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New NN 'Freebies' offered

The Neighborhood News has free tickets to give away for local events published in its weekly edition. Stop in to The Neighborhood News, 8613 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Heights, and enter to win free tickets to local events.

The newest addition to the Freebies list is two tickets (a \$40 value) to Grammy award-winning jazz trumpeter Curtis Taylor's appearance at Bopstop, 2920 Detroit Ave., Cleveland, this Saturday, Dec. 23, at 8 p.m. Deadline to enter is Friday, Dec. 22, at noon.

Winners will be notified by phone and are limited to one winning entry every six months. Stop in today during normal business hours and enter the drawing!

Honored at C. H. meeting



Cuyahoga Heights Councilwoman Marilyn Duszynski accepts a proclamation in her honor from Mayor Jack Bacci at last week's Village Council meeting.

Marilyn Duszynski's last meeting as Cuyahoga Heights councilwoman and president of council was last Wednesday, Dec. 13, and Mayor Jack Bacci took the occasion to present the long-time public servant with a proclamation recognizing her "outstanding commitment" and her 26 years of service as a Village councilperson.

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Danny Shelton visits real-life 'Dawg Pound'



The holiday spirit was in the air yesterday afternoon in Valley View as Cleveland Browns DT Danny Shelton stopped by the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter to play Santa Paws to the furry friends there, just as he did last year. Shelton delivered holiday treats, food and toys to his appreciative audience, including little Goomba, shown above.

Photo by Michael Psenicka

Vineyard Avenue woman, 88, found dead; homicide suspected

Cleveland police suspect homicide in the death of 88-year-old Vineyard Ave. resident Bruna Talani, according to Cleveland Public Information Officer Reginald Lanton.

Officers were originally called to a home in the 7900 block of Vineyard Ave. for a well being check on December 16th, and learned that Talani had not been seen since December 9th. Police found the front door unlocked and upon entry, found the 88-year-old woman on the first floor, unresponsive, according to Lanton.

EMS arrived and pronounced the woman dead on arrival. The Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner will determine the official manner of death, according to Lanton.

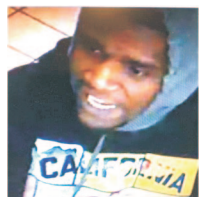
NN will publish during holiday weeks

The Neighborhood News will close this Friday at noon but will publish as usual over the next two holiday weeks, and will be in stores and in our office as usual on Wednesdays, Dec. 27, and Jan. 3. Deadlines for news stories and advertising for each of these editions will be extended to Tuesdays at noon.

The management and staff, headed by publisher Michael Psenicka, extend our wishes to all NN readers and advertisers for a blessed holiday season and a prosperous year ahead.

MHPD seeks suspect in Rascal House robbery

Maple Heights police are searching for a man who robbed the Rascal House Pizza located at 5220 Northfield Rd. in Maple Heights last weekend, according to a press release from MHPD Lt. Joseph Mocsiran.



MHPD said the suspect entered the business with a gun, threatened the manager with it, and then lowered the weapon and fired a round into the floor. The male suspect was able to get an undetermined amount of money and left the business. There is no information on direction or mode of travel from the fleeing suspect, according to Mocsiran.

Camera footage from the robbery shows the suspect as a black male, late teens to early 20's, 5'10" to 6'00" tall, weighing about 150 pounds. At the time of the robbery the male was wearing gray sweat pants, a California Republic t-shirt, gray hooded sweatshirt underneath the shirt, and black tennis shoes with white soles. The suspect is considered armed and dangerous.

Anyone with information related to this case is urged to contact the Maple Heights Detective Bureau at 216-587-9624 or Detectives@mhpd-ohio.com.

Information can also be given to Crime Stoppers by calling the 24/7 hotline number, 216-252-7463, texting TIP657 plus your message to 274637, or online at www.25crime.com.

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Merry Christmas

Honored at C.H. meeting

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Besides her years of service in council, Duszynski was also an interim mayor of the Village, was actively involved with the senior citizens organization, flower fund and recreation committees and "worked countless hours to maintain and excel the opportunities that our residents enjoyed," the proclamation said in part.

In legislative action, council approved the appointment of Angel Meriwether to the position of chief fiscal officer for the Village. Robert Unger will maintain a position as part-time council clerk.

The 2018 budget for Cuyahoga Heights was approved at a cost of \$11,600,000.

Passed was a contract with Fabrizi Trucking & Paving, Inc. to perform various services in connection with localized flooding at 811 Harvard Ave.

