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## Closing of Broadway entrance ramp to I-77 south postponed

Minor operations on the next phase of the Cleveland Innerbelt Modernization Plan began in early March. However, the originally scheduled March 20th Broadway Avenue ramp closure has been postponed due to potential design changes related to utility relocation work necessary to construct the new frontage road, the Ohio Department of Transportation has announced.

Crews are now planning to close the Broadway Avenue (SR 14) entrance ramp to I-77 south on March 27th.

The closure is necessary in order to build a new frontage road along the west side of I-77. The new frontage road will run parallel to I-77 and connect Broadway Avenue and Pershing Avenue where traffic will then be able to enter I-77 southbound. Construction of the new frontage road is expected to take approximately 15 months. During that time, Broadway Avenue motorists will be detoured south to Pershing Avenue to enter I-77 south. The project is slated to be completed in September 2019.

This project also includes the reconstruction of the Broadway Avenue bridge over I-77, which is expected to begin mid-2018. Those details will be forthcoming, according to ODOT.

For more information about this and other Innerbelt Modernization Plan projects, visit [www.Innerbelt.org](http://www.Innerbelt.org). Motorists are encouraged to sign-up to receive project updates directly to their inbox by selecting Innerbelt or I-77 from the projects list.

## Customers foil robbery attempt at Brick House in Slavic Village

With the help of patrons at The Brick House bar and restaurant on Harvard Avenue in Cleveland, police were able to arrest a 32-year-old Cleveland man after he allegedly robbed the establishment at gunpoint.

The following information is according to a Cleveland police report.

Two bar patrons told police they were chatting at the bar when they noticed the suspect come in to the bar around 7:20 p.m. and he seemed "up to something." A bartender then saw him pull out a gun and he told her to "empty the register" while pointing the gun at everyone inside the bar.

The bartender handed the suspect the money and he began threatening one of the bar patrons with the gun, pointing it at his head and side. After several verbal threats, one of the patrons saw an opportunity to disarm him. The patron grabbed the suspect's wrist and began to wrestle with him while the other patron grabbed the money from his pockets and gave it back to the bartender, who threw it on the ground behind the bar.

When police arrived they found the suspect lying on the ground just outside the bar, bleeding heavily from his head, unconscious but still breathing. Police saw part of a handle to a gun near his left hand and inside the bar police saw money and a revolver on the ground.

He was taken to MetroHealth Medical Center to be treated and was arrested for aggravated robbery.

## Annual ice skating show at G.H. Rec

The Dan Kostel Recreation Center, 5411 Turney Rd. in Garfield Heights, will be hosting its 49th Annual Ice Show on Saturday, April 8, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 9, at 2:30 p.m. This year's show is titled "Setting the World on Fire."

Stop by and witness first hand the hard work and accomplishments that athletes in the Rec's ice skating program have been working on for months, from the tiniest tots to the most advanced soloists.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. on Saturday and at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$4 for youth/seniors; weekend passes are also available. Purchase tickets the day of the show, or in advance beginning Tuesday, March 28, through Thursday, April 6, at the Recreation Center during regular office hours. The building will be closed on April 7th for final ice show set up.

Visit the city's web page at [www.garfieldhts.org](http://www.garfieldhts.org), or call 216-475-7272. Press "0" to speak to a team associate for detailed information regarding all Rec Center programs.

## CELEBRATING RIGHT TO READ WEEK



Independence Primary School celebrated Right to Read Week from February 27 to March 3, with more than 260 students from preschool to fourth grade participating. Celebrity readers from the Independence community, like Mayor Anthony Togliatti (in photo above), visited the classrooms and library throughout the week to read to the students. The main objective of Right to Read Week is to increase students' interest in reading while being fun and educational.

## GHPD seeking info on Beverly Jarosz murder

The Garfield Heights Police and Detective Bureaus are still seeking information on the over 50-year-old murder case of Beverly Jarosz. She was 16 when she was killed in her Garfield Heights home.

Detective Carl Biegacki said there are a few suspects in the case and a couple of prime suspects, but the Bureau is still putting the puzzle together and is asking that anyone with information contact the Garfield Heights Detective Bureau at 216-475-5686.

CrimeStoppers is also offering a reward of up to \$2500 for information that leads to the arrest or indictment of the person responsible. Those that may be able to help are encouraged to call 216-252-7463. Callers can remain anonymous.

## Attempted robbery at Checksmart

An employee of Checksmart on Turney Road in Garfield Heights thwarted a would-be robber last week by hitting an audible alarm to summon authorities, according to a Garfield Heights police report.

