert Byrne.

The carjacking left a 41-year-old woman injured after she was thrown from the hood of her car as the suspect drove off with it.

Byrne said detectives traced a cell phone that had been left in the vehicle back to the suspect. Charges are pending through Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court.



Look For Some Great Ways To Celebrate On Page 6!!!!

Council ratifies appointment of new G.H. building commissioner

By Ellen Psenicka

Garfield Heights City Council met Monday night and ratified the appointment of Mark Moro by Mayor Vic Collova to the position of building commissioner beginning March 14, 2017.

The current building commissioner, Bill Wervey, is retiring, and the legislation notes that the city is hiring Moro early to work with Wervey "to ensure a smooth transition into the position."

Moro was the former building commissioner in Seven Hills from 2004-present, and before that was acting building commissioner in another area suburb.

"He has a wealth of experience and I think he's going to be great for the city," Collova said.

Also passed at Monday night's meeting were resolutions ratifying the appointments of Norma McAlpine and David Mays to the city's Zoning Board of Appeals and a resolution ratifying the appointment of Joseph Maimone to the city's Planning Commission.

GHHS boys basketball team wins district championship; advances to regional semifinals



Congratulations to Coach Sonny Johnson and the Garfield Heights High School varsity boys basketball team on their third consecutive district championship win last weekend. GHHS defeated rival Shaker Heights by a score of 67-50 which earned the team a spot in the Sweet 16 for the entire state of Ohio.

The Bulldogs will face Uniontown Lake at Cleveland State's Wolstein Center tonight, March 15, at 6:15 p.m. the regional semifinals. Tickets will be sold at the GHHS athletic office, 4900 Turney Rd., today from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All tickets are \$7 with assigned seat location, not general admission, and will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

If the Bulldogs win, they will play in the Division I state tournament on Friday, March 24, at 8:30 p.m., and the State Championship Game will be held Saturday, March 25, at 8:30 p.m.

The "OHSAA Tournament Tipoff" basketball pregame shows will be broadcast by the OHSAA Radio Network. Visit www.ohsaa.org/news/radio for information on how and when to tune in!

Today's Chamber lunch meeting cancelled

Due to weather conditions, the Garfield Heights Chamber of Commerce has cancelled today's lunch meeting with Cleveland Metroparks representatives.

It will be rescheduled for a future date, according to Gabriella Huszarik, the Chamber's executive director.

2017 SLAVIC VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD SUMMIT



The 20th annual Broadway Slavic Village Neighborhood Summit was held Saturday at the Bohemian National Hall on North Broadway with the theme "Back to the Future."

At the summit speakers and topics highlighted all of the great developments, current and historic, that make Broadway-Slavic Village a dynamic, active and vibrant community. Additionally, Slavic Village Development, sponsor of the summit, was thankful to have Richey Piiparinen, a senior research associate at the Center for Population Dynamics Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs Cleveland State University, as keynote speaker. He shared realistic and optimistic insights into what the future holds for the city and Slavic Village as it continues to rebound from deindustrialization and foreclosure crisis.

This year's "Back to the Future" theme inspired neighborhood resident and master carpenter Chuck Gliha to build a monumental time capsule, replicating the Slavic Village Development office at 5620 Broadway Ave., once a bank building.

Attendees were encouraged to bring and share mementos of their family, church, block club, street, school, business and social circle to put inside the capsule. It will be reopened 100 years from now in 2117. The time capsule will be on display at a location yet to be determined. It is still open until the end of the March. If anyone would like to deposit items inside, please contact Susan Gordon at 216-429-1182, ext. 132 or susang@slavicvillage.org. Space is limited and small items

are preferred. Display site will be announced soon.

Acknowledged with awards were long-time and new to the neighborhood residents as well as the new and long-standing business people, presented to them by Slavic Village Executive Director Chris Alvarado. Each of the award recipients were recognized for going above and beyond on a regular basis to make their neighborhood a great place to live.

Honorees included Betts Skrha, Dennis Althar, Georgia Althar, Ione Parry, Jeff Campbell, Kathy McDonald, Mamie Bell, Marcy Shannon, Mike Balli, Ted Smith, Rudowsky Automotive, Benjamin Domzalski, Jaci Hammer, Jack Smith, Mayia Allen, Kevin Payton, Inca Tea, Neighborhood Pets, Saucission and the Women's Business Center.

