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## **CCC** honors top graduating seniors

Cleveland Central Catholic High School in Slavic Village is proud to announce its graduates in the top 10 percent of the class of 2017.

They are: DeVerra Lambert, valedictorian; Ashyra Watkins, salutatorian and Phi Beta Kappa award winner; Kayla Cooper; Aaron Davis; Keishla Dones; Monaie Farmer; Robin Frederick; Jay'da Hall; Walter Ivory; Danielle Lamboy; Joie Levandowski; Jasmine Miller; Desire Peters; Laurin Sampson; and Jamier Willis.





**DeVerra Lambert** 

Ashyra Watkins

Lambert will be attending Cleveland State University with plans to study literature. She was the president of Student Council and was a member of Students for Peace and Justice, Art Club National Honor Society, Key Club and won The English Department's Senior Departmental Award.

Watkins plans to begin studies in political science at Cuyahoga County Community College before final studies for her BA. She was a member of the Art Club, Drama Club, National Honor Society, Publications Club, and Catholic School for Peace and Justice. She was a volunteer at the RoseMary Center, the Slovene Home and worked on Senator Rob Portman's reelection campaign. She won senior awards from the Business and Computer Department and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa by the high school faculty.

Baccalaureate and commencement ceremonies were held June 6th at St. Colman Church on West 65th St. in Cleveland. Congrats, Grads!



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of Maple Heights."



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Miller Peters

#### Willis Sampson

## More NN 'Freebies' offered!!

FREE

The Neighborhood News has free tickets to give away for local events published in the paper's Community Calendar. Stop in to The Neighborhood News, 8613 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Heights, and enter to win free tickets to neighborhood events.

If you're into live theater, stop by the NN and sign up to win two tickets to the Murder Mystery Dinner performed by the Garfield Players at the Garfield Heights Civic Center on Saturday, June 24th, at 7 p.m. Deadline to enter is Monday, June 19th.

Two tickets will also be drawn for the Sunday, June 25th duck, dumplings and sauerkraut Sokol dinner at Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave., serving from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Deadline to enter is Monday, June 19th.

Or win two tickets to the Sunday, July 23rd pork steak, dumplings and sauerkraut Sokol dinner - same time and place! Deadline to enter is Monday, July 17th.

All winners will be notified by phone and are limited to one winning entry every six months. Stop in today and enter the drawing!

## **Maple Heights Council approves** charter changes for Nov. ballot

#### By Judith Goldsworth

Proposed charter changes regarding civil service requirements for potential police officers and firefighters in Maple Heights will appear on the Tuesday, Nov. 7 ballot, after council approved ordinances to place the issues before voters at their meeting last week

One of the proposed changes states that Mayor Annette Blackwell has recommended submitting the issue to voters "to provide that competitive civil service examinations shall not be required for lateral entry transfers into employment."

What this means, according to the ordinance, is that if the issue is passed in November, the Civil Service Commission will have the authority to determine that competitive written examinations for lateral (same level) entry for the positions of Police Cadet and Fire Cadet "may be dispensed with."

In place of the written exam, police and fire cadets would be able to complete an application, submit proof of experience and training, undergo an oral interview "and such other requirements as the Civil Service Commission may determine are appropriate.'

Additionally, the Civil Service Commission would certify the payroll of all civil service employees to the finance director, according to the ordinance.

The second ordinance passed by council, also to submit an issue to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections for the November ballot, states that if approved, the city's civil service rules, regulations, orders or decisions prevail over conflicting state law

As stated in the proposed charter change, in any matter where a rule, regulation, order or decision of the Maple Heights Civil Service Commission conflicts with state law, "the rules, regulations, order or decision of the city's Civil Service Commission shall prevail over and render null and void the state provision with respect to the city

Another proposed charter change giving the mayor the authority to appoint the police chief and the fire chief, and also giving the mayor the authority to remove either chief with the consent of two thirds of council, was withdrawn by Blackwell.

Council approved an ordinance amending the codified ordinances regarding rules of order for council. The 10-page document accompanying the legislation goes into extensive detail regarding rules on meetings, officers and employees, duties and privileges, legislation, council committees, amendment of rules and other information.

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## Community calendar for successful entry into a Mead Ave., Cleveland. Tu-health care position. ition is free. For info or to Classes begin Tuesday register. contact Sandra son; \$35 per couple; in-

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 or is profitable to the organization must be submitted as a display ad (minimum \$40). In addition to the paid advertisement, the event notice will be printed one time free of charge in a section of this newspaper. Call The N.N. with questions or for further details, 216-441-2141, or email: nnews1923@aol.com.(N.N. policies are subject to change without notice.) at 216-456-0914.

#### Wed.-Thur. June 14-15

#### Art & Writing Exhibition

Celebrate the creativity of adults 55 and over at the 2017 Arts and Writing Exhibition at Jennings, 10204 Granger Rd. in Garfield Hts., on Wednesday, June 14, from 6-8 p.m. and Thursday, June 15, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Exhibits will include painting, quilting, poetry, jewelry and more. Free admission.

