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Attorney General DeWine honored with Freedom Award by American Nationalities

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine was honored recently by the American Nationalities Movement with its Freedom Award. DeWine received the award at the organization's annual Christmas event on Saturday, Dec. 16, in Parma.

The American Nationalities Movement was founded by former Cleveland Mayor Ralph Perk in 1959. Its mission is to educate, advocate and represent the interests of all the diverse ethnic groups in the United States and "to overcome any differences between us and act together to further the goals of reducing and eliminating any potential efforts by any group to adversely affect our values and beliefs."

The Freedom Award is given for service to the community and support of the goals of the group: freedom for people of all countries and bringing together the various nationalities organizations and leaders to give greater voice to their concerns and issues.



Attorney General Mike DeWine, at left, receives the American Nationalities Movement Freedom Award from past president Irene Morrow and current president Ralph Perk, Jr.

Bedford Council passes bill to hike sewer rates; Zolata honored

By Judith Goldsworth

Sewer rates in Bedford will be going up 4 percent next year, after council passed legislation last week to increase the rates. The monthly minimum charge is now \$21.75, which will be raised to a minimum of \$22.44 per month, effective Feb. 1, 2018. Any additional water usage over the monthly minimum of 300 cubic feet will be billed accordingly.

Because the city operates its own sewer system for Bedford homeowners and also some residential owners in the neighboring Village of Oakwood, it charges "reasonable rates designed to cover the costs of operating, maintaining and improving its sewer system," and devotes all revenues

received towards those purposes, according to the legislation. The revenue raised also goes towards paying debt service charges on bonds and notes issued for improvements in the sewer system.

A sister ordinance also passed at the meeting will provide for a rate reduction for senior citizens and the permanently disabled who own residential property. Users who qualify for the rate reduction will pay a proportionate share of the costs to operate and maintain the sewer system, and must meet all requirements of the city's Water and Sewer Discount Program.

Senior and disabled residents will pay a monthly minimum sewer bill of \$15.71, effective Feb. 1, 2018, up from the current monthly minimum of \$15.10, and as with the regular sewer rates, addi-

tional water usage over the monthly minimum of 300 cubic feet will be billed as well, according to the legislation.

Zolata honored

Councilwoman Marilyn Zolata, who has served the city of Bedford as Ward 3 representative since January 1992, was honored for her 26 years of service at the council last meeting.

Zolata, who chose not to run for reelection in November, was given special recognition by Mayor Stan Koci, City Manager Mike Mallis, other city officials and her fellow council members, who passed a resolution commending her for serving the city with "dedication and distinction."

Koci, who explained that his friendship with Zolata and her family extended many years beyond their professional relationship, mentioned that State Senator Kenny Yuko had stopped by council's work session prior to the meeting to present Zolata with a proclamation from the State of Ohio, also honoring her for her many years of service.

New officer sworn in

Koci swore in Kyle Dunphy as the city's newest police officer at the meeting.

"I look forward to serving you in any way I can in the future," Dunphy stated.

The city wants to hire three more officers in 2018, and a new test may be given in April, Mallis stated.

Asbestos abatement approved

Council passed legislation for a contract with Arick's

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Maple Hts. Council to vote on budget tonight

By Judith Goldsworth

A third reading for the city's 2018 budget was tabled at last week's Maple Heights Council meeting, Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella stated, explaining that council will further discuss the legislation and vote on it at a special meeting of council tonight, Wednesday, Dec. 27, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 7 of Maple Heights City Hall, 5353 Lee Rd.

Cleveland water department employee arrested last week

As a result of an internal investigation conducted by the City of Cleveland and the Cleveland Division of Police, an employee of the Harvard Avenue water department facility at 4600 Harvard Ave. was arrested last week by the Cleveland Division of Police on suspicion of selling stolen goods, according to a press release from the City of Cleveland.

The employee, Thomas Snerper, 58, is accused of stealing metals belonging to the City of Cleveland that he had access to while working at the facility. He is accused of selling the metals as scrap, according to the release. Following the city's internal investigation, its findings were turned over to the Division of Police, who arrested the employee at work on December 20th.

Snerper is being charged with theft and aggravated theft. His arraignment is scheduled for this Friday.

