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## Maple Heights Council passes temporary budget at special meeting

By Judith Goldsworth

After discussing the budget for 2018 at several previous meetings, Maple Heights Council, at a special meeting held last week, passed an amended version of the budget which will cover the first three months of this year.

The budget ordinance, introduced by Mayor Annette Blackwell, with motion for adoption by Councilman Ron Jackson, was amended on the floor of the meeting to reflect the fact that it is intended as a temporary budget for the city through March 31, 2018.

"The 2018 Temporary Appropriations Budget must be immediately adopted to insure the financial integrity of the city, and presented to the [Cuyahoga] County Fiscal Officer by December 31, 2017," the ordinance stated, necessitating last week's special meeting to meet the deadline.

Total expenditures and expenses for this year's budget are projected at about \$20.3 million, ac-

ording to documentation released by Maple Heights Finance Director Tracy Smith.

As the year progresses, this figure may change to meet the city's needs.

### Other legislation

Two other pieces of legislation were passed at the special meeting, also regarding the city's finances.

One ordinance passed authorizes Smith to amend the 2017 budget for the fiscal year that ended December 31, and to submit the amended appropriations of about \$19.5 million to the county fiscal officer.

The other ordinance okayed by council authorizes Smith to amend the 2017 Certificate of Estimated Resources and file the amendment with the county fiscal officer.

The estimated receipts for 2017 were \$20.7 million, while the amended estimated receipts are \$20.2 million, according to Smith's figures.

Another ordinance that

was on first reading at last week's meeting to authorize Smith to prepare and file an amended 2018 Certificate of Estimated Resources with the county fiscal officer to reflect the 2018 budget, was tabled for further discussion.

Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella said this ordinance has been added to the agenda for a second reading at the regular council meeting to be held tonight, January 3, at 7 p.m. at the Maple Heights Senior Center, 15901 Libby Rd. The council president and council members will be sworn in at this meeting.

## 'Roaring 20s' program at Independence library

Grab your flapper dress and sport your pinstripe suit at a lively event that will transport you to the 1920s at the Independence Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 6361 Selig Dr., on Thursday, Jan. 11, beginning at 7 p.m.

Costumed volunteers from the Cuyahoga Valley National Park will bring the past to life as they explore suffrage to prohibition nationally and in the Cuyahoga Valley.

For more information call the library at 216-447-0160 or visit [www.cuyahogalibrary.org](http://www.cuyahogalibrary.org).

## New 'Freebies' Police seek help in shooting death of teen in Kenyon Ave. area

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 to the NARI Home Improvement Show at the I-X Center, good for any one show day, January 18-21, 2018. Deadline for the drawing is Friday, Jan. 12.

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!

An 18-year-old male was shot in the head in the East 65th Street and Kenyon Avenue area in Slavic Village on New Year's Eve, according to information provided by Cleveland police. He was taken to MetroHealth Medical Center where he was pronounced dead.

Police said the teen had just gotten off of work at a nearby Rally's around 3:30 a.m. on December 31st when he was shot. Police said he also worked shovelling snow and a shovel was recovered at the scene.