662-6564. Friday, June 16 **Mobile Food Pantry** 

#### The North Broadway Mobile Food Pantry will be open Friday, June 16, 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.

The Lupus Foundation

Group on Saturday, June

17, at the Maple Hts. Li-

brary, 5225 Library Ln.,

from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

www.lupusgreaterohio.org.

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#### Thur.-Sat., June 15-17 Saturday, June 17

#### Trash & Treasure Sale **Lupus Support Group**

St. Martin of Tours Parish, 14600 Turney Rd., Maple Hts., will host its Chapter, will host its will sponsor a free Martial annual Trash and Treasure monthly Lupus Support Arts Sports Camp at The southeastchamber.org. Sale on Thursday, June 15, from noon to 8 p.m.; Friday, June 16, 10<sup>°</sup>a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturday, June 17, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; in the 1-888-NO-LUPUS or visit school building. Shop great deals on a variety of items and purchase refresh-



#### ments. Betty Hofman, 216-Monday, June 19

#### Sugar Artists Meet

The North Coast Sugar Artists meeting will be held Monday, June 19, at 6:45 p.m. in the basement of the Garfield Hts. Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. Learn new techniques and ideas. There will be demonstrations and refreshments. This month's theme: "Bridal Luncheon - It's a Girl Thing.

#### Mon.-Fri., June 19-23

#### **Martial Arts Camp**

The Garfield Human Deof America, Greater Ohio velopment Corporation Rock Community Church, 9403 Garfield Blvd. in Garfield Hts., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday-Friday, June 19-23, for kids ages 5-12. Children will learn basic self-defense along with biblical lessons. Afree daily hot lunch also provided. Parents or guardians may Saturday, June 17, from 1at 10 a.m. any day during camp week if space is available. Last minute sign-ups are welcome. There is a daily limit of 60 children. Visit www.garfieldhdc.com for more info.

## Tuesday, June 20

**Health Careers Training Program** 

University Settlement will

Tuition is free. For more 456-0914. info or to register contact Sandra Buckner, NEO Skill Corps Program Manager,

### Wednesday, June 21

**Tee Off Fore The** Chamber'

Southeast Region Chambers of Commerce will beverage and snacks! present a "Tee Off Fore the Chamber" golf outing at Grantwood Golf Course, 38855 Aurora Rd. in Solon, on Wednesday, June 21. Registration, 8 a.m.; shotgun start, 10 a.m.; dinner, raffle and awards, 2:30 p.m. Cost per golfer, \$125; dinner only, \$35. To register or for more info contact the Garfield Hts. Chamber, 216-475-7775 or garfield Southeast Region Cham-

ber, 440-232-0115 or

#### **Hyacinth Meeting**

A neighborhood meeting for residents of the Hyacinth area in Cleveland will be held Wednesday, June celebration, 6-8 p.m. 21, at 6 p.m. at Elizabeth Baptist Church, 6114 Francis Ave. Meet Third District Police Commander pre-register their child on Thomas McCartney, discuss the dirt bike track, Mid-3 p.m. at church or sign up town Trucking and other concerns.

#### Thursday, June 22

#### **County Benefits** Workshop

Are you concerned about losing your county benefits due to time limits or because you have started a new job? University Settle- residents and \$35 for nonment in Cleveland will of- residents. A birth certififer a solution during a free, cate and two proofs of resiofferafree, six-week Health two-hour workshop on dency are required at the Careers Training Program Thursday, June 22, from



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### to help prepare individuals 10 a.m. til noon at 4909 5407 Turney Rd., from 7-9 Classes begin Tuesday, register, contact Sandra son; \$35 per couple; in-June 20, at 10:30 a.m. at Buckner, NEO Skill Corps cludes dinner, punch and 4909 Mead Ave., Cleveland. Program Manager, at 216-

#### Friday, June 23 N.H. Movie Night

Enjoy a Movie Night in Kathy Edwards Park on E. 27 St. in Newburgh Hts. on Friday, June 23, beginning at dusk. Watch "Batman The Garfield Hts. and Lego Movie" and bring your own blanket or chairs,

#### Saturday, June 24

**Murder Mystery Dinner** The Garfield Players will host a Murder Mystery Fundraiser Dinner on Saturday, June 24, at the

Sunday, June 25 **Sokol Sunday Dinner** Sokol Greater Cleveland will host its monthly ethnic

Garfield Players.

dessert. 50/50 raffle; gift

baskets. For tickets, call

216-475-8313 or visit

garfieldplayers.com. All

proceeds from the event

will go directly to the

dinner on Sunday, June 25, from 12:30-2:30 p.m. in the lower level dining room at Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave., Slavic Village. This month, enjoy a special duck dinner with dumplings and sauerkraut; \$18. Reservations required Garfield Hts. Civic Center, by calling 216-447-0264.