A second employee reported that she was walking towards the front of the building just before 9 a.m. on March 14th and saw a man sitting on a bench across the street. Before she made it inside, she said she could see the man running towards her in the door's reflection. She turned around and the man was already behind her saying, "Don't do anything stupid." She said he also told her they were going to be safe and that he had a gun, according to the report.

The employee said that as they walked into the business, the suspect had something hard pressed to her back, but she never saw a gun. She said a co-worker was behind the counter and realized what was happening so she pressed the audible alarm. The man then stated he was going to shoot her then fled out the front door, according to the report.

The employee described the suspect as a black male, about 5'9", wearing a large winter jacket that was orange with white in spots, a black hooded sweatshirt underneath and a black ski mask.

As police searched the area they found footprints in the snow heading eastbound on Plymouth Avenue towards E. 110th Street. The tracks stopped in the 5000 block of E. 110th where it appeared a vehicle may have been parked as no other tracks could be seen.

Officers reviewed footage from a city camera mounted at Turney and McCracken roads and saw a man running towards the Checksmart and running away a short time later. GHPD continues to investigate.

## Revised rental inspection bill passed at Bedford Council meeting

By Judith Goldsworth

An ordinance to amend existing legislation regarding inspection of rental properties in Bedford was discussed at length at one council meeting and placed on first reading before being passed on third reading at a special council meeting, both held earlier this month.

Council also approved an ordinance adopting a job creation

## Polish consul general visits Slavic Village

By Joseph Feckanin

Last Thursday and Friday the new consul general of the Republic of Poland, Maciej Golubiewski, made his first trip to Cleveland to meet with the local Polish community and Mayor Frank Jackson and officials of Cleveland State University, which has a student exchange program with Polish universities.

Golubiewski, whose headquarters as consul general are in New York, said his visit here included exploring trade opportunities between the American and Polish business communities.

A local meeting with Polish-American leaders was held Thursday at the John Paul II Polish American Cultural Center on Lansing Avenue in Slavic Village.

At the meeting Golubiewski presented The Cross of Recognized Deportees to Siberia to Eugene Bak, Bak's sister, Alina



Shown here are The Cross of Recognized Deportees to Siberia recipients, from left: Anna Bak Nowak, Eugene Bak, Alina Bak Czernec, presented by Polish Consul General Maciej Golubiewski.

Photo by Michael Psenicka

Bak Czernec, and Anna Bak Nowak, Bak's cousin, who were children when their families were deported to Siberia during World War II.

In early 1940 those Polish lands that fell under the yoke of the U.S.S.R. had a purge of many Polish citizens to the labor camps they operated in Siberia. Millions of Poles were packed into railroad box cars and sent to Siberia and other forced labor camps.

The Cross of Recognized Deportees to Siberia given to the Bak family honorees was awarded to them on behalf of the president of Poland, Andrzej Duda. These recipients were the fortunate ones

who made it out of Siberia alive. Many of their friends and relatives were not so fortunate.

At Thursday's event, proclamations were also presented to Consul General Golubiewski by Cleveland Chief of Regional Development Ed Rybka on behalf of Mayor Jackson, and by Marcelina Sladewska on behalf of Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli.

Friday Golubiewski met with Mayor Jackson and Dean Gregory Sedlak of Cleveland State, and Coordinator of Polish Studies, Professor Edward Horowitz, at Cleveland State. The day was topped off with a visit to Dr. John Grabowski of the Western Reserve Historical Society.

## NEW BUTCHERS ON FLEET



Grand opening ceremonies were held last Thursday morning for Saucisson, a new meat and sausage butcher shop in the old Jaworski Meats building at 5324 Fleet Ave., in Slavic Village. The store hours are Thursdays through Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

According to its website, Saucisson's mission is to provide unique and hard-to-find products, from hand-cured meats to specially spiced sausages, supporting local farms that are humane and hormone-free. Owners and butchers Melissa Khoury and Penny Barend are also classically trained chefs available for catering events.

Shown in the photo at the grand opening last week are, from left: Slavic Village Development Executive Director Chris Alvarado, Khoury and Barend. (Photo by Michael Psenicka).

For more information, visit [www.saucissoncleveland.com](http://www.saucissoncleveland.com) or phone 216-303-9067.

## 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.

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# 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 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. Info, 216-513-2561.

## Saturday, March 25

### Community Meal

Jones Road Chapel, 8000 Jones Rd., Cleveland, will serve free lunches on Saturday, March 25, beginning at noon. All are welcome.