A resolution was okayed authorizing agreements necessary to acquire an access and utility easement over the rear portion of the property at 4661 E. 71 St., in order to perform sewer work.

Also authorized was an easement agreement with the city of Cleveland for Stage 1 of the Towpath Trail.

Council amended certain sections of the codified ordinances of the Village to modify the procedure for promotions in the police department, in some cases making interviews a part of the process as well as written examinations and allowing the mayor broader discretion in the selection of those eligible for promotion.

Also among other legislation passed was a contract for the purchase of property at 4585 E. 71 St., as well as three other parcels the Village is acquiring for future industrial development.

Footprints lead police to thief caught red-handed

Garfield Heights police arrested a 21-year-old male for theft last week after following a series of footprints he left in the snow. His prints led police right to him as he was rummaging through a car on Plymouth Ave., according to a Garfield Heights police report.

Police were originally called to the 5000 block of E. 114th St. on December 12th, around 4:25 a.m., and spoke to a woman who said her car door was open and items inside had been strewn about. She said nothing valuable appeared to be stolen.

Police followed fresh footprints in the snow from E. 114th, to Edgepark Dr., onto Plymouth Ave., then to Park Heights Ave., and began searching the area. Officers found a vehicle with its door open in the 11200 block of Park Heights; the owner was contacted and said nothing appeared to be missing.

Police followed further footprints to McCracken Rd., onto E. 104th St., then to E. 98th St. and onto Plymouth Ave. Vehicles in the 9700 and 9600 blocks of Plymouth Ave. had been broken into and rummaged through. In the snow, police saw the word "Jordan" in one of the footprints.

As they continued following the footprints, police found the 21-year-old rummaging through a car parked in a driveway in the 9500 block of Plymouth Ave. and he was immediately arrested. Police said he was wearing Jordan tennis shoes that matched the footprint left in the snow.

Police found a gun on the passenger seat of the vehicle the man was rummaging through. The owner of the vehicle said the gun was not his and it should not have been in his car. Police later learned the gun had been stolen from a car on Corridon Ave. in Maple Heights.

The 21-year-old was carrying a backpack that contained nearly \$40 in loose change, two bottles of prescription drugs that had been confirmed stolen from a vehicle and a brand new North Face jacket, also confirmed stolen from a car theft overnight.

The 21-year-old was arrested and held on investigation of receiving stolen property, possessing criminal tools, theft and vehicle trespassing.


Custom license plates to feature two area schools

State Representative Marlene Anielski (R-Walton Hills) announced the passage of Senate Bill 134, which establishes several custom license plates for schools and school districts across the state, as well as other groups and causes, including the Cuyahoga Valley Career

Center and Cuyahoga Heights Local School District.

Included were also four more license plates featuring schools that Rep. Anielski had introduced to the Ohio House of Representatives, including Walsh Jesuit High School, Padua Franciscan High School, North Royalton City School District, and groups supporting Post Traumatic Stress Treatment.


Senate Bill 134 was passed out of the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate concurrently and now awaits the signature of Governor John Kasich.



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Area groups awarded grants

The Neighborhood Connections Grant Making Committee, made of 21 residents from Cleveland and East Cleveland, has approved \$195,660 in grants to support 65 resident-led projects.

Cuyahoga Arts & Culture, the local public funder for arts and culture, will co-fund 15 of the resident-led arts and culture projects through a partnership with Neighborhood Connections. Slavic Village and the Union Miles neighborhoods are among the recipients. Local programs being funded include:

Slavic Village

• **Another Chance of Ohio** received \$4,119 to provide personal care items such as soap, laundry detergent, deodorant, lotion, toothpaste and toothbrushes to neighborhood

residents that cannot purchase them with government assistance.

• **Broadway Comanches Youth Mentoring & Sports Association** was awarded \$5,000 to purchase new equipment and recondition existing football equipment for neighborhood youth football team.

• **P-16 Safety Initiative** was awarded \$3,000 to purchase and distribute porch lights and LED lights for residents to "Light Up the Village" during the morning school commute and after school commute providing safety and security to students.

• **Rooms to Let** received \$3,000 to feature 4 homes in which neighborhood artists will install their work.

The event will also feature a neighborhood block party with live musical performances and hands-on art activities.

• **Silver Connections** was awarded \$2,500 to provide information and resources on topics including dementia, nutrition, holistic health, caregiver awareness, stress management, and other social supports.