#### Garfield Hts. rec center news

Garfield Heights, is now open. Daily pool hours will be 1-7 p.m., weather permitting. Exception: Saturday, June 24 pool hours will be 1-5 p.m. only; T-Ball Swim Party and awards

Regular office hours will be Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., but it will also be open when the pool is open to purchase summer passes, Rec ID cards and register for fitness and learn to swim programs. Weekend office hours begin at 12:45 p.m. for pool admissions. (All office hours are subject to change.)

A Rec ID is required to participate in any Rec program. Cards cost \$10 for time of purchase or for registrations.

#### Learn to Swim

Learn to Swim Session 1: July 10-July 20, 7:15-7:45 p.m. Registration deadline, July 7. Learn to Swim Ses-

The swimming pool at the sion 2: July 24-August 3, chamber.com; or the Dan Kostel Recreation 7:15-7:45 p.m. Registration Center, 5411 Turney Rd., deadline, July 21. All lessons are held Monday-Thursday. Class size is limited to 15 swimmers. Fee for residents, \$35; nonresidents, \$75. The program director reserves the right to cancel and/or combine any class if necessary.

> For more details on all Rec programs offered visit www.garfieldhts.org or call 216-475-7272.

## **Class reunion**

The Garfield Heights High School Class of 1970 will host a 65th birthday party celebration on Saturday, July 8, from 6-11:30 p.m. at Quaker Steak and Lube in Valley View.

The event is free to attend; food provided; purchase drinks on your own. Donations will also be taken for the 50th reunion.

RSVP by email to cynthiakwilt@aol.com or elaine.george1952@ gmail.com by July 1st.



## **Garfield Hts. Council notes**

#### **By Ellen Psenicka**

Several pieces of legislation were passed Monday night at the regular meeting of Garfield Heights Council. All ordinances and a resolution were okayed unanimously.

Garfield Heights was given the go-ahead to apply for a grant available under the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998 for the Garfield Heights Police Department to purchase 30 bulletproof vests.

A sale of municipally-owned property which has been determined to be no longer needed by the city was authorized.

An agreement between Garfield Heights and the city of Cleveland for the resurfacing of Grand Division Avenue was amended to include the western end of Grand Division. One side of the street is in Garfield Heights and the other in Cleveland.

City Engineer David Krock was authorized to prepare plans and specifications per OHM Advisors' proposal for the Johnston Parkway Reconstruction Project. Payment of the preliminary engineering plan costs was also okaved.

Also passed was a resolution to apply for an additional grant from the Cuyahoga County Property Demolition Program to demolish blighted properties in Garfield Heights.

Economic Development Director Noreen Kuban said a public hearing is set for Thursday, June 22, at 6 p.m. in council chambers to discuss the McCracken Road rezoning.

Council is now on its summer session schedule. Its next regular meeting will be Monday, July 10, at 7 p.m.

## **Entrants sought for Black** Walnut Fest baking contest in Garfield Hts.

The Garfield Heights Historical Society is sponsoring its first-ever Black Walnut Fest on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the museum, 5404 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights.

There will be games for children of all ages, music and a Black Walnut Baking Contest with four categories for entry: Cakes, Cookies, Breads and Pies.

A panel of five celebrity judges, including Garfield Heights Mayor Vic Collova, will determine the winners in each category

The baking contest is open to all amateur bakers. For more information or to participate, go to www.ghhist.org, call 216-475-3050, or Ellen at The Neighborhood News, 216-441-2141.

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## Garden plots still available

Community Garden plots in Slavic Village are still vailable at Morganic Gardens and other locations throughout the Village. Plants and training for new gardeners are provided.

Anyone interested in a spot at Morganic Gardens should call Jerry Bieda at 216-570-2455. For other locations contact Joe Linsky at 216-429-1182, ext. 107.

"Community gardens are a wonderful way to meet your neighbors, grow your own healthy produce and is a wonderful place to relax and enjoy the outdoor environment," said Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli.

## Maple Heights Council

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An ordinance enacting a new subsection of the codified ordinances regarding certificates of occupancy was approved by council. Certificates of occupancy for residential properties will not be issued for the following reasons: if the property has a delinquent property tax balance or other unpaid liens unless the property owner or person in charge provides proof of being on a Delinquent Payment Plan with the county; or has an unpaid balance for nuisance abatement costs, imposed by the city "that has not been placed on the [county] property tax duplicate."

#### Special energy project approved

Also passed by council was a resolution approving the petition for a special energy improvement project within the Northeast Ohio Advanced Energy District, submitted by MJ Real Property Investments, which owns property at 14400 Industrial Ave. in the city. The project, intended to improve energy efficiency at the property, includes installation of a thermoplastic polyolefin (a type of synthetic material) roof, and related improvements.