### Free Bagged Meals

Free bagged meals will be offered at the following churches on Saturday, March 25: Community Friends Church, 4509 Warner Rd., Cleveland, at 5:15

p.m.; and Jones Road Chapel, 8000 Jones Rd., Cleveland, at 5:30 p.m.

## Sunday, March 26

### Polish Parade Meeting

The Cleveland Polish Constitution Celebration Committee will meet Sunday, March 26, at 1 p.m. at the Polish American Cultural Center, 6501 Lansing Ave. in Slavic Village, to plan this year's springtime events. All are welcome. 216-469-4806.

## 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.

## Thursday, March 30

### Community Dinner

Lutheran Church of the Covenant and Hope United Methodist Church will serve free dinners on Thursday, March 30, beginning at 5 p.m., at Lutheran Church's parish hall, 19000 Libby Rd., Maple Hts. Meet the new pastor of Lutheran Church of the Covenant, Brad Ross. All are welcome; no restrictions. Handicapped accessible. Meals are served on the last Thursday of each month. 216-662-0370.

## 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.nhsleveland.org/lunch4home](http://www.nhsleveland.org/lunch4home).

## Saturday, April 1

### Spring Flea Market

A Spring Flea Market will be held at Hathaway United Methodist Church, 6060 Turney Rd., Garfield Hts., on Saturday, April 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free admission.

## Monday, April 3

### Military Resource Fair

State Representative Marlene Anielski is joining with the

Cuyahoga County Public Library and the City of Independence Community Service Department to host a Military Resource Fair on Monday, April 3, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Independence Civic Center and the Independence Branch Library, 6363 Selig Dr. The free event will feature a variety of organizations geared towards helping those who have served our country, their spouses and families. Free continental breakfast, haircuts and additional offers available. Bring DD 214 or NGB 22 discharge papers or the Social Security card of the military personnel. RSVP required; email [Rep06@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:Rep06@ohiohouse.gov) or Military ResourceFair@gmail.com; or call 614-644-6041.

### 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. 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.

## Tuesday, April 11

### Indy Art Guild Meets

The Independence Art Guild will host a program on Tuesday, April 11, at 7 p.m. at Old Town Hall, 6652 Brecksville Rd., by the bandstand in Public Square. Topics to be discussed include: new technology for the crafter and ideas to recycle, upcycle and reuse crafts; laser cutting, 3D printing, digital sewing machines and computer-

aided design. Free to all. To reserve a spot call Carol Braverman, 216-524-1045.

## Thursday, April 13

### M.H. Housing Fair

Maple Hts. Mayor Annette Blackwell invites interested residents to a Housing Fair and Meet and Greet event on Thursday, April 13, from 4:30-8 p.m. at the Cuyahoga County Public Library's Maple Hts. branch library, 5225 Library Ln., Room A. Get info on low interest repair loans, first time home buyers programs, mortgage assistance, senior programs, starting a block watch, legal aid, buying vacant lots, recycling, rain barrels and more. The Cuyahoga County Treasurer, Cleveland Water and Sewer de-

partments, Dominion East Ohio Gas, Cuyahoga County Board of Health and the Illuminating Company will be represented. More info at [www.citymapleheights.com](http://www.citymapleheights.com).

### Miscellaneous

#### Canine Lifeline Shoe Drive

Canine Lifeline dog rescue of Garfield Heights will be collecting gently worn, used or new shoes now through May 7th to help families in Central America and Africa. The dog rescue will receive donations per pound of shoes collected to be used for medical expenses for rescued dogs. For shoe pick ups call volunteer Corrine Dunning Savage at 216-835-8984, email [info@caninelifeline.org](mailto:info@caninelifeline.org) or visit [www.caninelifeline.org](http://www.caninelifeline.org).

## Trinity grad serving in U.S. Navy

By Lt. Jill Ryan, Navy Office of Community Outreach



Petty Officer 2nd Class Katrina Green

A Trinity High School graduate and Cleveland native is serving in the U.S. Navy with Commander Strike Fighter Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet (CSFWP).

Petty Officer 2nd Class Katrina Green works as a logistics specialist and operates out of Naval Air Station (NAS) Lemoore, California.

Green is responsible for supplying parts for the jets and maintaining them.

"I like the customer service aspect of my job the most," Green said.

"Lemoore has been home to the Navy's west coast strike fighter community since 1980, when strike fighter squadron VFA-125 was the first squadron established to train Navy and Marine Corps aviators in the F/A-18 Hornet," said Vice Adm. Mike Shoemaker, Commander, Naval Air Forces.

The strike fighter wing, headquartered at NAS Lemoore, ensures that each squadron is fully combat-ready to conduct carrier-based, all-weather, attack, fighter and support missions for the Pacific Fleet.

