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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2017

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Mayor Vic Collova sworn in at G.H. council meeting



Shown above is Garfield Heights Law Director Tim Riley, at right, swearing in Mayor Vic Collova during Monday night's council meeting with the mayor's wife, Jeannie, at his side. Photo by Michael Psenicka

Only two pieces of legisla-

Emergency ordinances to

apply for grant funding to

upgrade Debelak Park and

appropriate expenditures

for the 2017 fiscal year were

passed unanimously.

tion were passed Monday.

With the swearing in Mon-day evening of Garfield Only two pieces of less Heights Mayor Vic Collova at the regular meeting of city council, the sevenmember council and the city's top job have all officially been returned to the incumbents in Garfield Heights.

Thoughts and prayers were directed to the Garfield Heights jailer who was injured last Friday morning when a prisoner in the City Jail overpow-ered him and escaped. The suspect later died in a onecar crash on I-176 North near I-480 West.

In the Comments by Citizens portion of Monday meeting, night's а Darlington Avenue man commended Police Chief Robert Byrne on how efficient the police were in the escaped prisoner incident and wanted to be a part of a possible fundraiser for the injured jailer.

Byrne said the jailer was will be covered under Worker's Comp. The chief also thanked the neighboring police departments and State Highway

Coin flip may decide council race in Cuy. Hts.

According to the official results announced yesterday by the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections for the November 7th general election, Cuvahoga Heights Councilwoman Lois Henley and challenger Rick Centa are tied for a spot on the Village Council.

Unofficial results published November 8th had Centa ahead of Henley by only one vote.

Board of Elections media spokesman Mike West told The Neighborhood News that the tie in Cuyahoga Heights has triggered an automatic recount set for Thursday, Dec. 7, at 2 p.m. He said if the recount still shows the Henley-Centa tie, the race will be decided by a flip of a coin.

Man shot near Francis Ave.

An 18-year-old Cleveland resident was shot in the chest while in the passenger seat of a car traveling in the E. 55th St. and Francis Ave. area early vesterday morning, according to a Cleveland police report.

The driver of the car said he and the 18-year-old passenger were headed towards Newburgh Heights around 2:50 a.m. Tuesday morning when they noticed a white or silver car behind them. They continued driving southbound on E. 55th St. when someone in the light-colored car began shooting at them near Francis Ave.

The vehicle sped up and got next to them, then began shooting again at the passenger side of the car, according to the report. The driver said he eventually stopped at the Rally's restaurant at E. 65th and Broadway in Slavic Village for help.

The 18-year-old was shot in the right arm which "sore but doing fine" and travelled into his chest. According to the report, the teen was not breathing at the time paramedics arrived, and he was taken to MetroHealth Medical Center where staff said he was in critical but stable condition.

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Shown here is the Cuyahoga Heights High School varsity football team and coaches, headed to the state championship game this Friday in Canton.

High School football team Polack, Ryan Selig, Joseph a.m. to head to Canton. won last week's state semifi- Connors, Jason Bartosik, Pre-sale tickets for the nal game against Danville Samuel Shafer. 38-8 and will play in the state championship game this Friday, Dec. 1, at 10 a.m.

The Division VII Redskins will face Minster High School at Tom Benson Hall Harrison Ave. NW, Can-ton, OH 44707. Minster is in the west central region of Ohio. This is the second year in a row Cuyahoga Heights will play in the state finals. Go Redskins!

The team is shown in the photo above. In Row 1, from left, is: Samuel Kiriazis, Christian Kieth, Jacob Derbin, Maxwell Shafer, Jonathan Teter, Lucas D'Orazio, Dylan Drummond, Tyler Hughes, Ryan Polk and Matthew Żemko.

Row 2, from left: Coach Manfredonia, Coach Shafer, Zachary Shafer, Tristan DeFranco, Richard Allison, Chase McDaniel, Jordan Krucek, Brayden DiSanza. Alexander Studniarz, Frances Connors, Coach Huffman and Pete Ziganti.

Row 3, from left: Jordan Stefanko, Austin Knaack, Maxwell Alpert, David Shull, Kyle Calvey, Carson Nathan Horstmann.

The Cuyahoga Heights Glinka, Isaiah Durant, Kyle team will be leaving at 6:45

Row 4, from left: Coach purchase in the Cuyahoga Bryk, Coach D'Orazio, Heights Athletic Office Carter Murray, Darien through Thursday from 7:30 Tillett, Matthew Connors, a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more Nolan Borowy, Joseph information about tickets Jakubczak, Kent Petras, and Christopher Jaenke and www.cuyhts.org/atheltics of Fame Stadium, 1835 Coach Lowther. Not pic- .aspx or call 216-429-5707. tured: Andrew Rakityan, La'Tel Rush, Coach Martin, Coach Rinella and Coach Safranek.