Also regarding MJ Real Property Investments, another resolution was passed "acquiring, constructing and improving certain public improvements in the city, in cooperation with the Northeast Ohio Advanced En-





ergy District." MJ Real Property Investments has requested that the project be paid for by special assessments in an amount to pay for the project, estimated at \$90,475.

The property owner has requested that the project "be undertaken cooperatively by the city, the AED, and such other parties as the city may deem necessary... the portion of the costs allocable to the city will be zero percent," according to the resolution.

Also approved were three other pieces of legislation authorizing the improvements to the Industrial Avenue property in cooperation with the city and the AED.

#### Fire dept. receives FEMA grant

Council passed legislation for Blackwell and Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas to accept a 2016 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in the amount of \$52,994, which will be used for operations and safety equipment. The city will contribute a cost match of 10 percent.

Council passed an ordinance allowing the mayor to close city parks "whenever a threat to public health or safety exists," including natural causes, explosions, accidents, riots, unlawful assembly or other activities.

Also passed was a resolution authorizing a change order for the Caves Road Construction Company, increasing the contract for construction of a new salt storage facility at the Dunham Road Service Center in the amount not to exceed \$8500. The original contract was approved in March by a resolution of council.

## Bedford, Bedford Hts. seeking July 4th paraders

The cities of Bedford and Bedford Heights are hosting the 34th annual Independence Day Parade on Tuesday, July 4, beginning at 10 a.m.

The parade starts are Columbus Road and Washington Street, proceeds east on Columbus to Perkins Road, disbanding at Bedford Heights City Hall.

Any group or organization interested in being a part of the parade should call Bedford City Hall at 440-232-1600 or find an application online at www.bedfordoh.gov.



## **Strategic Planning Committee presents** council with ideas to improve Bedford

#### **By Judith Goldsworth**

Dedicated "to continuing the growth and development of the city of Bedford," the recently formed Bedford Citizens Strategic Planning Committee gave a presentation to council at its meeting last week on ideas and actions to help improve the city.

Over the past several months the committee members have met to discuss areas to focus on, including crime, safety, economic development, recreation, neighborhood quality of life issues and teenagers.

About 35 citizens have participated in the committee meetings, and the majority of them were present at the council meeting, with committee members giving brief overviews of possible actions in each of the focus areas.

Community involvement and increasing communication with residents and local businesses were topics extensively discussed in this subcommittee, members said, explaining that increasing safety awareness by creating a speaker-based educational series, establishing a citywide safety board and enacting a "getting to know your neighbor" program were all possible plans to boost awareness.

Actions to be considered to encourage economic development in the city include the following: inviting dialogue and brainstorming on restructuring downtown, reactivating Bedford's community development group, developing resources for landlords to market properties and enhancing downtown and the rest of the Council time change defeated city, and encouraging businesses to sponsor and support special events, educational programs and creative outlets for children and community members.

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"We're going to use everybody's skills to help the community grow," one committee member stated.

In the Neighborhood and Quality of Life subcommittee, developing a new citizens volunteer program was a plan of action, as were requesting the Bedford police department to look into the feasibility of adding a traffic division to address residential areas, speeding and stop sign violations; creating a welcome packet for new residents with pertinent information listed; having senior van pickup for city events; starting a local newspaper; replacing the city cemetery fence; and having the Bedford court system partner with the school district to form a community service diversion program.

Plans suggested for the city's teenagers include: creating teen focus groups, making a calendar of events, creating an advisory board of teens, offering Bedford High School project internships with the city, a mentoring program in which teens would be paired with professionals, a summer job fair in the early spring to help young adults find summer employment, lifeskills classes in babysitting, CPR and first aid, teen trips and outings and teen sport leagues and intermural programs.

'I'm impressed," Mayor Stan Koci said. "Just hearing the viabilities here, it's amazing what you've accomplished in a short time. What I will do is try to figure out time we can meet and discuss these in more detail... I want to get going on all of this."

An ordinance to change the time for regular council meetings from 8 p.m. to 7 p.m. was defeated by a vote of council, after being placed on first and second readings at previous meetings. City officials wanted to encourage greater citizen attendance by holding the meetings at an earlier time.

Koci said he wanted to get feedback from the community on a possible time change, adding that he heard from "about four people and they were all against changing it."

#### Tax budget approved

Council passed a resolution to approve the proposed 2017 Tax Budget for the city, effective from January 1 though December 31 of next year. Finance Director Frank Gambosi stated that passage of the tax budget is the first step in the annual budgetary process, and allows the Cuyahoga County Auditor's Office to assess



the millage for the city; establishes a certificate of estimated resources, which are total resources for the city; and allows the city to receive local government funds.

#### Landscape company to lease city site

MRLM LLC, a landscape material business on Solon Road in Bedford, will enter an agreement for a 10-year lease with option to purchase for an approximately 19acre parcel the city owns at the end of West Krick Road in Walton Hills.