"The command here is very family oriented," said Green. "It's always the mission first but this command shows me that family and relationships matter."

With the CSFWP consisting of more than 20 squadrons, highly specialized jobs range from training new aviators to maintaining airframes and engines, to handling and flying aircraft.

"The Navy has taught me that you have to be well-rounded and able adapt to a changing environment at all times," Green said.

## Order bricks for Walkway of Recognition

Create a memory that will last a lifetime by purchasing an engraved brick to be placed on the Garfield Heights Walkway of Recognition, located in front of the 9-11 Memorial at the Veterans Plaza in the Civic Center Complex, 5407 Turney Rd.

Standard bricks are \$40. Bricks with military logos are \$60. Forms are available at the Civic Center or online at [www.garfieldhts.org](http://www.garfieldhts.org). The walkway was installed in 2016 and additional bricks will be added this spring. The deadline to order an engraved brick is March 30.

The city also continues to accept donations for the 9-11 Memorial erected last year. Send your donations to 5407 Turney Road, Garfield Heights, OH, 44125, Attn: Mayor Vic Collova's office.

For information about the Walkway of Recognition or the 9-11 Memorial Fund, contact Pat Salemi at 216-475-1100, ext. 2425, or e-mail [psalemi@garfieldhts.org](mailto:psalemi@garfieldhts.org).

Submit your Community events to The Neighborhood News via Email: [nnews1923@aol.com](mailto:nnews1923@aol.com)

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"E. 54<sup>th</sup> 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  
 Village of Newburgh Heights

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## Revised rental inspection

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Data Basics will locate in the former Doty & Miller Architects building (old Post Office) on Broadway Avenue, bringing a minimum 37 jobs. City Manager Mike Mallis stated. He said the company was listed in the top 25 software developers in Crain's Cleveland Business, adding, "These are very high paying, good paying jobs, and they've already proven to be a good corporate citizen...this was a good win for the city."

### Five Points coming

The Five Points Markets, a farmer's market/flea market hybrid, will be coming to Bedford's Public Square this spring, beginning on Saturday, May 20, Mallis and Mayor Stan Koci confirmed.

The flea markets will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays, and the farmer's markets will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., from May through December 16. The intention is not only to provide shoppers from Bedford and outside the community with fresh food, but also to highlight area entrepreneurs, promote economic growth and bring in new businesses, the event's organizers have stated.

## Ohio's 3-foot bicycle passing law begins

Yesterday, after a long advocacy effort, Ohio now joins 27 other states to enact a 3-Foot Passing Law to help protect cyclists.

The new law states that when a motor vehicle overtakes and passes a bicycle, three feet or greater is considered a safe passing distance.

A measure of this nature is not only important to protect riders, but also serves as a very prominent message to build awareness for drivers, and aligns state law with local ordinances already on the books in Cleveland, Columbus, Bay Village, Cincinnati, and other Ohio municipalities, said biking advocates. In 2016 there were 282 crashes in Cuyahoga County between people on bikes and motor vehicles. These crashes resulted in 238 injuries, according to the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

"Many motorists are simply unaware or unsure of the space requirements people on bikes need to operate safely, and this law will help them understand what is expected of them on the roadway," said Bike Cleveland Executive Director Jacob Van Sickle. "Bike Cleveland thanks the state representatives that voted to put a 3-foot passing law on the books and State Representatives Michael Henne and Michael Sheehy for sponsoring the measure."

Also offered will be TGIF, featuring food trucks and music on Fridays from 7 to 10 p.m. from May 26 to September 29; Party in the Park, with food and music on Wednesdays, from 6 to 9 p.m. from May 17 to September 27; and Art Walks on the second Fridays of the month, May 12 to October 13, from 7-10 p.m. For more information, visit [info@fivepointsmarket.com](mailto:info@fivepointsmarket.com).

### Announcements

With the arrival of springtime, a large number of events were announced for the next several weeks, officials stated. These include:

- On Tuesday, March 28, at 7 p.m. at Ellenwood Recreation Center, a free workshop for parents, "Raising Resilient and Responsible, Independent Children," sponsored by A Plus Solutions, will be held.

- Residents needing assistance with filing their 2016 taxes can come to the city's Tax Department at City Hall from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 1, and Saturday, April 8.

- An Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Willard Picnic Area in Ellenwood Recreation Center, starting at 10 a.m. sharp on Saturday, April 15. The hunt is for Bedford resident children ages 9 and under. In case of inclement weather, the hunt will be held indoors.