Total expenditures and expenses for next year's budget are projected at about \$20.3 million, according to figures released by Finance Director Tracy Smith.

Also tabled on third reading last week was an ordinance to amend this year's budget, for the fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 2017, and to submit the amended appropriations (about \$19.5 million) to the county fiscal officer; and an ordinance for Smith to amend the 2017 Certificate of Estimated Resources and file the amendment with the county fiscal officer.

The 2017 estimated receipts were \$20.7 million, while the amended estimated receipts are \$20.2 million, according to Smith. Along with the budget ordinance, these pieces of legislation will be discussed and voted on at tonight's special council meeting.

Another ordinance authorizing Smith to prepare and file an amended 2018 certificate of estimated resources with the county fiscal officer to reflect the 2018 budget was placed on first reading for future discussion.

State Senator Kenny Yuko, whose district includes Maple Heights, gave a special presentation honoring outgoing Council President Richard Trojanski at council's meeting last week.

Yuko recognized Trojanski for his years of service to the city, including three terms as District 6 councilman, and a term as the council president, Cicirella stated.

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Golden Ager's Grapevine

Liga Morska

Liga Morska Golden Agers will meet Wednesday, Jan. 3, at 11:30 a.m. at Cuyahoga Heights Village Hall on E. 71st St. A short meeting will be followed by a light lunch, raffle and games.

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.

Zumba

The Garfield Heights Senior Center, 5407 Turney

Rd., offers its Zumba for Seniors program on Thursdays from 12:45-1:45 p.m. Each class costs \$3. For more information call Annie at 216-475-1100, ext. 2435.

Block watches

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.

G.H. Ward 4

The Garfield Heights Ward 4 Block Watch will meet Tuesday, Jan. 2, at

the Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. Guest speaker, Mayor Vic Collova. All wards welcome. Questions, Dan Baillie, 216-47-4810.

More bricks for Garfield Hts. walkway

Engraved bricks to be placed on the Walkway of Recognition in Garfield Heights, located in front of the 9-11 Memorial at the Veterans Plaza in the Civic Center Complex, 5407 Turney Rd., are again being offered for sale.

Standard bricks are \$40. Bricks with military logos are \$60. Forms are available at the Civic Center or online at www.garfieldhts.org. The walkway was installed in 2016, and additional bricks are being added prior to Memorial Day, 2018. The deadline to order an engraved brick is March 30, 2018.

CVNP seeks volunteer ambassadors

Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) is seeking park enthusiasts for a number of public education and interpretive positions for 2018. Park Ambassador volunteers have direct and regular contact with park visitors through formal and informal presentations and interactions.

Those interested in volunteering as a Park Ambassador are invited to an informational meeting on Saturday, Jan. 6, from 10 a.m. to noon or Wednesday, Jan. 11, from 7-9 p.m. at Hines Hill Conference Center, 1403 West Hines Hill Rd., Peninsula, OH 44264. Attending either of these orientations is strongly recommended for new volunteers.

Park Ambassador volun-

teer opportunities include:

Community Engagement- Work with National Park Service (NPS) staff in communities surrounding CVNP with a focus on Cleveland and Akron neighborhoods. Duties include staffing information booths at events and assisting with programs that highlight the resources of CVNP.

Education Program Leader- Lead 1.5 to 2-hour curriculum-based programs for school-aged children. Assist with program setup and clean up. Volunteer will be responsible for the education and safety of students during programming and provide first aid.

Cycling School- This group facilitates bicycling experiences for youth from the Cleveland and Akron areas. Duties include assisting with fitting bikes and helmets to youth, accompanying youth on a bike ride along the Ohio & Erie Towpath Trail, and ensuring youth are safe on the ride.

Conservancy for CVNP Front Desk Assistant- Answer the phone and greet visitors at the Conservancy's administrative office.

Get Up, Get Out, and Go! Work with NPS staff

to provide recreational opportunities to community groups that travel to the park. Activities include: hiking, field games, biking, fishing, and other activities that involve experiencing the park through recreation.