The property, formerly used by Bedford as a landfill to dump clean fill dirt, has been closed for more than 20 years, City Manager Mike Mallis said, adding that the EPA and the county Board of Health have been involved in testing the site on an annual basis to ensure it meets all requirements. Rent will be \$3000 per month for the first five years, then it will be raised to \$3500 per month, Mallis said.

#### Other legislation

Additional ordinances on the agenda passed by council last week include: purchasing a 2017 Ford F250 truck for the water department from Middletown Ford Fleet for \$24,048.56 through the state purchasing program; approving a contract with Tucker Landscaping for cityowned property at Broadway and Mitchell at a cost of \$34,002.10 (this comes from funds through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program); authorizing two separate contracts with Simplex-IT for computer services to City Hall (\$4,306/month) and also to the police department (\$2,600/month); and authorizing Mallis to advertise for bids for the Northfield and Union Storm Sewer project.

#### Motions approved

The following motions to accept the recommendations of a special Planning Commission meeting were approved:

Tanisha Lofton, Bedford Heights/Shore Realty Group LLC, Beachwood, to open a beauty salon at 794 Broadway.

Jeff Davis of Davis Construction Management Inc./ Migdal LLC, proposing renovation of an existing Hyundai dealership at 18300 Rockside Rd.

•Claire Heffron, Hudson/The Inspired Treehouse LLC, to operate a blog and online resource business at 689 Broadway. This is an occupational therapy and physical therapy facility for children, Mallis said.

#### **Citizen of the Year**

As stated in a release issued by the city last week, Mayor Koci proclaimed Lynn Jones as Citizen of the Year in Bedford for 2017.

Jones has volunteered for many organizations in the city, including University Hospitals Bedford, Bedford Methodist Church, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Bedford Historical Society events, Western Reserve Historical Society, Bedford school programs, Buckeye Trail Group, and has contributed to the Cleveland Orchestra and

There will be a Garden and Arts Tour through the Bedford Garden Club from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 17. Eleven residential gardens with artwork by local artists will be featured; also two bonus gardens. Tickets are on sale at www.bedfordgardenclub.com

## **Invest In Children launches** new resource for families with young children

In Children has launched CuyahogaKids.org, a new interactive resource where families with young chil- where scholarship and dren can find high-quality other assistance may be child care and preschool, fun things to do, interesting places to go and get connected to important county resources when needed.

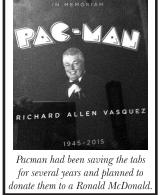
When searching for highquality child care or preschool, CuyahogaKids only displays options that are rated high quality (three stars or higher) in Ohio's their needs. Step Up to Quality rating

Church news Hope UMC

Hope United Methodist Church, 79 Center Rd., Bedford, will host its free Vacation Bible School Monday through Friday, June 26-30, from 9 a.m. to noon. A light snack will be provided. Theme: Maker Fun Factory.

The program is for children ages four years (potty trained) to grade five. To register call 440-232-3131.

Jean (Fiore) Vasquez donated 10 pounds of Pull Tabs to Ronald McDonald House, Cleveland, In Memory of her husband Rick (a.k.a. Pacman) who passed away on May 25, 2015.



Cuyahoga County's Invest system. The search results provide additional information on how to reach the provider, and indicates available.

> With new Cuyahoga County investments that will soon nearly double the number of high-quality seats available through the county's Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program, the time is right for making it easier for parents to find a preschool that best meets

CuyahogaKids.org is a trusted source of informa- Immaculate Heart tion that is free, available on-the-go, and commercial free. Designed to work easily and quickly on a mobile device, CuyahogaKids.org can reach parents whenever and wherever they need information.

"We know we need to reach parents where they are, and they are on their phones!" said Dr. Rebekah Dorman, director of Invest In Children. "Now they will have realtime information Zumba to help them take advantage of our community's outstanding resources."

The events, activities and are all entered by approved Each class costs \$3. their events and locations. 475-1100, ext. 2435.

nior Center, 5407 Turney Rd., offers its Zumba for Seniors program on Thursfun places that parents see days from 12:45-1:45 p.m. content partners who post more info call Annie, 216-



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ddereska@stbenedictohio.com Mrs. Deb Dereska, Teacher

#### By ensuring that only wellestablished and trusted organizations can contribute content, Invest In Children can make certain that the events are appropriate for young children and developmentally rich.

Development of CuyahogaKids was funded through grants from The Stocker Foundation and United Way of Greater Cleveland.



#### **Grandmother's Club**

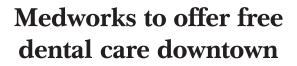
The Grandmother's Club will meet Thursday, June 15, at 11:30 a.m. at Cuyahoga Heights Village Hall, 4863 E. 71 St.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Golden Agerswill meet on Tuesday, June 20, 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.

The Garfield Heights Se-



Medworks will host its large-scale dental clinic on Friday and Saturday, June 23 and June 24, at the Cleveland Convention Center, 300 Lakeside Ave. E, where more than 1,000 medically underserved patients will receive 100 percent free dental care.