Also honored in memoriam were James Sickora, Judge Ray Pianka, Naaman Kitchen and Rudy Gusley.

Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli's executive assistant, Tony Zajac, who will retire April 1, was also honored with proclamations for his nearly 30 years in public service to the ward. He first came to City Hall in 1990 as executive assistant to former Councilman Ed Rybka and continued on with present Councilman Brancatelli.

The Broadway Reses Pieces cheerleaders opened and closed the festivities to the delight of all in attendance.

Central Catholic senior named BGCC Youth of Year

Mirnye Thomas, a senior student athlete at Cleveland Central Catholic High School, was named the 2017 Youth of the Year by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland at a ceremony last Friday. At the same event Cleveland Indians chairman and CEO Paul Dolan was honored as the inaugural Youth Champion of the Year.

Emcee for the event was WKYC News anchor Sara Shookman.

For the past 11 years, Mirnye has been a member of the King Kennedy Club, where he serves as president of the Keystone Club leadership group, mentors younger members and helps the staff. At Cleveland Central Catholic High School he has been an honor student and a starter on the varsity basketball team.

"King Kennedy Boys & Girls Club has been a safe haven not just for me but also for my friends and siblings," Mirnye said.

Mirnye, 17, also volunteers at a homeless shelter on the west side as well as serving food and making beds at Haven of Rest Ministries. He plans to study accounting at the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore in the fall.

Mirnye was selected over five other candidates at the Breakfast of Champions at BGCC's Broadway Club. As the Youth of the Year, he will receive a \$5,000 college scholarship from Cleveland Indians Charities and move on to a statewide competition.

Finishing second in the Youth of the Year completion was Devonte Simon, a senior at Heights High School in Cleveland Heights and a Heights



Mirnye Thomas

Youth Club member, while Jovanny Matos, a senior at James Ford Rhodes High School and a Lincoln West Teen Center member, placed third.

Devonte, who plans to attend Hiram College, will receive a \$3,000 scholarship from Cleveland Indians Charities while Jovanny, who has been accepted into the Kent State University School of Fashion Design, will receive a \$2,000 scholarship.

Other finalists were Kievra Harris, a senior at Cleveland School of the Arts and a Broadway Club member; Rikki Kyle, a senior at Beaumont School and an East Cleveland Club member; and Samuel McKnight, a senior at Ginn Academy and a member of the John Adams Teen Center.

Dolan was the first recipient of the Youth Champion of the Year. The honor goes to a member of BGCC's Circle of Champions who inspires and enables young people to reach their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

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 15

Arch Park Meeting

An Arch Park Preview Design Meeting will be held Wednesday, March 15, at 5:30 p.m. at 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.

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'Ovoni Garrison, mayoral candidate for the city of Cleveland, will attend. More info: 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 Scorchers, 3662 E. 65th St., upstairs. New officers will be sworn in. All Ward 12 Democrats are welcome to join.

Thursday, March 16

Bedford Ward Meeting

The city of Bedford will host a ward meeting for residents in Wards 3 and 4 on Thursday, March 16, at 7 p.m. in Bedford City Hall's Council Chambers, 165 Center Rd. A portion of the meeting will be dedicated to discussing the upcoming income tax increase issue on the May 2, 2017 ballot. The mayor, council representatives, city manager and department directors will be in attendance.

Friday, March 17

Mobile Food Pantry

The North Broadway Mobile Food Pantry will be open Friday, March 17, at 3 p.m. in the parking lot of the former Broadway United Methodist Church, 5246 Broadway Ave., Slavic Village, and is a program of the Cleveland Food Bank. All are welcome.

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. 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 non-perishable food item. The event will benefit the Hunger Center.

Lupus Support Group

The Lupus Foundation of America, Greater Ohio Chapter, will host its monthly Lupus Support Group on Saturday, March 18, at the Maple Hts. Library, 5225 Library Ln., from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Individual differences and confidentiality are respected. Most discussions focus on "how-tos" of living with a chronic illness. Details: 1-888-NO-LUPUS or visit www.lupusgreaterohio.org.

BSMA Student Recital

All are invited to Broadway School of Music and the Arts' free "End of Winter Student Music Recital" on Saturday, March 18, at 3 p.m. at the school, 5415 Broadway Ave., Cleveland. A reception will follow. Parking available in the adjacent lot. More info, 216-641-0603 or www.broadway.school.org.