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Maple Hts. Council

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Yuko also presented certificates of recognition to District 4 Councilman Ron Jackson, who was elected as the city's new council president in November; to Terry Woody, Sr., on his election to council in District 4; and to all the other council members on their re-elections to new terms, including Stafford Shennet, Toni Jones, Ebony Miller, Tanglyn Madden, Sharri Thomas, and Edwina Agee.

Mayor Annette Blackwell also gave a special presentation at the meeting to introduce the members of the city's Civil Service Commission, and to recognize longtime member Georgette Vidmar on her retirement from the Commission after nine years, upon the expiration of her term on Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017.

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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CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO

List of Meetings for January 2018

Wednesday, January 3, 2018	Organizational Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 4, 2018	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - TBD, Regular Meeting - TBD
Wednesday, January 10, 2018	Southeast Area Law Enforcement (SEALE) Board of Trustees Meeting (if needed) Work Session - 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting - 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 16, 2018	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 17, 2018	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - TBD
Tuesday, January 23, 2018	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 Preservation 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 www.bedfordoh.gov or call Lorree Villers, Clerk of Council, at 440-735-6510.
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LEGAL NOTICE FOR NOTIFICATION OF 2018 PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS

In accordance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, and Chapter 208 of the Administrative Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Maple Heights, notice is hereby given for the **2018 Public Meeting Schedule for the City of Maple Heights, Ohio.**

The Council of the City of Maple Heights, Ohio, shall meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Maple Heights Senior Center located at 15901 Libby Road, Maple Heights, Ohio. Council may amend their regular meeting schedule during the summer months. A regular meeting that falls on a holiday may be rescheduled. The Mayor, President of Council or any three (3) members of Council may call a Special Meeting of Council upon written notice served at least twenty-four (24) hours previous to the time fixed for such meetings, except in the case of a public emergency. Any such request for a Special Meeting shall state the specific subject(s) to be considered at the meeting and no other subject(s) shall be discussed. Nothing in this section shall prohibit, limit or restrict the right of Council or any of the other bodies to cancel or reschedule any scheduled meeting or to adopt, in accordance with the law, a different schedule of meetings at any time during the remainder of the year.

The **Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Maple Heights** shall meet on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Maple Heights City Hall Council Chambers, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio. If the need arises, the Building Commissioner may call a second meeting during the month on the fourth Monday of the month with proper notice. Please call the Clerk's Office at least one week before the meeting at 216-587-9000 to arrange for handicap assistance if needed.

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PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on **Monday, January 8, 2018** 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:

2018-PZ-01 An application from Tim Swiney of Wallick Asset Management LLC requesting a Conditional Use Permit to operate a Senior Independent Living Facility and requesting Variances for minimum unit size, building height, parking setback and parking space requirements in a Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District at 5130 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

All persons and/or their representatives desiring to be heard are invited to attend. The applications 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.

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Bedford Council passes

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Environmental Management Service, Inc., for asbestos abatement at the Ellenwood Recreation Center, at a cost of \$25,000.

The city determined that Ellenwood was in need of asbestos abatement to expand use of the facility, and the Building Department had recommended Arick's, to provide the services.

Mallis stated that about a month and a half ago asbestos was found in some areas of the building. He said Arick's would tear down portions of the ceiling that need to get abated.

"The goal is to utilize that building much more than we are currently utilizing it," he said. "We want to make sure everything is in good working order before we look to increase programming and other things at the Center."

Other legislation okayed

•An ordinance to amend previous legislation to make additional appropriations for current expenditures of the city during 2017. "This will cover the immediate needs that we have," Finance Director Frank Gambosi stated.

•Three ordinances regarding the purchase of Pitney Bowes mailing equipment for the city's departments were approved: one to execute a lease-purchase agreement with Huntington Public Capital Corporation to finance purchase of a postage machine system as the most economical method (\$20,526.84); an agreement for the new postage machine and an equipment/software maintenance agreement (\$7,615.94 machine services/\$117 monthly lease/\$834.08 maintenance fee); and a folding machine (\$11,701.05 for purchase/\$1,427.20 annual service agreement).

•A state-mandated 5 percent increase in pay for Bedford Clerk of Court Tom Day to \$112,327.50, with 60 percent of that amount to be paid by the city of Bedford, and the remaining 40 percent to be paid by Cuyahoga County, effective Monday, Jan. 1, 2018.