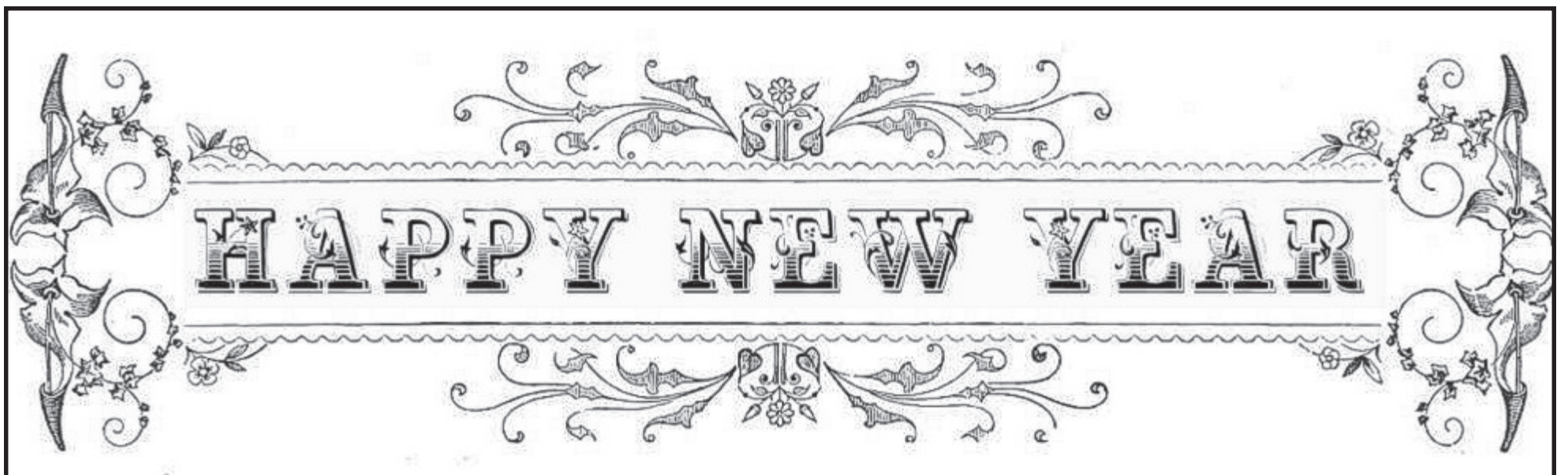
According to the information provided, the teen was reportedly developmentally delayed/mentally challenged and lived in a nearby group home.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact investigators at 216-623-5464.

## Cleveland woman held in husband's shooting death in Sebert Ave. home

A 44-year-old woman was arrested after Cleveland police were called to a home on Sebert Avenue in Slavic Village on a report of a shooting. The woman turned over a handgun to police and admitted she shot her husband, according to information provided by Cleveland police.

The 53-year-old victim suffered multiple gunshot wounds and was found lying in the living room. He was taken to MetroHealth Medical Center where he later died, according to police. Police said the incident remains under investigation.





# Deadline approaches for Engineering Foundation scholarships

The Engineers Foundation of Ohio (EFO) is offering over \$27,000 in academic scholarships to qualifying engineering students for the 2018-2019 academic year.

"It's programs like EFO scholarships that continue to give Ohio a technological edge in the international

marketplace by encouraging our best students and engineers to remain in the state," says EFO Executive Director Tim Schaffer.

Each year EFO offers the scholarships to top engineering students from throughout Ohio. To qualify for most EFO scholarships, applicants must be U.S. citizens, permanent residents of the state of Ohio, and be graduating high school seniors admitted to an engineering program approved by the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology (ABET) at an Ohio engineering college or Notre Dame.

In addition, candidates must meet the minimum academic standards of a SAT score of 600 in math and 500 in reading or composition (or an ACT score of 29 in math and 25 in English) and a 3.0 grade point average on the four-point scale.

Additional criteria apply to some scholarships. For instance, the Lloyd A. Chacey, PE, Memorial Scholarship provides \$2,000 annual grants to college juniors and seniors who must apply in their sophomore years.

EFO, a nonprofit charitable organization established in 1964 by members of the Ohio Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE), also sponsors educational programs including MATHCOUNTS for junior high school students and the Imagine Engineering coloring contest for second graders.

All EFO-supported programs and scholarships exist to elevate interest in math, science and engineering. EFO's scholarship application and brochure, which details the specific criteria for the scholarships offered this year, may be obtained at [www.ohioengineer.com](http://www.ohioengineer.com) (click on "Students & Educators," then on "Programs for Students," then on "Scholarships" and print from PDF files) or in high school guidance and career offices throughout Ohio or by calling EFO at 614-223-1177.

The deadline for applications is January 15.

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# OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal for Ohio high school graduates to show workplace readiness

Ohio high school students now can earn recognition by showing they are prepared to contribute to the workplace and their communities. The OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal is a formal designation students can earn on their high school diplomas and transcripts indicating they have the personal strengths, strong work ethic and professional experience that businesses need.

"The 21st century workplace is rapidly changing, and businesses need to know graduates are leaving high school with job-ready professional skills," said Paolo DeMaria, superintendent of public instruction. "Along with Ohio businesses, our team identified essential skills for workplace success and developed the OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal for students to demonstrate those attributes."