CityMusic Concert

CityMusic Cleveland will perform a free concert, "What is on Davis Bowie's Playlist?," on Saturday, March 18, at 8 p.m. at St. Stanislaus Church, 3649 E. 65 St., Cleveland. Music performed from Fiumara, Adams, Glass, Bowie and Strauss.

Monday, March 20

Celebrate Sugar Artistry

The North Coast Sugar Artists will host its 30th Anniversary Celebration of Sugar Artistry on Monday, March 20, from 6:30-8:45 p.m. at the Garfield Hts. Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. Bring a camera and enjoy sugar art, door prizes and refreshments. Free admission. All are welcome; become a member! RSVP by calling 216-641-7344 or 216-269-6433.

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.MattBurkeWard6.com.

Wednesday, March 22

G.H. CERT Meets

The Garfield Hts. CERT will meet Wednesday, March 22, at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. Guest speaker: Sharon Nicastro. More info, 216-513-2561.

Monday, March 27

Bedford Ward Meeting

The city of Bedford will host a ward meeting for residents in Wards 5 and 6 on Monday, March 27, at 7 p.m. in Bedford City Hall's Council Chambers, 165 Center Rd. The mayor, council representatives, city manager and department directors will be in attendance. A portion of the meeting will be dedicated to discussing the upcoming income tax increase issue on the May 2, 2017 ballot.

Friday, March 31

'Bring It Home' Luncheon

A workshop on how to become a successful homeowner will be held Friday, March 31, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave., Cleveland. Learn about trends, tactics and outcomes while enjoying a lunch catered by Lockkeepers Restaurant. Seating is limited. Register and purchase tickets online at www.nhscleveland.org/lunch4home.

Saturday, April 1

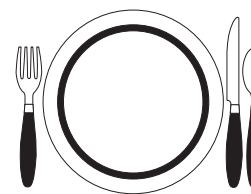
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"E. 54th and Brow Avenue Improvements"

and will be publicly opened and read immediately thereafter. Each bid must contain the full names of the party or parties making the same, with an affidavit as to interested parties, and in the case of a corporation not chartered in Ohio, with a proper certificate that such corporation is authorized to do business in Ohio, and shall be accompanied by a Bid Guaranty Bond for the full amount (100%) of the Bid, in favor of the "Owner" or a certified check, cashier's check, or letter of credit pursuant to Chapter 1305 of the Ohio Revised Code, in the amount of 10% of the Bid, payable to the "Owner".

It is agreed that the bid guaranty shall be for the benefit of the "Owner" pursuant to Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code if the undersigned fails to execute the Contract in conformity with the Form of Contract incorporated in the contract documents and furnish Bond and insurance certificates within ten (10) days after the notification of the award of the Contract to the undersigned.

Copies of the Contract Documents are on file and may be obtained at the office of the "Owner" upon payment of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), none of which will be refunded. Checks shall be made payable to the Village of Newburgh Heights.

Please note that in order to be considered as a "responsive bidder" for this project, you must purchase a set of plans and bid documents, and follow all instructions provided. Bids from contractors who are not on the Plan Holders List will be disqualified.

A pre-bid meeting will be held on March 23, 2017 at 10:00 am at the Newburgh Heights Village Hall, 3801 Harvard Avenue, Newburgh Heights, Ohio 44105.

The "Owner" reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities in the bids received, and to accept any bid which it deems most favorable.

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Trevor Elkins, Mayor
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Remains of WWII vet identified as Albert Schlegel of Garfield Hts.

The remains of Captain Albert L. Schlegel, a World War II veteran from Garfield Heights known as the "Ace of Cleveland," were recently found and identified, and his family will honor him with a memorial service in South Carolina.

On his final mission in August 1944, Schlegel and his airplane disappeared after he reported being hit by flak. His fate was unknown until 2016 when his remains were found in an American/French graveyard.

His nephew said, "Given his wartime record, his disappearance and the time and effort involved, this is closure for us, but it also provides insight into the effort that the U.S. government goes to to bring home to their families those lost in past conflicts."



Shown above is Cpt. Albert Schlegel, a World War II veteran from Garfield Heights, who went missing on his final air mission in 1944. His remains were recently found and identified and memorial services will be held in South Carolina later this month.

cations for maintenance services related to the dispatch equipment of the village police department.