> All are welcome to a team broadcast live by OHSAA send off gathering near the Radio Network. Tickets to school on E. 71st St. this the game are also on sale at Friday, Dec. 1, between www.ProFootballHOF.com/ 6:30-6:40 a.m.; arrive Tickets. More info at promptly as the football www.ohsaa.org.

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Pre-sale tickets for the game will be available for parking visit

All state championship games will be televised live by Spectrum Sports (Channel 311 statewide) and

Garfield Players presents 'Best Christmas Pageant'

The Garfield Players will proudly present "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd., this weekend and next weekend. This family-friendly show is a great way to get into the holiday spirit.

Show dates and times are Fridays and Saturdays, Dec. 1, 2, 8 and 9, at 7 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 10, 2 p.m. Tickets for adults, \$14; students and seniors, \$12; children under 10 years, \$10.

Family night will be held Saturday, Dec. 9 only, with reduced children's admission, \$5. Enjoy free cookies and milk after the show and bring your camera for photos with Santa!

Tickets are on sale online at www.garfieldplayers.org or by calling 216-475-8313.

Man shot near Francis Ave.

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Police said there were two both back passenger door entry bullet holes in the windows were shot out. Pofront passenger door. lice found two casings inside There were also two exit the car and the driver adholes through the rear mitted the 18-year-old had hatch door, a bullet hole a gun and was exchanging through the backseat fire with the suspect vehicle, driver's side headrest, and according to the report. The the back hatch window and driver said the teen threw

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was not sure where.

Police could not find the gun along the alleged path of travel, according to the **Circus Co. at** report, but did find one casing and bullet fragment Indy library on E. 55th near Francis, four casings near Bragg Rd. and broken glass throughon E. 55th St. near both

the gun out the window but District Detective Bureau made up of students who at 216-447-0160. was called to follow up with have an interest in juggling, the investigation.

The Saint Ignatius Circus Company is coming to the out the southbound lanes Independence Library, 6361 Selig Dr., this Saturday, Dec. intersections. The Fourth 2, at 2 p.m. The company is

CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO

List of Meetings for December 2017 Council Work Session - TBD Monday, December 4, 2017 Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 5, 2017 Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - TBD. Regular Meeting - TBD Wednesday, December 13, 2017 Southeast Area Law Enforcement (SEALE) Board of Trustees Meeting (if needed) Work Session - 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting - 12:00 p.m. Monday, December 18, 2017 Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 19, 2017 Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - TBD Wednesday, December 27, 2017 Board of Zoning Appeals (if needed) Work Session - 6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

It should also be noted that the Board of Building Standards and Appeals, Civil Service Commission, Bedford Arts and Cultural Board, Bedford Historical reservation Board, Assessment Equalization Board, Public Hearings, Planning Commission, Animal Appeals Board, Board of Zoning Appeals and Tree Board meet **as needed**. Notification of these meetings will be posted at the five most public places in the City per Ordinance No. 8461-09.

All Meetings will be held at Bedford City Hall, 165 Center Road, Bedford, Ohio 44146. For agendas please go to <u>www.bedfordoh.gov</u> or call Lorree Villers, Clerk of Council, at 440-735-6510.

> <u>Lorree Villers</u> Clerk of Council

NN: 11-29-17

NOTICE OF CITY OF STRONGSVILLE **CIVIL SERVICE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION** FOR FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC

WRITTEN TEST SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018 AT 9:00 A.M.

Applications and requirements can be downloaded from City of Strongsville website at <u>www.strongsville.org</u>, Human Resources Tab; or picked up at Strongsville City Municipal Offices at 16099 Foltz Parkway, Strongsville, Ohio, 44149. Applications, with all the testing requirements, will be available beginning Monday, November 20, 2017. Applications must be returned in person beginning Monday, February 5, 2018 and no later than Friday, March 9, 2018 by 4:30 p.m.

Please note that there is a Physical Agility Test component, and a Certificate confirming the same which must be obtained from Cuyahoga Community College dated no earlier than March 9, 2017.

Test is limited to the first 150 properly completed applications received by the City.

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magic, unicycle riding and performance acrobatics.