- A Household Hazardous Waste Roundup for Bedford residents only will be held on Saturday, April 22, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Service Garage, 100 Solon Rd. Certain paints, pesticides, household cleaners, light bulbs and other items will be accepted. No latex paint. Also, a Computer Round Up will be held on the same day and time, same place; computers, monitors, keyboards, printers, cell phones, other items accepted. No televisions. For more information, call 440-735-6583.

• A meeting with the Cleveland Metroparks will be held on Monday, May 8, at 7 p.m., to discuss deer and other wildlife in the city.

A Community Shred Day funded by the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District and Food Drive will be held on Saturday, May 20, from 9 a.m. to noon in the parking lot of City Hall. Free event for residents to shred confidential personal documents. Food drive to support Bedford Food Commodities Program. A second Shred Day, also through the Solid Waste grant, will be held on September 23, Mallis said.

### Employee honored

Jonathan Lindow, assistant finance director for the city, was honored at a presentation by Finance Director Frank Gambosi with an award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. The city of Bedford received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for 2016.

This is the 26th consecutive year the city has received the award, and only a small percentage of governmental entities in North America receive it each year, Gambosi stated. He praised Lindow for his integral role in the city receiving the award.

## Cleve. Muni judges to hold crime meeting

Hear what Cleveland Municipal Court judges are doing to prevent crime at a Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, March 28, at 7 p.m. at Mt. Gillion Baptist Church, 7025 Cedar Ave., Cleveland. This event is targeted for residents of the Third Police District.

Learn about programs designed to help you and your family including drug court, veterans' treatment, community court, human trafficking, men-

tal health and domestic violence.

The judges will be answering questions from residents and will talk about programs available that help prevent crime.

The Cleveland Municipal Court plans to have other Town Hall meetings in other police districts in the weeks and months ahead.

## St. Benedict students place at science fair

Students from St. Benedict School in Garfield Heights were recently awarded at the 64th Northeastern Ohio Science and Engineering Fair (NEOSEF). Over 530 students from 85 schools in seven counties competed.

Seventh grade students awarded include: Sophia Radošević, second place, Biology and the Cleveland Clinic-Genomic Medicine Institute, Dr. S.P. Eng Memorial Award; K'Asia Barnett, third place, Biology; Jamani Merriweather, honorable mention, Chemistry; and Luke Bandsuh, honorable mention, Engineering.

Eighth grade students

awarded include: Megan Hamilton, third place, Chemistry; Ashley Morris, third place, Environmental; and Sarah Shuba, third place, Behavioral.

All first place winners received \$100, second place winners were awarded \$25, third place winners were awarded a medal and a ribbon and honorable mention winners received a ribbon. First and second place winners were also given a medal and ribbon.

Each student was judged by at least two of the almost 400 scientists and engineers who volunteered their time to be a judge at this year's fair.

In addition to NEOSEF fair awards, approximately 350 special awards donated by companies, societies and organizations were also given away. The special awards this year totaled over \$20,000.

## Church news

### Palm Saturday

The Lutheran Church of the Covenant, 19000 Libby Rd., Maple Heights, will host its annual Palm Saturday event for children ages three years through eighth grade on Saturday, April 8, beginning at 9:30 a.m. It is free and open to all members of the community.

Palm Saturday prepares children for the range of the church's experience from Palm Sunday through Easter. The event will include storytelling, crafts and an Easter Egg Hunt. Lunch will be provided.

Registration is required by Thursday, April 6, and seating is limited. For more information or to register call 216-662-0370.



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**Garfield Hts. police news**



By Amber Weisbarth

**Recovered Stolen Auto**

While on patrol around 3 a.m. March 12th, an officer saw a maroon Chrysler pull into the Sunoco gas station at 6009 Turney Rd., and was aware that the vehicle had recently been reported stolen from Valley View. The officer attempted to pull the vehicle over but the driver fled northbound on Turney travelling at approximately 55 miles per hour.

Other officers arrived in the area to join the pursuit, and at Turney and McCracken, the driver nearly caused a collision after running a red light. The chase continued, and the driver nearly caused a second collision after running a red light at the Miles and E. 93 St. intersection. As traffic began getting heavier and the driver was reaching speeds over 70 miles per hour, police called off the pursuit. Eventually the car turned into Meadowvale, a dead-end street off of Lee Rd., and police were able to arrest the driver, a 16-year-old male, and the passenger, also 16.

The driver was cited for fleeing/eluding, reckless operation, speeding, no driver's license, no seat belt, red lights and marked lanes. The passenger was cited for not wearing a seat belt. Charges are pending through the Youth Bureau.