U-Haul moving to old Lally property

The U-Haul storage unit facility at Broadway near Rockside will be moving into a new home in the city, after council approved a recommendation of the Planning Commission regarding a request from Amereo Real Estate of Phoenix, Arizona, to use the structure at 19000 Rockside Rd. for interior self storage, U-Haul Truck & Trailer share and retail sales.

Koci explained that the Rockside property was the former Tim Lally auto dealership property that U-Haul wanted to purchase. The move to consolidate to the new location will be within a reasonable amount of time to allow storage unit customers to move their items, Law Director John Montello stated.

A request of Charles Siracusa of Solon, to have prospective tenant Katie Daley open a wig boutique for

retail sales at 718 Broadway in the city's Historic District was also approved. This will be strictly for retail sales and not a hair salon, Koci stated.

Council gave the green light to a request from Pruitt Construction of Norton, representing owner Dick Marcellino of Motorcars Acura/Volvo Arm Performance Group, LLC, proposing a major renovation of the existing Volvo showroom at 18123 Rockside Rd., to include a new 528-square-foot addition.

Council upheld the Planning Commission's denial of a request by Marie Harris of Walton Hills, for a Day Care & Learning Center at 776 Broadway Ave.

"This was denied by the Planning Commission for several reasons," Montello stated. "Most of which related to safety concerns as to the location...; no play area for the children; parking was an issue; and it was close to an industrial area, with a lot of traffic."

Council's first meeting of 2018, an organizational session at which new council members Victor Fluharty (Ward 3) and Heather Rhoades (Ward 5) will be sworn in, will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 3, at 7 p.m. at City Hall. Reelected Mayor Stan Koci and Ward 1 Councilwoman Sandy Spinks will also be sworn in to their new terms. The public is welcome to attend.

Spinks will be making a special appearance on FOX-8 television's "New Day Cleveland," where she will be cooking with host David "The Mossman" Moss, at 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 25.

CVNP seeks volunteers

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Paw Patrol- Provide a unique visitor experience and an opportunity to make contact with a well-behaved and trained canine volunteer and their owner. Share personal experiences, dog-related rules and regulations and general orientation and information.

Roving Historians and Artisans- Share informal interpretation either as a historical artisan or by engaging visitors through a variety of newly prepared activities that are both stimulating and educational.

Rail Rovers- Present informal interpretation aboard Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad on regularly scheduled runs. Distribute literature, share animal pelts, and answer questions about the national park.

Safe is Sound- Share trail safety, etiquette, and park information at "Safety Stops" along the Ohio & Erie Towpath Trail. This multi-use trail sees thousands of visitors on bikes, horses, foot, strollers, wheelchairs, and leashes.

S.E.T. (Special Events Team)- Assist with special events, including Monthly Lyceum Series, CVNP Concert Series, and Music in the Meadow. Duties can include directing traffic flow in the parking lot, taking tickets and operating the cash box, or serving refreshments.

Stanford House Host- Greet visitors at the welcome desk, provide park information, help guests feel welcome and informed, check out groups, assist staff in

maintaining the facility in a guest-ready state, provide tours, and if interested, garden and landscape around the grounds.

Wildlife Watchers- Provide informal interpretation and information/orientation at the Wildlife Watcher Station and/or on park trails.

Volunteers must have the ability to start conversations and advocate for the park and park partners; have strong verbal and nonverbal communication skills and comfort with public speaking. Individuals must be able to stand for extended periods of time and have some availability on weekends and holidays and preferably commit two to eight hours per month. Interpretation, First Aid/CPR, and position-specific training is provided.

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At this time of year many regular blood donors delay giving due to busy schedules, but the need for blood remains. The American Red Cross urges eligible donors to give more life by giving blood this December.

To encourage donations, all those who come to give blood or platelets now through January 7, 2018 will receive a long-sleeved Red Cross t-shirt, while supplies last. Upcoming local donation opportunities include:

Independence: Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1-5 p.m., Sterling Talent Solutions, 4511 Rockside Rd.; Wednesday, Jan. 10, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Crown Centre II, 5001 Rockside Rd.; Thursday, Jan. 11, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine, 6000 Rockside Woods Blvd. North.