Dental care is the number one unmet health need for children and low-income adults in Ohio. With 600 professional medical and support volunteers, Medworks will offer preventative and restorative dental care including exams, cleanings, extractions and temporary partials for adults and sealants for children. All services are free of charge. There are no qualifications or requirements to receive care. All are welcome.

Medworks will not take appointments for this clinic. Doors open at 7 a.m. Patients will be seen on a first come, first served basis until the event reaches capacity. Attendees are advised to arrive early. For more information visit www.medworksusa.org/dental.

### Red Cross blood donor sites

The American Red Cross urges eligible donors to give blood this summer for hospital patients in need. Donors of all blood types are currently needed.

Donation appointments can be scheduled by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Local Lutheran Church/ donation sites include:

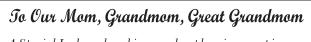
Independence: Monday, June 26, 1-7 p.m. at the Independence Community Center, 6363 Selig Dr.

Garfield Heights: Tuesday, June 27, 1-6 p.m. at Marymount Hospital, 12300 McCracken Rd.

A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood.

## Adult wellness program at University Settlement

University Settlement, lo- adults with disabilities cated at 4800 Broadway Monday through Friday, Ave. in Cleveland, offers from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. wellness programs de-The program includes signed for older adults and break fast, lunch and



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snacks, on-site nurses, wellness and educational presentations, computer lab and instruction, field trips, social events, exercise programs and more!

For more information, contact Ronald Bridges at 216-641-8948, ext. 130 or send an email to: rbridges @universitysettlement.net.

## **Free meals**

#### **Holy Name**

Free hot meals are served at Holy Name Church in the parish hall, 8328 Broadway Ave., each Thursday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. The menu varies and all are welcome. The next meal will be served June 15.

#### Jones Road Chapel

Jones Road Chapel, 8000 Jones Rd., Cleveland, serves free lunches on the last Saturday of each month, beginning at noon. The next lunch will be served June 24.

## HUMC

Lutheran Church of the Covenant and Hope United Methodist Church will offer free hot meals on the last Thursday of each month, from 5-6 p.m., at Lutheran Church's parish hall, 19000 Libby Rd., Maple Heights. All are welcome; no restrictions. Handicapped accessible. The next meal will be served June 29. 216-662-0370.

#### **Our Lady of Lourdes**

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 3395 East 53rd St., Cleveland, serves free hot meals the last Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All are welcome. Call 216-641-2829 for more details. The next meal will be served June 29.

#### University

**Settlement** 

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#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2017

## Site-based mentoring receives 'Big' reception at William Foster Elementary School in G.H.

Foster Elementary School in Garfield Heights received I remember how people poured into me. quite a surprise when they entered the class and saw gaming stations set up around the room.

Why the treat? The leadership at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Cleveland (BBBSGC) thought it would be a great way to close out the Community Connectors Mentoring Program implemented in Garfield schools last October. Maple Leaf and Elmwood students received their "Game Day" presented by Face to Face Gamez later in the week.

Funded by The Ohio Department of Education Community Connectors grant, the Community Connectors hesitant at first but they've grown to really like the Mentoring Program supports site-based mentoring at Garfield's three elementary schools and communitybased mentoring for older students.

With the site-based mentoring, mentors or "Bigs" spend 50 minutes a week with the mentees or "Littles," typically four to a group, in a classroom setting.

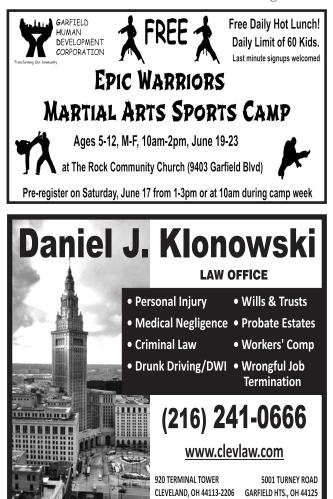
Marquis Foster, BBBSGC Enrollment and Match Support specialist overseeing the program at William Foster, said the students responded well. "It took some time to work out the kinks, but we quickly obtained a better understanding of what the group needed," said Foster.

Approximately 16 students at William Foster, all fourth graders, about 10 years old, were referred to the program by the school, then assessed and interviewed by BBBSGC.

that didn't feel like school. He realized some students needed a release, especially since the program consumed their recess hour. He eventually incorporated STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) based activities into the sessions and brought in a presenter from Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

Foster also said the students bonded well with the "Bigs."

"It was a wonderful experience for me for multiple reasons," said Van Monroe, a sneaker designer who



Recently a select group of fourth graders at William served as a "Big." "I was excited about the opportunity.

One of his mentees expressed interest in art, which allowed them to bond around it.

"It's amazing to see how much they've grown. I've seen a change in their behavior," said Monroe, who started mid-way through the year. "They've helped me as well. I've learned since February the world they are growing up in is very different than the one I grew up in.