**Robbery**

A 22-year-old Garfield Heights resident told police he and a friend were on their way to a store, walking on Turney Rd. near Garfield Blvd. on March 16th when two males who were following them began to verbally harass them. He said he knew one of the males, 23, of Cleveland, who had asked him to help buy drugs but he refused. The pair following him and his friend then began to beat him up, hitting him in the head, knocking him to the ground and stealing his cell phone.

The victim was treated for a broken nose, bruised right eye, swelling and bruising to the right side of his face and received stitches in his left eye at Marymount's Emergency Room. An affidavit was issued for the 23-year-old for aggravated robbery.

**Shoplifting**

The manager of Giant Eagle in City View Shopping Center called police on March 19th, around 5 p.m., with a detained shoplifter. The manager said he saw the man, 32, of Cleveland, walk past all cashiers with a cart full of items he didn't pay for. Police learned the 32-year-old had an active warrant with Lakewood PD for theft. He attempted to steal over \$175 worth of merchandise from the store. He was arrested for theft and held on a \$3500 bond.

**Shots Fired**

Police were dispatched to the E. 131 St. and Saybrook Ave. area on March 16th, around 5 p.m., for a report of shots fired. When officers arrived they saw a man sweeping up glass in front of a barber shop in the 4500 block of E. 131 St. who said he saw a man walking southbound in front of his shop and a second male approaching him from the opposite direction. He said the second male punched the first male and they began fighting. He said the second male then began firing shots and one of the bullets struck the lower pane of glass in his security door. No casings or bullet fragments could be found and officers were unable to locate the suspect or the victim.

**Theft of Motor Vehicle**

A resident of the 9400 block of Dorothy Ave. told police someone stole her car as it was warming up in her driveway on March 10th, around 6:45 a.m. Police were unable to locate it.

**Cleveland Community Policing plans roundtable event tonight**

The Cleveland Division of Police (CDP), City of Cleveland, including the District Policing Committees and the Community Relations Board, the Cleveland Community Police Commission, the Department of Justice and the Monitoring Team are working together in a joint collaborative effort to solicit and receive input on CDP's Community and Problem-Oriented Policing Plan from the Cleveland community.

Cleveland residents can share their views on what they would like community policing to look like in Cleveland by taking a brief online questionnaire available at [www.clevelandpolicemonitor.com](http://www.clevelandpolicemonitor.com).

Residents also are invited to attend the Westside Roundtable event on Wednesday, March 22, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Urban Community School, 4909 Lorain Ave., Cleveland, 44102.

Those that are interested in attending the community roundtable must send an RSVP to the Monitoring Team at [info@clevelandpolicemonitor.com](mailto:info@clevelandpolicemonitor.com). The roundtable will include an overview of the components of a community and problem-oriented policing plan and bias-free policing policy, with an opportunity for small group discussions for community members to inform the policies.

Cleveland residents are invited to begin to learn more about community policing and share their views by going to the Monitoring Team's website. (The materials also are available on the city's website, the CDP's website or the CPC's website).

**LIBRARIES PLAN SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

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The Southeast Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library is located in Bedford at 70 Columbus Rd. To register or for more information, call 440-439-4997 or visit [cuyahogalibrary.org](http://cuyahogalibrary.org).

•**G2P Anime Gaming Club**, Wednesday, March 22, 7 p.m., ages 11-18. Play video games, board games and Yu-Gi-Oh trading card duels. When available, the library will also have iPads for Minecraft and other games. Participants may be recorded and/or surveyed to capture the program's effectiveness. Learn more at [cuyahogalibrary.org/parent-options](http://cuyahogalibrary.org/parent-options).

•**Email 101**, Monday, March 27, 7 p.m., adults. This class is geared toward those who are new to communicating electronically. Learn how to create, send, organize and attach files to messages. Prerequisite: Internet 101. Preferred: an existing email account. Registration required.

•**Encore Entrepreneurs: Business Plan**, week two, Tuesday, March 28, 7 p.m., adults. Learn how to write an effective business plan and determine your mission, vision and values. Use an online business plan template to get started. This is a 6-week workshop series through Tuesday, April 25. Registration required.

•**African American Authors Book Group**, Tuesday, March 28, 7:15 p.m. All adults welcome. March Title: "Ordinary Light: A Memoir," by Tracy K. Smith.

**CLEVELAND**

The Cleveland Public Library's Fleet Branch, 7224 Broadway Ave., Slavic Village, will offer the following programs. To register or for more information, call 216-623-6962 or visit [www.cpl.org](http://www.cpl.org).