•Approval of the Mill Creek Watershed Partnership's alliance with the West Creek Preservation Committee.

•Renewal of the village's service agreement with Johnson Controls, Inc. for maintenance services related to the software component of the village police department's heating and cooling systems.

Indy Kiwanis pancake breakfast is this Sunday!

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.

For more information contact Bill Morrison, 216-721-0943; Bill Gutermuth, 216-973-8282; or independencekiwanis.com.

ACE presentation

The Adult Catholic Education (ACE) group will meet Wednesday, March 22, at 7 p.m. at St. Michael Church, 6912 Chestnut Rd., Independence, to discuss "Consumerism vs. Compassion."

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.

Parade seeks antique cars, musicians

Organizers of the 2017 Polish Constitution Day Celebration in Cleveland's Slavic Village are looking for participants who will help make a big impression on the recently restored Fleet Avenue parade route. Tops on the recruiters' list: musicians, especially horns and drums; antique cars like those that first appeared on the streets of the neighborhood a half-century or more ago; and street-worthy horses that are comfortable sauntering along some of the newest and smoothest pavement in Cleveland. Call 216-469-4806 for more information.

This year's celebration will cover an entire weekend at the end of April, and will include a classical concert, religious and

cultural ceremonies, great food and lots of colorful street action. But the highlight of the festivities is always the parade, to be held this year on Sunday, April 30th, at 1:30 p.m.

Preparing for it is an intense team effort that thrives on new ideas. Anyone interested in joining the planning (whether Polish or not) is invited to the committee's next meeting, Sunday, March 26th, at 1 p.m., at the Polish American Cultural Center, 6501 Lansing Ave. Come early and enjoy the Center's Sunday Brunch, held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. It's delicious and a great value.

G.H. museum open Saturdays

The Garfield Heights Historical Museum, located at 5405 Turney Rd. in front of the Civic Center, is open every Saturday to the public from 1 to 4 p.m., admission is free.

Group tours of the museum are also available. For more information, call 216-475-3050 or visit www.ghhist.org. New members are always welcome.

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Grandmother's Club

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

Immaculate Heart

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 Bingo on Wednesdays from 1-2:30 p.m. at Stella Walsh Recreation Center, 7345 Broadway Ave., Slavic Village. Play for free; winners will receive prizes.

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Cuyahoga Hts. Council notes

The Village of Cuyahoga Heights Council met last Wednesday, March 8, and passed the following legislation.

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•An ordinance to enter into a contract with The Security Hut for security patrols in Bacci Park from May to November, at a cost not to exceed \$25,000.

•A resolution to enter into a contract with B&C Communi-

•A bill entering into a purchase agreement for the rear portion of Permanent Parcel Number 522-23-025 land for the Bacci Park Trail.

•An ordinance to deposit the appraised value of real property at 4937 E. 72nd Place with the Cuyahoga County Probate Court to be used for greenspace.

•Resolutions offering a pickup for the voluntary purchase of service credit for participating

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Community police reports

By Amber Weisbarth
CLEVELAND

Vandalism

Cleveland police reported the Rite Aid located at 7109 Harvard Ave. in Slavic Village was smashed into by a U-Haul truck on Monday, March 6, around 2:30 a.m. The suspect used the truck to ram through the store's brick wall. Police said no entry was gained. About 15 minutes after the crash, police found the suspected U-Haul still running on East 74th St., just north of Harvard, with rear end damage. No one was inside. The truck was towed for processing. Police continue to investigate.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS

Drug Activity

Police were dispatched to the Turney and Rockside rds. area on March 5th, around 9:25 p.m., for a report of an erratic driver in a pick-up truck, possibly under the influence of drugs or alcohol. While checking the area, an officer saw the suspect vehicle parked in the middle of two parking spots at the nearby Walgreens with its lights on. A man was standing outside the truck looking into the bed.

Police spoke to the man, 34, of Bedford, who claimed he was having car trouble. Police said he seemed fidgety and nervous, and saw a small amount of pink powder under one of his nostrils. As the officer was talking to the man, the empty truck began rolling forward towards Rockside Rd. The officer was able to run to the driver's side door and put the truck into park before it went into the road. While inside the truck, the officer noticed a pink pill on the driver's seat; police learned it was an amphetamine. The man did not have a bottle or any paperwork showing the pill was prescribed to him. He was issued a summons for possession of drugs and was taken to his home.