• **Women's Wellness Foundation** received \$1,550 to host a job fair highlighting non-traditional jobs for women, particularly those with obstacles to employment, such as felony convictions and educational barriers.

Since 2003, Neighborhood Connections has awarded more than 2,375 grants totaling more than \$7.78 million.



Bedford native Curtis Taylor at Bopstop Sat.

Grammy award-winning jazz trumpeter Curtis Taylor, a native of Bedford, Ohio, will be performing this Saturday, Dec. 23, at Bopstop, 2920 Detroit Ave., Cleveland, at 8 p.m. Tickets \$20.

The Bopstop appearance will include a release party

for Taylor's new CD "#HASHTAGGED."

Send us your recipes

Send us your favorite New Year's recipes to be printed in a future edition of The Neighborhood News.

Ideas for recipes include: New Year's Eve party cocktails and appetizers, prosperous New Year's Day traditions and more.

Simply email your recipe to nnews1923@aol.com. Don't forget to include your name and city you live in.

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Block watch

G.H. Ward 7

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch will host its Christmas party meeting next Thursday, Dec. 28, at 7 p.m. in the St. Augustine Room of St. Benedict School, 13633 Rockside Rd. Bring a side dish or goodies to share! For more information call Nikki Majka, 216-310-6514.

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Five district qualifiers to lead Mustang wrestlers

The 2017-18 Maple Heights High School wrestling team will be headlined by returning district qualifiers Kolin Howard, Dwayne Eggleton, Trevion Ross, Antoine Holloway and Chrisean Merritt. All-Lake Erie League performers Justin Bencie, Cahmaal Walker, Shamarr Simons, Tysean Weatherspoon and Kendale Young will also be called upon to provide leadership as the Mighty Mustangs look to capture their seventh consecutive Lake Erie League title and 44th overall since 1950. Other returning lettermen include Armani Rasheed,

Mike Smith, Trenton Gentry, Maurice Coleman, Te'jawn Williams and Billy Flynn.

Veteran skipper Jamie Milkovich will be entering his 37th year as head coach of his alma mater with a career mark of 466 dual meet victories which is tops among Ohio Division I coaches. He will be assisted by longtime cohorts Rick LaScala and Andrew Wolf.

The Mustangs schedule includes the Normandy Triangular with Strongsville (Dec. 21), the John Marshall Triangular with Lakewood (Jan. 5), the Firelands Jim Solomon Memorial Tournament (Jan. 20), the Ohio Duals Regional Quarter Finals (Jan. 24), the Villa Angela/St. Joseph Viking Duals (Jan. 27), Garfield Heights (Feb. 9), the Orange Audrey Genovese Memorial Tournament (Feb. 17), the Sectional Tournament (Feb. 24), the District Tournament (March 2 & 3) and the Ohio State Tournament (March 8-10).

Maple will host the 2nd Annual Maple Heights Holiday Tournament (Dec. 30), the 8th Annual Maroon & White Duals (Jan. 13), and the Lake Erie League Tournament (Feb. 3).

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DOWN SOUTH HIGH MEMORY LANE Garfield Hts. Historical Society seeks residents to share memories for new book



Shown here is Cleveland's 1919 South High Flyers football team, compliments of Jim Peck, whose grandfather was a member of the team, with photo identification of last names. Top row, from left: Guarnier (Peck's grandfather), Krapf, Donley, Harper, Baker. Standing: Thomas, McAfee, Couiton, Anderson, Arnot. Sitting: Smith, Aufderhled, Svensden, Serf, Bottijinsky, Myers, Coach Sutter. (Not shown was Evans.)

The Garfield Heights Historical Society & Museum, 5405 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights, is winding up its 50th Jubilee, having been founded in 1967.

The Society has edited and published three books of historical recitations and accounts written by residents and members to preserve the rich cultural heritage of the city and is now working on a fourth book.