•**Super Sleuth Readers**, Fridays only through March 31,

11:30 a.m., ages 3-5. After reading fun stories, singing songs and rhymes, Super Sleuths will look further into their stories through play and crafts.

**GARFIELD HEIGHTS**

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

•**Teen Anime Club**, Wednesday, March 22, 7-8 p.m. Join this monthly club and get together with other Japanese anime and manga fans to talk about your favorite characters and enjoy other fun activities. Participants may be recorded and/or surveyed; info at [cuyahogalibrary.org/parent-options](http://cuyahogalibrary.org/parent-options).

•**Laser-Etched Business Cards**, Thursday, March 23, 7-8 p.m. Make your business cards stand out from the rest! Learn how to design a business card in Adobe Illustrator and etch it with the library's laser engraver in the Innovation Center.

•**Audio & Video Recording Studio Orientation**, Saturday, March 25. Drop in studio orientations. Audio, 9:30-10 a.m. Video, 10-10:30 a.m.

•**Excel 401 - Accelerated Class**, Saturday, March 25, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Review information covered in upper level Excel classes through hands-on exercises. Topics include lookup functions, Pivot Tables, functions and absolute and relative references. Prerequisite: Excel 301.

•**NBA 2K Tournament**, Saturday, March 25, 2-4 p.m. Go head-to-head in this NBA2K Tournament!

•**Ohio Means Jobs**, Tuesday, March 28, 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. An Ohio Means Jobs Employment Specialist will be available for job placement and individualized job planning services.

•**Pop-up Light-up Cards**, (Continued on Page 5)

# BLUE ANGEL CLASSIC CHAMPS Library's plan programs



The St. Michael Blue Angels fifth grade boys basketball team, above, won the St. Michael Blue Angel Classic basketball game on February 10th. This capped off an undefeated 17-0 record for the season! Pictured from left to right are: First row- Jadan DeJesus, Ethan Hall and Joe Mussarra. Second row- Dylan Bartchak, Logan Griffin, Landon Jatsek and Que Miller. Third row- Coach Doug Bartchak, Coach Bill Hall and Coach Que Miller.

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Tuesday, March 28, 2-3:30 p.m., ages 8-14. Check out the Innovation Center while making a greeting card that pops up and lights up! Learn about the laser engraver and the vinyl cutter, plus how to create an electric circuit. A Release and Hold Harmless 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](http://www.cuyahogalibrary.com) for more details or to register.

• **Teen Creative Writing**, March 23, 3:30 p.m., grades 6-12. Join other teen writers and stretch your imagination with exercises to help you through the creative writing process. Use prompts and other techniques to get your creativity going. Feel free to bring any of your writing with you.

• **Author Visit: Tricia Springstubb**, Saturday, March

25, 2 p.m., grades 4-8. Tricia Springstubb, author of the book "Every Single Second" and "What Happened on Fox Street," among others, will share her story of becoming a writer and share some of her best writing techniques. Participants will have the opportunity to do some writing as well. Some of Tricia's books, provided by the Independence Friends of the Library, will be raffled off.

• **Volunteens**, Tuesday, March 28, 7 p.m. Join Volunteens and earn service hours at the library! Work on an activity that will support either a library program or a local organization.

• **School Readiness - Writing and Story Play**, ages 3-5 with a caregiver. Wednesday, March 29, 11 a.m. and Thursday, March 30, 10 a.m. Build writing and literacy skills through hands-on activity stations.

## MAPLE HEIGHTS

The Maple Heights Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library is located at 5225 Library Ln. To register for any of the following programs, call 216-475-5000.

• **Teddy Bear Clinic**, Friday, March 24, 10:30 a.m., ages 3-5. Does your teddy bear or favor-

ite stuffed friend need a check-up? Bring them to the library to learn how band-aids, x-rays and love will have your cuddly friend feeling better soon.

• **Art Experiences**, Friday, March 24, 4 p.m., grades K-8. Engage your imaginative self with open-ended art explorations. Examine the works of art masters and explore various mediums such as paint, pastels and clay. All materials included.

• **Internet 102- Evaluating Websites**, Saturday, March 25, 10 a.m. Learn how to explore the rich content available on the Internet. This class emphasizes downloading content and other electronic resources. Prerequisite: Internet 101.

• **Studio Saturday**, March 25, 2:30 p.m., grades K-5. Enjoy a story and a chance to create something amazing!

• **Homeschool: STEAM**, Monday, March 27, 10:30 a.m., grades 1-5. Students will be inspired to use creative ingenuity to explore and experiment through a variety of hands-on activities.