Garfield Heights: Thursday, Dec. 28, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Marymount Hospital, 12300 McCracken Rd.

Cleveland: Thursday, Jan. 18, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Remington College Cleveland Campus, 14445 Broadway Ave. Blood partner: LifeShare Community Blood Services. For more information on this program, visit www.3Lives.com.

All blood types are currently needed. Donation appointments can also be scheduled by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in.



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Death Notices



RAYMOND W. PINCHAK, 84, born in Cleveland, passed away December 13th.

He was the beloved husband of Mary T. (nee Pakozdy); loving father of Michael, Edmond and John; cherished grandfather of nine; dear brother of the following deceased: Edward, Arthur and Peggy.

Mr. Pinchak was a United States Army Veteran of the Korean Conflict. Services were handled by Latek & Rybicki Funeral Home. Interment in Crown Hill Cemetery.

MARLENE J. BLAHUT (nee Schneider), 80, of Maple Heights, passed away on December 14th.

She was the beloved wife of 60 years to Edward L.; loving mother of Laura Spirk (Christopher), and Ellen Blahut (Amy Eugene); dearest grandmother of Greg Wolf, Shelley Wolf, Steven Spirk, Stephanie Spirk and Austin Harris; sister of Linda Schneider; cousin of Donna Murray.

Arrangements were handled by Ferfolia Funeral Home. The family suggests memorial contributions in her name to the Northeast Ohio SPCA, 9555 Brookpark Rd., Cleveland, Ohio 44129.

Cuyahoga County among those chosen for foster care recruitment program

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine announced that eight counties hit hard by the opioid epidemic, including Cuyahoga County, have been chosen to participate in a family finding and foster family recruitment program DeWine announced in August.

"Ohio still has a great need for families to help children in foster care. These can be biological family members or those who feel called to serve children in need," said Attorney General DeWine.

"I am pleased the grants we announced earlier this year will be used to address this need in counties that have been greatly impacted by this opioid epidemic," he said.

The pilot program, which is part of a \$1 million grant that the Attorney General announced in August, provides for the cost of a full-time staff member in each county who would be responsible for family search and engagement and foster family recruitment. The program will be administered by the Waiting Child Fund, a nonprofit with expertise in foster care which has pledged to contribute additional funds to the effort.

"Children are entering foster care throughout the state at an alarming rate. The Ohio Attorney General is responding to this crisis by investing in a proven solution which empowers and supports kinship and foster families. We are honored by the opportunity to grow our collaborative partnerships and ready to get to work helping more children and families," said Mike Kenney, executive director of Waiting Child Fund.

The other pilot counties include: Allen, Clark, Fairfield, Highland, Montgomery, Summit and Stark.

DeWine noted statistics on how the opioid epidemic has impacted Ohio's child welfare system, including:

- An estimated half of all children in foster care are there because of parental substance abuse.
- There are nearly 3,000 more children in the child welfare system today than when the opioid crisis began seven years ago.
- As of September 1, more than 15,000 children were in foster care in Ohio. However, Ohio has less than 7,200 foster families to fill this need.

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Community police reports

By Amber Weisbarth

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

CLEVELAND

Two males were shot while in the 6100 block of Kenyon Ave. on December 24th and were taken to MetroHealth Medical Center for treatment. Further information was not available as of press time.

GARFIELD HTS.

Aggravated Robbery

•Police were dispatched to the 5600 block of Cumberland Dr. on December 18th, around 11:30 p.m., and spoke to a man who said he was in the street checking the trunk of his car for a coat when two males approached him from behind saying, "Give it up." He said he knew he was going to be robbed, so he ran towards his home on Cumberland, then heard 2-3 gunshots. Once inside his home he saw a light-colored, four-door vehicle leaving the area.

Police found two shell casings in the 5600 block of Cumberland and found a bullet hole in the front wall of the man's home. No one was injured.

•A Richmond Heights woman said she was waiting at the traffic light at Vernon and Turney rds. on December 23rd, around 12:40 p.m., when a man wearing a ski mask jumped into her vehicle, pointed a gun at her and demanded money. She said the man told her to keep driving after he stole her wallet and got out of the car and ran. Officers and the K9 unit searched the area for the suspect with negative results.