The new book will feature life in Garfield Heights from 1945 forward and

seeks the help of past or present residents. Share

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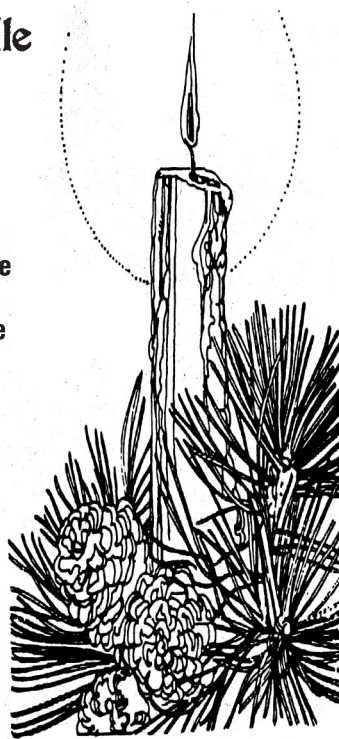
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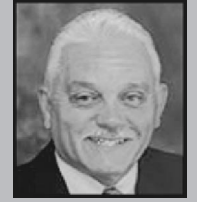


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Shown above is the family of Mayor and Mrs. Ralph J. Perk. Although Mayor Perk and his wife, Lucy, (inset) are now deceased, their children continue in public service. Ralph J. Perk, Jr. is a retired judge of the Cleveland Municipal Court. Judge Perk's wife, Kelli, is Assistant Cuyahoga County Prosecutor in the Civil Division. Tom Perk is a retired Cleveland firefighter and councilman in Valley View, and Ken Perk is a former member of the Cuyahoga Heights School Board. The Perk family extends to the entire community their best wishes for a happy and holy Christmas holiday and a healthy and prosperous year ahead.



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Concordia Lutheran Church, 6705 Brecksville Rd., Independence: Candlelight Christmas Eve service at 7:30 p.m. December 24th. Christmas Day service, December 25th, 10 a.m.

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Holy Name

Holy Name Church, 8328 Broadway Ave., Cleveland: Christmas Eve children's service at 4 p.m. and night Mass at 10 p.m. Christmas Day Masses: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Immaculate Heart

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 6700 Lansing Ave., Cleveland: Christmas Eve Vigil Mass in English, 4 p.m.; Pasterka, Polish, 10 p.m.; no midnight Mass. Christmas Day Masses in English, 8 a.m. and noon; Mass in Polish, 10 a.m.

Jones Road Chapel

Jones Road Chapel, 8000 Jones Rd., Cleveland: Worship service at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 24 and Christmas Eve candlelight service at 7 p.m. Holiday lunch, noon, Saturday, Dec. 30.

Lutheran Church of the Master

Lutheran Church of the Master, 860 Northfield Rd., Bedford: Candlelight service, with communion, 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve, December 24th.

Our Lady of Lourdes

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St. Martin of Tours Parish, 14600 Turney Rd., Maple Heights: Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at 4:30 p.m. and midnight Mass. Masses on Christmas Day at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

St. Mary Parish

St. Mary Parish, 340 Union St., Bedford: Christmas Eve, Sunday, Dec. 24- 11 a.m. Mass fulfills the Sunday obligation; Christmas prelude with guitar group, 3:30 p.m., Mass at 4 p.m.; Christmas Day, Monday, Dec. 25- Christmas choral prelude, 10:30 a.m., Mass at 11 a.m. New Year's Eve, Sunday, Dec. 31- Masses at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. fulfill Sunday obligation. New Year's Day, Monday, Jan. 1- Mass at 11 a.m.

St. Monica Church

St. Monica Church, 13623 Rockside Rd., Garfield Heights: Christmas Eve children's Mass, 4 p.m.; Mass, 6 p.m.; evening song, 11:30 p.m.; Midnight Mass with Bishop Amos, 12 a.m. Christmas Day Masses 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Ss. Peter and Paul

Ss. Peter and Paul Church, 4750 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights: Christmas Eve family Mass at 4 p.m.; 10 p.m. night Mass. Christmas Day, 8:30 a.m. New Year's Eve Mass, December 31st, at 4 p.m.

St. Stanislaus

The Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus, 3649 East 65th St., Cleveland: Christmas Eve Masses 5 p.m. and midnight. Christmas Day services not received at press time.

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Police make season brighter for youngsters during annual Shop with a Cop

The 22nd annual Shop with a Cop event held Saturday, Dec. 9, was a major success! Police departments from the George Murray FOP Lodge 67 were able to collect enough funds to take over 300 kids shopping at the Target in Macedonia. Departments included Garfield Heights, Maple Heights, Bedford, Cleveland RTA and many others.

After shopping, the kids and their families were invited to a pizza party at Garfield Heights High School.

"This program has mushroomed into more than I ever thought it would when I started it 22 years ago," said Nick DiMarco, Immediate Past President of the Fraternal Order of Police.

Special thanks to Camille DiMarco for snapping some of the photos shown at the pizza party.