Gina Wilson, an intern social worker working with pre-K students at William Foster, served as a mentor as well. "I think they really enjoyed it," she said. "They were program, building new relationships and making new friends. They came to rely on the mentors being here.'

Steven Hawthorne, a Navy recruitment representative and electrical engineer, has been with the program since October. He said his uniform intimidated some students at first, as they perceived him to be a soldier. But when the students were reminded that Tuesday was the last day, one little boy immediately embraced Hawthorne.

To learn more about this program, contact Samantha Holmes at 216-452-5216 or email her at: samantha.holmes@wementoryouth.org.

## Sign up at library for free Foster discovered he needed to create an atmosphere bet didn't fael like school. He realized some students aged 4 -1/2 and younger

Several branches of the Cuyahoga County Public Library have applications available for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library for children ages 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years and younger living in Bedford, Bedford Heights, Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, East Cleveland, Euclid, Garfield Heights, Maple Heights, Shaker Heights, University Heights, Village of Oakwood, Walton Hills or Warrensville Heights.

Once enrolled, children will be mailed a free book every month until their fifth birthday, providing children a home library of up to 60 books which it is hoped will instill a love of books and family reading from an early age.



#### Legal Notice of a Public Hearing

The City of Garfield Heights is hereby giving notice that a Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, June 22, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in Council Chambers at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Road, Garfield Heights., OH 44125.

The following issue will be discussed: Ordinance No. 35-2017 to rezone certain parcels of land on McCracken Road (Permanent Parcel Nos. 545-11-033, 545-11-046, 545-11-042, 545-11-034, 545-11-035, 545-11-044, 545-11-036, 545-11-037 AND 545-11-045 FROM U-1 Single Family Residential to U11-B Industrial Park

Pursuant to Section 58 of the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights. By order of the Ways & Means Committee, Matt Burke, Chairperson. Residents are welcome to attend with questions/comments.

N.N. June 7 and June 14

To sign up, stop by the reference desk at one of the following locations, fill out the application and in 6-11 weeks the first book will arrive. Southeast (Bedford) Branch, 70 Columbus Rd.; Garfield Heights Branch, 5409 Turney Rd.; Maple Heights Branch, 5225 Library Ln.; Warrensville Heights Branch, 4415 Northfield Rd. Registration and more information can also be found online at www.imaginationlibrary.com.

The Imagination Library is celebrating its 20th year gifting over 73.9 million books. In Greater Cleveland, the Cooperative will implement and manage, over the next four years, to reach more than 10,000 children with the goal to improve kindergarten readiness in Cuyahoga County.

### Free self defense class in G.H.

The Garfield Heights Family Resource Center manager, Ruth Pollack, will host a free Self Defense Class on Wednesday, June 21, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. in Garfield Heights.

Christopher Ritondaro will be the instructor for the evening. Ritondaro is a Garfield Heights police officer and a patrol supervisor and training instructor for NASA Protective Services Training Academy.

Topics to be taught and demonstrated include personal defense, home defense, basic strike, awareness, behavior detection.

All these topics and more will be covered. Participants must be 18 years and over. Registration is not necessary. With questions contact Ruth Pollack at 216-475-1103.

## **G.H. KIWANIS DONATES HUNDREDS OF SHOES**



After collecting shoes for over a year, the Garfield Heights Kiwanis Club had accumulated over 100 bags of them, with 25 pair in each bag, for the Shoes for Hope Program through Missions in Motion International Ministries. Recently a truck came to pick up all the bags. Members are shown above helping to load the truck for this worthy cause.





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## **Community police reports**

By Amber Weisbarth

• Police reported a 22-year-old male was stabbed in the E. 65th St. and Fleet Ave. area on June 8th, around 6:50 p.m. No other details were available as of press time.

• Police were called to the 6700 block of Chambers Ave. around 1 a.m. on June 8th for a report of multiple shots fired towards a gold vehicle from a green van. Police found the van left abandoned at the scene. It had

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#### Help Wanted

The city of Garfield Heights is accepting applications for a part-time cleaning position. General work hours are from 4-8 p.m., Monday-Friday. Pays \$8.35 per hour. Background check required Applications are available at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Road, or at www.garfieldhts.org. Application deadline is

HANDYPERSON MUST BE AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD. HAVE TRANSPORTATION. YOUR OWN TOOLS AND BE ABLE TO PASS A DRUG TEST. MUST BE EXPERIENCED IN RENTAL PROPERTIES. PAY BASED ON EXPERIENCE. CALL 216-264-4625 FOR AN INTERVIEW

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#### been heavily damaged; no one was inside. The incident remains under investigation.

#### **GARFIELD HEIGHTS**

#### **Assist Fire Department**

Police and fire units were called to a home in the 13400 block of Thraves Ave. on June 4th, around 6:30 p.m., for a report of a man laying in the front yard going in and out of consciousness. When police arrived, the man was unable to state his name or where he was, but officers eventually identified him as a 33-year-old Maple Heights resident.