The Circus Company was started in 1985 by two students who wanted to share their juggling abilities with others. It has grown into a nationally recognized organization and several members of the Company have won individual awards at both magic and juggling conventions. For more information call the library your favorite tree!

Craft fair Woodside Senior Living, located at 19455 Rockside

Rd. in Bedford, will host a Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and will kick off the Festival of Trees.

The event is free and open to the public. Do some holiday shopping and bid on



5841 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights 216-475-4040

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on **Monday**, **December 11, 2017**, at **6:30 p.m.**, before the **Maple Heights Planning and Zoning Commission**, at the Maple Heights City Hall Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio. to consider the following application:

2017-PZ-24 An application from Ronnell Inge of Level Up Barber Shop requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit to operate a Barber Shop as a Personal Services Business in a Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District at 5312 Warrensville Center Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

All persons and/or their representatives desiring to be heard are invited to attend. The application and all supporting material may be viewed in the Maple Heights Building Department, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio. Please call the Clerk's Office at least one week before the meeting at 216-587-9000 to arrange for handicap assistance to the second floor if necessary.

> Leonette F. Cicirella Clerk of Council City of Maple Heights

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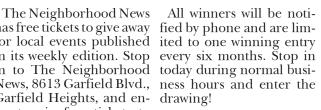
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New NN 'Freebies' offered

has free tickets to give away fied by phone and are limfor local events published ited to one winning entry the public. For carryouts, in its weekly edition. Stop every six months. Stop in call 216-662-7768. in to The Neighborhood today during normal busi-News, 8613 Garfield Blvd., ness hours and enter the Garfield Heights, and en- drawing! ter to win free tickets to neighborhood events.

The newest addition to the "Freebies" offered is a two-pack and a family fourpack of tickets to the Garfield Players produc-tion of "The Best Christ-mas Pageant Ever," being held December 1, 2, 8, 9 at 7 p.m., and December 10, 2 p.m., at the Garfield at Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. Tickets are good for any evening performance or the matinee. Deadline to enter is Monday, Dec. 4.

Two tickets are also being offered to the St. Michael School Annual Breakfast in Bethlehem Brunch on Sunday, Dec. 10, from 9 a.m. to noon in Rappe Hall at St. Michael School. Deadline to enter is Monday, Dec. 4.





Liga Morska Golden Agers will meet Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 11:30 a.m. at Cuyahoga Heights Village Hall on E. 71st St. A short meeting will be followed by a Christmas dinner, raffle and games.

Fish Fry at **Post 309**

American Legion Post 309, 15521 Broadway Ave., Maple Heights, will hold a Fish Fry this Friday, Dec. 1, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Enjoy fish or shrimp din-



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ners, with sides included. The dinners are open to

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ners or combos, macaroni meet Thursday, Nov. 30, Ward 4 Block Watch will Center, 5407 Turney Rd. School, 13633 Rockside Rd. 5, at 7 p.m. at the Civic 4810, with questions.

& cheese or pierogi din- at 7 p.m. in the St. August- host its Christmas party Allarewelcome; bring a dish ine Room of St. Benedict meeting on Tuesday, Dec. to share. Call Dan, 216-475-





St. Nicholas Festival this **Friday at Lutheran Church**

the Covenant, 19000 Libby Festivities at this free event Rd., Maple Heights, will include fun Advent crafts, present its annual St. Christmas music, the story Nicholas Festival on Fri- of St. Nicholas and light day, Dec. 1, from 6:45 to refreshments.

The Lutheran Church of 8:30 p.m. at the church.

Registration is required and limited to the first 40 children ages three years old through eighth grade. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Call 216-924-6096 or 216-662-0370 with child's name and age to register.

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Genealogy Society meets

The Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society (CVGS) will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. in the Willow Room at the Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Blvd.

Bonnie Snyder will speak about "Free Genealogy Rest Stops Along the Information Highway" for genealogy beginners. Snyder will help attendees fill out a simple chart and begin looking online for records. Those who are more advanced are also welcome to learn about possible new online resources.

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Fish fry at St. Andrew's

St. Andrew Eastern Orthodox Church, located at 16029 Maple Park Dr. in Maple Heights, will be serving fish fry dinners from 4- als are encouraged to at-7 p.m. on Friday, Dec 1. For more info or carryouts, ing. For more information call 216-475-9365.

Members and the public **Polish parade**

The Cleveland Polish Constitution Celebration Committee will meet Sunday, Dec. 3, at 1 p.m. at the Polish American Cultural Center, 6501 Lansing Ave. in Slavic Village, to help determine the future of the project.