Garfield Heights PD with shoppers and families



Bedford PD with shoppers and families



Maple Heights PD with shoppers and families



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Attention Slavic Villagers! Keep your outdoor holiday lights on all Christmas week as judges will be touring the streets in search of the best displays for the Slavic Village Holiday Decorating Contest. Winners will be announced in January. Call 216-469-4806 with questions.

Letters to the Editor

Thanks 'Bash' supporters

Dear Editor:
And to the residents of Cleveland's Ward 12 in Slavic Village.

For the past eight years the 12th Ward Holiday Bash was a Christmas tradition. We had our last "Bash" in December 2016. As a true grass roots group, we are proud of what we accomplished for the last eight years.

We wish to thank all the supporters, volunteers and guests who were part of our eight-year tradition.

Merry Christmas and Happy 2018!

Marcy Shannon

Coordinator of the 12th Ward Holiday Bash

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- 3/4 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 egg

Adjust baking rack so it is in the center of your oven. Preheat oven to 350°. Grease and flour a loaf pan.

In a large bowl, whisk the flour, sugar, baking soda and salt together until they are well blended. Stir in the nuts, making sure that they are evenly distributed. In a small bowl, whisk together the buttermilk and egg. Slowly (a bit at a time) add the liquid to the dry ingredients until well mixed. Pour into pan and place on rack in the middle of the oven. Bake for one hour. Test to see if a toothpick comes out clean after one hour, if not, bake a few minutes longer, but do not over bake. Remove from oven and place on a cooling rack. As soon as possible, remove from pan and let cool. Place in a plastic bag and store for a day before serving. Bread will keep for a week in the refrigerator.

From "Big John" Duhanich, as featured at the 2017 Black Walnut Festival in Garfield Heights

Symphony Brownies

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- 2 king-sized almond-toffee Symphony brand candy bars (made by Hershey)

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From Lucy Burkholder



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Contact Joe at 216-581-1665

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Send in nominations for G.H. holiday lighting contest

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Independence legislative update

(Taken from the December 15th online Administrative Update of Mayor Anthony L. Togliatti)

The Legislative Agenda for the December 2017 Independence Council meeting held this past Tuesday, Dec. 12, contained 28 pieces of legislation.

Five ordinances appeared on Second Reading and four were unanimously adopted (7-0). Ordinance 2017-114 to enact a new Chapter 1383 of the Codified Ordinances of the city of Independence to provide regulations for protected Hillside Zone Areas was adopted (6-1; Asseff - no).

Twenty-two ordinances and one resolution were introduced on First Reading, of which 15 ordinances were enacted (7-0).

Action on the remaining ordinances and one resolution was as follows:

• Ordinance 2017-152 authorizing Change Order No. 1 to the S&ME, Inc. Construction Engineering Services Agreement for the Rockside Road and I-77 Southbound Entrance

Ramp Widening Project was enacted (6-1; Trakas - no).

• Ordinance 2017-153 accepting the proposal of E.L. Robinson Engineering for professional engineering design services in connection with Brecksville Road improvements was left on First Reading.

• Ordinance 2017-156 authorizing the mayor to enter into a new member participation agreement with the Chagrin Valley Dispatch Council for the dispatching of Public Safety Services was left on First Reading.

• Ordinance 2017-157 authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement for the establishment of the Cuyahoga Valley Council of Governments was left on First Reading.

• Ordinance 2017-163 approving the final plat for Chestnut Woods Subdivision, Phase 5, for the development of 34 residential single-family lots was left on First Reading.

• Ordinance 2017-164 granting a U-3 Special Use Permit to Cleveland School of Cannabis for an educational use at 5755 Granger Road was adopted (5-2; Asseff, Narduzzi - no).

• Resolution 2017-4 commending and expressing appreciation to Robert Wagner for his distinguished service as a council member of the city of Independence was adopted (6-0-1; Wagner abstaining.)

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Allen D. Sluka, Treasurer/CFO/Director of Business Services
Garfield Heights Board of Education
N.N. 12-20-17

Board of Education Vacancy

The Garfield City School's has a board of education vacancy effective January 1, 2018. The Board is now accepting letters of interest from qualified residents who desire to be considered to fill the vacancy, through the shorter of the following periods: until completion of the unexpired term, or until the first day of January immediately following the next regular Board of Education election taking place more than ninety days after the person is selected by the Board to fill this vacancy. Interested qualified residents must deliver a letter of interest to Board President Gary Wolske, c/o Treasurer Al Sluka, 5640 Briarcliff Drive, Garfield Heights, OH 44125, before 3:30 p.m. on January 3, 2018, and be available for interview by Board of Education members during a special meeting to be held on January 8, 2018. The individual chosen to fill this vacancy will be sworn in during a special meeting on or about January 12, 2018.