There were six children at the scene. According to the police report, the children have the same last name as the 33-year-old but the children's relationship to the man was not listed.

The 33-year-old was taken to Marymount Hospital. While on his way, he admitted he smoked a cigarette laced with PCP but could not tell officers where the cigarette or the bottle was located. Report forwarded to the prosecutor's office for review.

#### **Attempted Burglary**

A resident of the 4600 block of Rockwood Rd. told police she was sleeping in an upstairs bedroom on June 6th, around 2:30 a.m., when she heard a loud crashing noise coming from downstairs. She said she immediately looked out her window and did not see any person or car in the area, but when she went downstairs she noticed her front door had been kicked in. Police said it did not appear that anyone went past the doorway. Officers searched the area for possible suspects with negative results.

#### **Breaking and Entering**

• Police were called to a convenience store on Garfield Blvd. on June 6th, around 3:30 a.m., for a glass break alarm and found the front window of the business had been broken out. Police went inside the store through the broken window but did not find anyone inside.

Officers were able to watch security camera footage which showed two males approaching the store and looking around the area. One of the males then threw a rock through the window, shattering it, and both males went inside the store. One of the males was seen putting several bottles of vodka into a backpack and the other was seen jumping over the counter and stealing several packs of cigars. The males then fled eastbound, possibly onto E. 90th St. Officers searched the area for the suspects with negative results. Will follow up with the Detective Bureau.

#### **Recovered Stolen Auto**

On June 7th, around midnight, two Garfield Heights patrol officers, in a marked police unit, saw an occupied red Chevy in the area of Rexwood Ave. and E. 131st St. Police were giving "special attention" to the area due to recent complaints of "suspicious drug activity" involving a red car. After checking the vehicle's registration, police learned the car had been stolen out of Euclid at gunpoint.

Officers tried to initiate a traffic stop near the Garfield Heights and Cleveland border, but the driver did not stop. Police chased the vehicle for a short time into Cleveland, and as the driver tried turning onto Edgewood Ave., it drove over the curb and crashed into another vehicle. The second vehicle then rolled over and came to rest on its side. Police said all parties involved in the crash were taken to area hospitals.

The driver of the vehicle, a juvenile, was charged with fleeing and eluding, receiving stolen property, obstructing official business, reckless operation and no driver's license. It was also found one of the juveniles had an active warrant with the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office for burglary. One of the passengers was cited for not wearing a seat belt, and the other passenger, 20, of Cleveland, was charged with receiving stolen property and cited for no seatbelt.

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## **Police reports**

#### (Continued from Page 9) Vandalism

p.m., police were dis-patched to the area of E. 98th St. and Granger Rd.

due to a report of juveniles throwing objects from the Transportation Blvd. I-480 overpass. When police arrived they spoke to the two juveniles, 13 and 14, who admitted they were throwing objects and apologized.

The person who reported the incident, a sergeant backyards with the RTA PD, arrived Homeworth Ave. area. of Maple Heights, city of brary, 5409 Turney Rd.

that while he was travelling spotted the suspect running on I-480 westbound, he saw On June 8th, around 6:20 to avoid being hit by the cup and nearly struck an- Ave. He was arrested and other vehicle. Vehicular taken to the Juvenile De- Families, a free community vandalism charges are pending through the Youth Bureau.

#### Warrant On File

Police were called on a **mortality** report that a teen recognized as a suspect in a event in G.H. Garfield Heights bank robbery was running through in

at the scene and told police When officers arrived they Garfield Heights and varisouth across Langton. The 10800 block of Langton tention Center.

# Infant

The Cleveland Clinic 15, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Marymount Hospital, city the Garfield Heights Li-

ous other community organizations are collaboratthe 14-year-old throw a cup K-9 Unit was called and ing together to tackle the from the overpass. He had found the 16-year-old hid- increasing infant mortality to swerve into the next lane ing behind a garage in the rate affecting the immediate communities.

Health You, Healthy event to connect new and expectant moms, dads, grandparents and babysitters to community resources, support and knowledge that will help their babies thrive during their first year and beyond, will be held Saturday, July

The program is made up of support groups, hospital tours and community baby showers that educate open Saturdays family members and other caregivers about the basics of safe baby care. Some of torical Museum, located at CPR, safe sleep, child seat safety, nutrition and fatherhood initiatives. Various taining hundreds of items raffle prizes will be awarded and light refreshments will be served.

Registration is appreciated online at www.ccf.org/ HYHFMarymount or by phone at 216-312-5640.

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## G.H. museum

The Garfield Heights Histhe topics addressed will 5405 Turney Rd. in front be pediatric care, infant of the Civic Center, is open every Saturday to the public from 1 to 4 p.m., confrom the rich history of Garfield Heights dating back to the 19th century. Admission is free.

> Group tours of the museum are also available. For more info, call 216-475-3050 or visitwww.ghhist.org. New members welcome.



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