• **Can You Escape the Zombies?** Monday, March 27, 2 p.m., grades 6-12. Can your team solve a series of puzzles

and escape from a "locked" room in the library?

• **Messy Monday**, March 27, 7 p.m., newborns to eight years with a caregiver. Enjoy stories, songs and a fun activity. Share a creative playtime and leave the mess at the library.

• **Healthy Hygiene: Beautiful You**, Tuesday, March 28, 2:30 p.m., grades 1-5. This interactive program from the Cleveland Clinic focuses on how proper personal, dental and hand hygiene play an important role in your overall good health.

• **LED Cloud Workshop**, Tuesday, March 28, 3:30 p.m., ages 11-18. Students will learn about simple circuits while creating a small cloud sculpture. Participants will each create their own cloud, lit by an LED, that they can clip on to their collar or backpack and take home. Parents must complete a Release and Hold Harmless form.

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## POLONIA MARCHES FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY!



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Pictured above are some of the "Cleveland Polonia" (and friends) participants in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Cleveland last Friday. This is the seventh year for the group which started out in 2010 with only members of St. Casimir and St. Barbara parishes participating. The group welcomes all to march with them in this fun event saluting the memory of St. Patrick.

In their march, they also included a large poster image of the late Judge Raymond Pianka, a well respected public servant and contributor to all things Polish. Judge Pianka will be honored posthumously at the upcoming St. Stanislaus Four Eagles Award Banquet on May 5th.

## 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](http://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.

### Girls Softball

Registration for the Girls Softball program will begin Monday, April 3, and will be held through Saturday, April 29; no sign ups April 7, 8 or 9, due to ice show. The program is for girls ages 7-17; all seven year olds must be of age on or before May 1st and have two years of t-ball experience with the Garfield Heights t-ball program; all 8-17 year olds must be of age on or before August 1st with no prior experience necessary.

Fee for residents, \$35; nonresidents, \$65. All players will also be responsible for a \$25 booster club fee at the time of registration.

## 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. Only a parent or legal guardian can register children. Any registrations taken after the posted deadline are subject to a \$15 late fee.

The Rec's Futsal Season came to an end on March 22nd. View the championship teams and standings on the city's website.

## Senior Center to hold Bake Sale

The Garfield Heights Senior Center will host its annual Bake Sale on Wednesday and Thursday, April 12 and 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. Donations of homemade baked goods and Ziploc bags will be welcome and will be accepted on April 10 and 11. They can be taken to Annie at the Civic Center. 216-475-1100, ext. 2435.

## Obituary



**MICHAEL J. LIPTAK**, age 72, went peacefully home to the Lord on March 16th at Highland Hospital in Rochester, New York. He was born September 16, 1944 in Cleveland, a son of the late Andrew and Mary (Uhrin) Liptak.

Michael was a supervisor for many years with the New York State Department of Labor and attended the Batavia Assembly of God Church. He was a selfless man, always doing for others, shown in being an active volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, Samaritan's Purse and giving of his free time along with others in assisting with many area building projects for those in need. He enjoyed playing softball and was a fan of the Cleveland Indians and Ohio State football. Mr. Liptak was a true family man, always putting them first, and his pride and joy were his beloved grandchildren.

Surviving is his beloved wife of 47 years, Susan (Pelz) Liptak of Batavia; loving daughters, Kristie (Garron) Gianopoulos, Rachel (Carl) Schoenthal, Amy (Peter) Dart and Kimberly (Jason) Countryman; 13 grandchildren; siblings, Andrew (Kathleen) Liptak, Paul (late Elfriede) Liptak, Helen (late Charles) Suckow, Thomas (Jacqueline) Liptak, Judith (James) Sledz, Martin Liptak, George (Michelle) Liptak, Mildred (Albert) Delphia, Margaret (Stephen) Quella and Stephen (Charlotte) Liptak, along with many nieces and nephews.

Services were handled by the Michael S. Tomaszewski Funeral and Cremation Chapel in Batavia, New York. He will be laid to rest in Grand View Cemetery and memorials in his memory are suggested to a charity of the donor's choice.

## GHWC seeks formal dresses

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 non-profit organization that provides formal and cocktail dresses, as 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.

## Garfield Hts. High, Cleveland Central Catholic defeated in basketball regional semifinals

Garfield Heights High School and Cleveland Central Catholic varsity boys basketball teams were defeated in their regional semifinal games held last weekend.

The Bulldogs faced St. Edward in the Division I game; final score, 69-65. The Ironmen faced St. Vincent-St. Mary in the Division II game; final score, 72-48.

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