To earn the OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal, motivated high school students must demonstrate certain professional skills required for success in the workplace. Students work with at least three experienced and trusted mentors who validate the demonstration of these skills in school, work or the community.

"Work ethic and resiliency are essential to success no matter what your education level or where you are in life," said Ohio Department of Higher Education Chancellor John Carey. "The OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal will equip high school students to adapt to the rapidly changing workforce and to stand out with a much-in-demand credential."

"Ohio businesses have expressed concern about a lack of soft skills among applicants," said Ryan Burgess, Director of the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation. "The OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal will help Ohio's graduates demonstrate to businesses that they have the skills necessary to succeed in the 21st century workplace."

Established by the Ohio Legislature under House Bill 49, the Ohio Department of Education, Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation and Ohio Department of Higher Education identified an initial list of professional skills based on reports by the National Association of Colleges and Employers, in partnership with The Conference Board, Partnership for 21st Century Skills, Society for Human Resource Management and Corporate Voices for Working Families.

In addition, state partners surveyed Ohio's business community to select the most essential or important skills for workplace success. Through the survey, business leaders identified the 15 skills students must demonstrate to earn the seal. These skills include a commitment to being drug free, reliability, a strong work ethic, punctuality, discipline, teamwork and collaboration, professionalism, learning agility, critical thinking and problem-solving, leadership, creativity and innovation, good oral and written communication skills, an understanding of digital technology, global and intercultural fluency and career management.

The OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal is available for the graduating classes of 2018 and beyond and will be

printed directly on Ohio diplomas and transcripts. The seal also counts toward graduation options for students in the class of 2018.

Guidance can be found on the Department's website, [www.education.ohio.gov](http://www.education.ohio.gov).

## Ohio Department of Taxation to offer 2018 tax amnesty program

The Ohio Department of Taxation (ODT) has announced that it will be offering a limited-time tax amnesty program beginning January 1, 2018 and ending February 15th. The Ohio Tax Amnesty is available to eligible taxpayers — individuals and businesses — with unreported or underreported tax debts.

During the six-week amnesty period, taxpayers who fully pay qualifying tax delinquencies will owe no penalties and only half of the interest normally charged.

"The Ohio Tax Amnesty is a tremendous opportunity for eligible taxpayers to address an unreported tax debt and eliminate the financial risk of not complying with the obligation to file and pay taxes," said Ohio Tax Commissioner Joe Testa.

"If we all comply with the tax laws, as most Ohio taxpayers do already, we can lower the tax rates for all taxpayers," he said.

The Ohio Tax Amnesty includes the following taxes: individual income tax; school district income tax; employer withholding tax; employer withholding for school district income tax; pass-through entity tax; sales tax; use tax; commercial activity tax; financial institutions tax; cigarette and other tobacco products taxes; and alcoholic beverage taxes.

The Ohio Tax Amnesty will only be available to indi-

viduals and businesses with a tax liability that is unknown to ODT, and only for taxes that were due and payable prior to May 1, 2017.

To help Ohio taxpayers determine their eligibility and learn more about the Ohio Tax Amnesty, ODT is launching a statewide awareness campaign this week called "Ohio Tax Amnesty: Your Move Forward." Campaign components will include TV, radio, email, social media, paid search and digital display advertising, special events, and outreach to tax practitioners.

Interested taxpayers and tax practitioners will be directed to [www.OhioTaxAmnesty.gov](http://www.OhioTaxAmnesty.gov) for more information. "Ohio Tax Amnesty: Your Move Forward," will run through February 15, 2018.

If you want to know more about the Ohio Tax Amnesty, or whether you are eligible, visit [www.OhioTaxAmnesty.gov](http://www.OhioTaxAmnesty.gov). Questions can also be directed to ODT via its toll-free phone number, 800-304-3211.



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### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Ceremonial Meeting for the swearing-in of the Maple Heights City Council will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 immediately following the Regular Meeting of Council which starts at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will take place this time only at the Maple Heights High School located at 1 Mustang Way, Maple Heights, Ohio.