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Breaking and Entering

The owner of Taste of Soul, located at 4812 Turney Rd., told police someone stole two flatscreen TVs from the business between 6 p.m. December 17th and 1 p.m. December 18th. The owner also said someone turned on several water faucets and plugged the drains causing possible water damage to the floors and restaurant supplies.

The owner was certain he locked the business on December 17th, but when he returned the next afternoon he found the door ajar. The owner was able to view security camera footage and said the suspect is an employee. A few days later the employee was arrested and charged with theft, criminal trespassing and criminal damaging. Details leading to his arrest were not included in the police report.

Criminal Damage

•Police were dispatched to Mobile Tax Solutions, located at 4825 Turney Rd., on December 19th, around 5:45 p.m., for a report of a group of younger juveniles who threw a weighted traffic cone at a window of the business then fled down Russell Ave. The front window was smashed out and police found the cone lying nearby. Officers searched the area for suspects with negative results.

•Residents of the 12900 block of Park Knoll Dr. and the 12300 and 12400 blocks of Crest Ave. reported criminal damage to their vehicles on December 21st. Dispatch notes did not indicate if anything was stolen from the vehicles.

Felonious Assault

On December 24th, around 1:40 a.m., police were dispatched to the area of E. 104th St. and South Highland and saw a man lying on the sidewalk suffering from a gunshot wound to his leg. Two other males with the victim told police that while walking down the street, a dark-colored vehicle approached them with its headlights off and fired several shots at them and fled southbound on E. 104th St. The males could not provide a reason why they were being shot at. Police searched the area for the suspect vehicle and spent shell

casings with negative results. The 27-year-old was taken to MetroHealth Medical Center for treatment. The Detective Bureau continues to investigate.

Weapon Offense

Elmwood Elementary School was placed on a short "shelter in place" lockdown around 11:15 a.m. last Monday, Dec. 18, while police were chasing a suspicious person in the area. As police were chasing the man, a gun fell from his waistband in a scuffle with police, and the school was placed on "lockdown" as a precaution when the suspect continued fleeing. Police later learned the gun had been stolen from Cleveland.

The man was eventually found in an unlocked garage on E. 114th St. and was arrested. He was charged with breaking and entering, receiving stolen property, obstructing official business and carrying a concealed weapon. Police also found marijuana on his person and he was issued a summons. The "lockdown" lasted about 10 minutes, according to a post from the Garfield Heights City School's Facebook page.

MAPLE HTS.

Attempted Robbery

Police were dispatched to the 5300 block of Warrensville Center Rd. on December 22nd, around 6:55 p.m., for a report about a group of juveniles who pulled a gun out

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on a driver of a minivan parked near the door of a nearby business. The caller said the juveniles, ages 15-17, were walking southbound on Warrensville Center.

Dispatch notes indicated two males were detained by 7:03 p.m. and all four males were in custody by 7:20 p.m. Three of the juveniles were later taken back to their homes and the fourth juvenile was taken to a detention home, according to dispatch notes. No other details were available.

Robbery

A woman said she was robbed at gunpoint while in the parking lot of Maple Grove on Pease Rd. on December 22nd, around 6:20 p.m. She said two males took her purse and fled in a gray sedan heading southbound on Dunham Rd. She said the driver had a gun.

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Village of Cuyahoga Heights service personnel Bob Krajewski (left) and Cory Pucci (right) are shown above with food donations collected for the St. John Paul II-Ozanam Center at Holy Name Parish in Cleveland last week.

The Village of Cuyahoga Heights took up a Christmas food collection before the holiday for the St. John Paul II-Ozanam Center at Holy Name Parish in Cleveland.

Cuyahoga Heights Mayor Jack Bacci wrote, "At this special time of year, our administration under-

stands the hard times its neighbors may be experiencing. We have been very fortunate to help those in need for the past several years as generosity comes from individuals that appreciate their own blessings."

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ember 20th. Monsignor Richard Antall, pastor of Holy Name, said, "The Villagers' generosity was part of the true Christmas spirit." He asked God for blessings for all involved and referred to a Spanish refrain that translates "May God repay you."

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