All stakeholder organizations, officials and individutend this important meetcall 216-469-4806.



LARRY DELL ELKINS, 77, of Cuyahoga Falls, formerly of Slavic Village, entered into peace at Akron City Hospital on November 15th.

He was born June 22, 1940 in Pecks Mill, WV to Delmont and Ruby Elkins. Larry is survived by his son Kevin; brothers Landville (Ellen), Otis



(Terri); twin sister Avonell Evans and sisters Audrey Fay Meness (Don) and Alfreda Tomblin; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sons Larry, Jr. and Mark; brothers Jess Willard (Audrey), Vernon Élkins and sister Gloria Mae Ellis.

A memorial service will be held at Bican Bros. Funeral Home, 5215 Fleet Ave., Saturday, Dec. 2, at 3:30 p.m. with family receiving friends from 2-3:30 p.m.



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Garfield Heights United Methodist Church 4977 Turney Rd. 216-641-4149 Garfield Heights Sunday Worship and Sunday School 10:30am

Greater Holy Ghost Missionary Baptist Church 12210 Miles Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44105 Services 11:30 am Sundays Rev. Robinson Crenshaw, Pastor

The Lutheran Church of the Covenant 19000 Libby Rd., Maple Heights, Ohio (216) 662-0370

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Answers to Wed., Nov. 22, 2017 Puzzle #14	
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23. Cafes

24. Snorkel

HELP WANTED

Donnie Thomas, 34, of Sagamore Hills, died in a car crash last Friday after escaping from Garfield Heights City Jail and flee-Automotive technician/mechanic with expeing from officers, accordrience in general repairs. Good attendance ing to Garfield Heights police.

By Amber Weisbarth

Around midnight last Friday, Nov. 24, GHPD was dispatched to the Walgreens at Turney and Rockside for a robbery. Employees said a man came into the store just before closing time, walked to the drink cooler and may have stolen a beverage, then left the store. A short time later he came back in and asked to use the bathroom, then demanded money from the employee while keeping his left hand in his coat pocket as if he had a gun, according to the police report. The employee complied and gave the man over \$280 in cash.

Officers searching the area for the suspect appreon Havana Road after a weapon was found, but ofbrief foot chase and he was ficers did find a Walgreens handcuffed and identified

Escaped prisoner dies in car crash

hended him in a backyard as Thomas. Police said no (Continued on Page 8)



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Escaped prisoner dies

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bag containing nearly \$300 in cash near Thomas in the yard. Employees of Walgreens positively identified him and he was taken to City Jail.

An officer at City Jail said he was dressing Thomas around 7:50 a.m. Friday and was suddenly attacked and overpowered by him, according to the police report. The jailer said Thomas took his pepper spray and used it on him then assaulted him, then took his keys and exited the jail through the sallyport. The jailer was taken to Marymount Hospital to be treated for his injuries.

It was reported that Thomas fled eastbound on Oakpark Boulevard and during the search, a resident of Shady Oak Boulevard called police and said a man matching Thomas' description used a brick to break a window pane on her side door in an attempt to get inside. After the attempt failed he fled eastbound just prior to police arrival.

Officers from Maple Heights, Independence, Valley View and Ohio State Patrol were called to assist in the search for Thomas and a Ready Notify alert was broadcast around 9:30 a.m.

Around 11:20 a.m. that same day, Maple Heights police received a call about a suspicious person believed to be Thomas asking to use someone's phone on Ramage Avenue, according to dispatch logs. A resident of Maple Heights also said a man matching Thomas' description stole her purse and her vehicle and fled. About 10 minutes later, Giant Eagle in City View in Garfield Heights contacted the woman and said her purse had been found there.

As police arrived at Giant Eagle, they saw Thomas in the stolen vehicle leaving the parking lot. Officers followed him onto I-480 westbound and watched as he weaved in and out of traffic. After reaching speeds of

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over 100 miles per hour officers lost sight of the fleeing car and the pursuit was terminated. But Thomas kept driving onto 176 northbound and crashed. He was ejected from the vehicle and was taken to MetroHealth Medical Center were he was pronounced dead at 12:15 p.m.

As police searched the areas where Thomas had been

spotted, the K9 unit found a cell phone in a backyard on Shady Oak Boulevard as well as various gift cards and IDs belonging to the jailer Thomas attacked.

Another cell phone and the jailer's keys were found in the bottom of a dumpster behind Skillz Barbershop on Turney Rd. near City Jail.



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