Leonette F. Cicirella  
Clerk of Council  
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The year 2018 is here, and we hope everyone enjoys all good things throughout the coming days and months.



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# Steps to a healthier you this New Year

Want to make resolutions you'll keep this new year? Think simple, sustainable changes. Follow these four steps for a healthier you, inside and out.

**Stick to Your Workout:** After the holidays, the gym is filled with people who have resolved to incorporate exercise routines into their lives. Come February, the novelty of the new year wears off, life gets in the way and, according to "U.S. News & World Report," 80 percent of resolutions fail by the second week of the month.

Instead of jumping from no routine to a seven-days-a-week commitment, introduce workouts to your schedule in small doses. Dread cardio or weight machines? Find something that you'll look forward to, like a cycling class, yoga or outdoor pursuits. Choosing activities that you enjoy will increase your chances of sticking to your resolution.

**Eat Smarter:** According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, most Americans are falling short of their fruit and vegetable intake goals, and most eat only half the recommended amount of fiber. To increase your consumption of essential nutrients, create a grocery list packed with fruits, vegetables, protein and whole grains.

Plan meals for the week to ensure you stick to a whole-food menu. Keep ingredients on hand for meals you can make in a pinch, so you're not tempted by fast food on a busy day. Try frozen salmon fillets, which you can cook without thawing, or eggs, low-fat cheese and veggies for a quick-baking frittata.

Freeze individual servings of chopped fruits and veg-

etables in resealable bags to create quick and delicious smoothies each morning in a high-powered blender, such as the Vitamix E310 Explorian Series machine. For a satisfying, energy-boosting snack, use your blender to pre-make dried fruit chia bars or white chocolate peanut butter energy balls.

**Stress Less:** Stress can have adverse effects on minds and bodies, as insomnia, weight gain, anxiety and depression are all potential related risks. While it isn't always avoidable, simple changes will help you manage tension.

Sometimes, stress can be solved with some "me time." Treat yourself to a massage or manicure, soak in a hot bath, or unwind with a nature walk. Connecting with others can help, too. Plan a brunch with your best friend or a date night with your significant other.

Feeling overwhelmed with work and family life? Build out a to-do list or calendar to feel more in control of your busy schedule, then cross items off the list when completed.

**Practice Positivity:** A sunny outlook can affect your well being. Keep a gratitude journal by writing down something good that happens each day. On bad days, you'll be forced to focus on the positive aspects of your life.

One of the best ways to improve your happiness is by giving others a boost. Volunteer with a charitable organization or donate to a favorite cause. Practice doing something kind daily.

This new year, take small steps to help you feel happier and healthier. (StatePoint)

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# AAA offers easy ways to drive smarter, safer in 2018 Polish Constitution committee meeting set

New Year's resolutions often revolve around personal improvement and staying healthy. AAA East Central is reminding the motoring public that it's also a good time to consider making personal improvements in one of the places you spend much of your time: your vehicle.

"Pledging to improve your driving is a great way to kick off 2018," says Terri Rae Anthony, AAA East Central Safety Advisor. "It can be so easy to give up on some resolutions, but changing some bad habits behind the wheel can go a long way towards avoiding costly and potentially life-changing crashes."

Here are 10 resolutions designed to help make you a smarter, safer driver in the New Year:

- Always buckle your safety belt – no exceptions. In 2014 alone, the use of safety belts in passenger vehicles saved an estimated 12,802 lives according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). That statistic alone is worth taking that extra two seconds to click your seatbelt and make sure your passengers do, too.

- Keep your eyes on the road and avoid unnecessary distractions. According to a study conducted by Virginia Tech Transportation Institute, looking away from the road for more than a few seconds is a fac-

tor in nearly 80 percent of accidents. That means no texting and no cell phones.

- Read a good book – your owners' manual. You know the one; it's been languishing in your glove compartment. Reading through it will give you some valuable safety information and could even save you some money.

- No peephole driving! Don't be one of those people trying to negotiate wintry roads through a tiny hole of visibility in the windshield. Leave an additional 5-10 minutes of time in the morning to scrape the snow and ice from your car and give your defroster a chance to do its job.