Found Property

A Parma resident came to GHPD on March 12th and said he found a handgun in the street in the 10300 block of Runnymede Ave. Police said the gun had not been registered as stolen. It was kept as evidence.

Shoplifting

A security guard at Kmart on Rockside Rd. told police he saw two juvenile males shoplifting on March 8th, around 11:30 a.m. He said one of the males took two cell phones off the shelf and they both went to a corner of the store to conceal the phones in their pockets, then walk out of the store past all points of sale. One of the juveniles ran from security but the other was detained. When the 13-year-old was patted down, officers found in his pocket the stolen cell phone. Officers learned the teen had an active warrant with Juvenile Detention for escape and he was taken there by police. Charges are pending through the Youth Bureau.

Garfield man indicted today; mentored five teenage victims



The Cuyahoga County Grand Jury today indicted Christopher Collins for sex offenses and other crimes related to five teenaged victims he encountered in a mentoring program in his role as a Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) police officer, according to a press release from CMHA and the county prosecutor's office.
Collins, 26, of Garfield Heights, was charged with two counts of Sexual Battery, one count of Attempted Sexual Battery, four counts of Endangering Children, four counts of Contributing to the Delinquency of a Child, five counts of Underage Alcohol Use, one count of Disseminating Matter Harmful to Juveniles, and one count of Obstructing Official Business.
Chief Andres Gonzalez of the CMHA Police Department stated that as soon as CMHA Police received information about the offenses they immediately removed Collins from the workplace and relieved him of his duties. "We then began a comprehensive investigation into the allegations and contacted the County Prosecutor's Office to request assistance."
Collins remains on unpaid leave pending the results of the criminal case. He is in custody and will be arraigned at 8:30 a.m. on March 24.

Cuyahoga County libraries offer 'Food 4 Fines' initiative

All branches of the Cuyahoga County Library are offering a "Food 4 Fines" drive, in conjunction with Greater Cleveland Food Bank's Harvest for Hunger campaign, to help alleviate hunger in the community. Reduce your library fines up to \$4 per visit during the month of March when you donate Super Six food items: Peanut butter, cereal, canned soup, canned vegetables, canned beef stew and canned tuna fish.

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All donations collected will be delivered to the Cleveland Food Bank for distribution to food pantries, hot meal programs and shelters throughout the region.

Receive \$1 off your fines for every food item donated, up to \$4 per visit, per account. Cash donations will also be accepted during the entire Harvest for Hunger campaign.

Donations will be collected at the checkout desks in all Cuyahoga County Public Library branches during regular operating hours through March 31st. Damaged

'Starting Your Own Business' program in M.H.

The city of Maple Heights and The Urban League of Greater Cleveland will present a free program titled, "Starting Your Own Business in Ohio," on Thursday, March 16, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Maple Heights Branch Library, room 2, 5225 Library Ln.

Topics presented include: Setting up the business; financial considerations in starting a business; taking a stand for yourself; identifying the right business for you; business planning and how it improves chances for success; and getting to know your target audience before spending a penny.

Reservations are required by sending an email to Lynn Shaw at lshaw@mapleheightsohio.com or by calling 216-587-9603. More information can be found at www.citymapleheights.com.

Informational meeting on COAD

Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD), a network of governmental, nonprofit and for-profit organizations in Cuyahoga County that work together to help communities prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters, will host an informational meeting on Wednesday, March 22, at 7 p.m. at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd.

COAD is supported by the Cuyahoga County Officer of Emergency Management.

It is comprised of several communities that members join according to their mission and capabilities, including: Mass Care Committee- sheltering, warming and cooling centers, feeding, bulk distribution, and emotional and spiritual care.

Emergency Assistance Committee- evacuation, family reunification, functional needs support, animals in disaster, volunteer management and donations management.

Human Services Committee- debris removal, goods replacement, food, crisis counseling, employment services and legal services.

At the informational meeting find out what COAD is; what COAD does before, during and after a disaster or event; why COAD needs volunteer organizations; and why COAD needs organizations to coordinate before, during and after an incident.

Those with questions should contact Sheila Roman with the Garfield Heights Community Emergency Response Team at dakotawhb@aol.com.

Rec Center news

The Dan Kostel Recreation Center, 5411 Turney Rd. in Garfield Heights, will offer the following spring and summer programs. For more info visit garfieldhts.org or call 216-475-7272.