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Community police reports

By Amber Weisbarth

(The following information was obtained from filed police reports and police dispatch logs.)

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Criminal Damage/ Theft from Auto

Criminal damage and thefts from vehicles were reported to GHPD on December 10th, 11th and 17th from the following neighborhoods: 9500 and 10000 blocks Park Heights Ave., 5600 block Cumberland Dr., 11200 block Exeter Rd., 12800 block Southern Ave., 13100 block Woodward Blvd., 13100 block Oakpark Blvd., 12900 block Garland Ave., and the 12900 and 13100 blocks of McCracken Rd.

Weapon Offense

On December 14th, just before 1 a.m., police were dispatched to the 12800 block of Southern Ave. for a report of shots fired. When police arrived they saw a man in the driver's seat of a blue vehicle on the

street; he was identified as a 32-year-old Cleveland resident. The man said he was in the area because he had been with a girl at a house on Southern Ave. When asked, he said he did not hear any gunshots, and gave officers permission to search the vehicle which he claimed was his nephew's. Inside the car, police found a loaded gun under the driver's seat along with an opened lock box that the gun may have fit into. The man claimed to have no knowledge of the gun. Also inside the car was a burgundy-colored dipping sauce on the center console. The same colored sauce was found coating the tip of the barrel assembly on the gun in the car. The man consented to a gunshot residue test; police are awaiting results.

The man was charged with improper handling of a firearm, driving under suspension and not wearing a seatbelt. Officers checked the gun through LEADS and it had not been entered as stolen.

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Drug Abuse

Police were dispatched to the 5700 block of Dunham Rd. on December 13th, around 1:10 p.m., for a report of a man overdosing. When police arrived they saw the man being treated by EMS. The victim was taken to Marymount Hospital for further treatment after he was given Naloxone by EMS. Police found no illegal substances inside the car.

Theft from Auto

A vehicle parked in the 5100 block of Joseph St. was reportedly broken into overnight between December 11th and 12th. The owner said she locked her vehicle around 10 p.m. December 11th and when she went out to her car the next morning she noticed the front passenger window was broken out and the center console had been rummaged through. Nothing appeared to be stolen.

U.S. Marshals say scammers may take advantage of holiday season to steal your money; urge reporting phone scams to FTC

The U.S. Marshals is alerting the public of several nationwide imposter scams involving individuals claiming to be U.S. marshals, court officers or other law enforcement officials. They are urging people to report the calls not only to their local U.S. Marshals Service office, but also to the Federal Trade Commission.

The FTC has the ability to detect patterns of fraud from the information collected and share that data with law enforcement.

During these calls, scammers attempt to collect a fine in lieu of arrest for failing to report for jury duty or other offenses. They then tell victims they can avoid arrest by purchasing a prepaid debit card such as a Green Dot card or gift card and read the card number over the phone to satisfy the fine.

"The U.S. Marshals would never ask for a credit/debit or gift card number, banking routing numbers, or ask for funds to be wired for any purpose," said U.S. Marshal Pete Elliott. "If the caller is urging you to provide this type of information or any other personal or financial information, hang up and report the call to the Marshals and the FTC. You can even report to both agencies anonymously."

Scammers use many tactics to sound credible. They sometimes provide information like badge numbers, names of actual law enforcement officials and federal judges, and courthouse addresses. They may also spoof their phone numbers to appear on caller ID as if they are calling from the court or a government agency.

If a citizen receives a potential scam phone call, the U.S. Marshals office is urging the public to call the clerk of court's office of the U.S. District Court in your area and verify the court order. If an order does not exist, then it is likely the individual is being scammed.

If you believe you were a victim of such a scam, you are encouraged to report the incident to your local U.S. Marshals Service office (https://www.usmarshals.gov/news/phone_scam_alert.htm) and to the FTC (www.ftc.gov).

Things to remember:

- U.S. Marshals will never ask for credit/debit card/gift card numbers, wire transfers, or bank routing numbers for any purpose.
- Do not divulge personal or financial information to unknown callers.
- Report scam phone calls to your local U.S. Marshals Service office and to the FTC.
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