T-Ball

Registration for the Rec's T-Ball program, for any boy or girl age 5-7 on or before July 1, will be held through March 31. Fee for residents, \$30; nonresidents, \$60. Season begins mid-April and will conclude late-June. All practices and games held at Garfield Park Reservation, Old Birch area.

Baseball League

Registration is now in progress for the Garfield Heights Boys Baseball League. Applications can be found on the city's website (link GHBL) or can be picked up at the Rec. The program is for boys ages six and up.

Skating Show

The 49th annual ice skating show titled "Setting the World on Fire" will be held April 8 and 9. Enjoy the talents of skaters of all ages enrolled in the Rec's figure skating program.

Requirements

ID cards are \$10 for residents and \$35 for nonresidents and are required for all Rec activities. Birth certificates are also required at sign-ups and all residents must bring two proofs of residency.

Managers/Umpires

Managers and umpires are needed for the municipal girls softball program and co-ed t-ball. Call the Rec or Commissioner Kevin Koelliker at 216-244-6077 if interested in girls softball; Bob Marek if interested in t-ball, 216-990-8386.

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.

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Obituaries

HAROLD R. STAUB, 66, former longtime resident of Garfield Heights, passed away peacefully at his Bedford home on February 21st after a short battle with cancer.



JOHN PAUL FORTUNATO, age 63, of Garfield Heights, passed away March 6th.

He was the beloved brother of Frank Paul, MaryAnn and the late Joseph Michael; loving son of the late Frank and Catherine Fortunato; dearest uncle of Joseph, Kristyn (Brooks), Jacilyn (Chas), Gina (Tom), Anthony and Billy; devoted great-uncle of Grace, Graeme, Evan and Cameron.

He was the son of the late Herbert and Catherine Staub of Altoona, PA. He was preceded in death by his brother Carl of Maple Heights. Harold is survived by his wife of 41 years, Barbara; step-son Rodney D. Grove; step-grandson Rodney A. Grove; and brother Ron and sister Ella Angermeier.

The family sends special thanks to the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. Arrangements were handled by Ferfolia Funeral Home; Mass of Christian Burial was at St. Monica Catholic Church in Garfield Heights.

ROSE MARY PIVONKA (nee Gagliardi), age 96, of Bedford, passed away March 7th.

He enjoyed bowling, coin collecting and bass fishing. He will be greatly missed by all that knew him. There will be a private memorial service at a later date.

She was the beloved wife of the late Ralph R.; loving mother of Patricia A. Wagar (Jack) and the late Timothy R.; dearest grand-

mother of Amy and Molly; dear sister of Phyllis Nelson (late Pete), William (Barbara), Phillip, and the late Frank (Bernice), Virginia Klimkowski (late Al), Antoinette Moore (late Denny), Helen Semanik, Angelo, Katie Burger (late Franklyn) and Lucy Perk (late Ralph); dear aunt and great-aunt of many.

Family suggests memorial contributions in her name to Light of Hearts Villa, 283 Union St., Bedford, Ohio 44146 or the Scleroderma Foundation-Ohio Chapter, P.O. Box 107, Pataskala, Ohio 43062.

Arrangements were handled by Ferfolia Funeral Home. Family and friends gathered at Light of

Hearts Villa Chapel for a Mass of Christian Burial to celebrate Rose's life. Interment in All Saints Cemetery.

RALPH H. PEARL, age 85, of Maple Heights, passed away March 8th.

He was the beloved husband of the late Betty (nee Hocerar); loving father of Gary (Elaine), Jon (Joy), Mary Beth DesRochers (John), Kelly and the late Larry (Kathy Bookman, living); cherished grandfather of 15; treasured great-grandfather of four; dear brother of Marvin, Bud and the late Lila.

Services were handled by Ferfolia Funeral Home. Interment in All Saints Cemetery.

AARP volunteers to help file taxes

AARP volunteers will be e-filing 2016 income taxes for residents of Maple Heights and Garfield Heights by appointment only.

Volunteers will be at the Maple Heights Senior Center, 15901 Libby Rd., every Monday through April 10. Call 216-587-5481 to schedule an appointment.

Volunteers will be at the Garfield Heights Senior Center, 5407 Turney Rd., every Friday through April 7. The center will take calls for appointments from 2 to 5 p.m. only, 216-475-3244.

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