- Find out how technology is working to keep you safer. Today's vehicles are equipped with state-of-the-art technology that can help keep you safe – but it's even safer when drivers understand how these features work.

- Learn how to parallel park. MIT's New England University Transportation Center ranked parallel parking as the most stressful driving activity. So let this year be your year to master this maneuver.

- Listen to your mother – sit up straight. Make sure your seat and headrest are adjusted correctly in your vehicle to give you the optimum support. Your legs shouldn't be overstretched

to reach the pedals. You should also be able to glance up and out at your mirrors with ease.

- Check the tire pressure on all five tires, including the spare. The recommended tire pressure can be found in that handy owner's manual you've resolved to read and on a sticker conveniently located on the driver's side

door jamb.

- Steer clear — Stay calm and never respond to drivers who cut you off, tailgate or try to intimidate you. Concentrate instead on the safety of you, your passengers and your vehicle. Stay cool, get out of the way and let other drivers deal with their own issues. Make FIDO your mantra: Forget It; Drive On.

## ~ Death notice ~

**HATTIE A. MUSSIG**, (nee Vercek), 98, longtime supporter of The Nash (Slovenian National Home on E. 80 St., Cleveland), passed away December 19th.



She was the beloved wife of the late Louis Z.; loving mother of Marlene Gray (Glen), Juliann Zab (Bob), Michael (Eileen, deceased) and Mark (Pam); grandmother of 12 and great-grandmother of eight. Daughter of the late Joseph Vercek and Julia (nee Prosnikar); sister of the following, all deceased: Albina Arko, Josephine Vercek, Eugene and Maria Vercek. Dear aunt, great-aunt and cousin to many.

"It is with heavy heart that I convey the passing of Hattie Mussig. She was always a great joy to engage in conversation; what a wonderful lady she was," said Tony Peskar of The Nash.

Funeral services and interment were private. Arrangements were handled by Fortuna Funeral Home. For those who wish, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to Jennings Center for Older Adults, 10204 Granger Rd., Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125.

The Cleveland Polish Constitution Celebration Committee will hold its first meeting of the new year this Sunday, Jan. 7, at 12:30 p.m. at the Polish American Cultural Center, 6501 Lansing Ave., Cleveland.

public in 1918. Call 216-469-4806 for details.

## M.H. mobile food pantry cancelled

Civic and cultural groups and offices are encouraged to send representatives to this important meeting, which will start planning activities honoring the 100th anniversary of the creation of the Polish Re-

The January 6th date for the Maple Heights Mobile Pantry at 20761 Southgate Park Blvd., Maple Heights, has been cancelled. The city will release further updates as they become available.

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# Community police reports

By Amber Weisbarth

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

## BEDFORD

### Burglary

A Bedford man was arrested December 27th for his alleged involvement in a burglary on Best Ave. A resident of Best Ave. told police she left her home on December 23rd and when she returned on December 26th she found her side door had been forced open. Missing from the home was a 14-gauge shotgun.

"Our Detectives searched all of Whoville and located the Grinch that tried to ruin Christmas. Not only were we able to get the shotgun and Who Hash back, we were

able to secure a search warrant based on other evidence collected," said a post on the Bedford Police Department Facebook page.

The SWAT team executed the search warrant and found the stolen shotgun, as well as a second shotgun and various drug trafficking items including heroin and marijuana, according to the police report. Charges are pending on evidence found during the search.

### Criminal Damage/Theft from Auto

Several Bedford residents in the following neighborhoods reported that their cars were broken into, the windows were smashed out and items were stolen on December 21st: 600 block Lincoln Blvd., 900 block High St., 240 and 280 block of Marion St., 600 block Johnson Ave., 300 block Broadway Ave., 80 block of Berwyn.

Officers later arrested a man at Ivanhoe and Johnson in connection to the break-ins. A second male who originally fled from officers was later arrested on Columbus Rd. Both males had window punches in their pockets. A gun that had been stolen from one of the vehicles was later found in a backyard on Columbus.

## CLEVELAND

### Felonious Assault Shooting

A 31-year-old man told police he was outside grilling with his friends in the E. 71st St. and Gertrude Ave. area on January 1st, around 3 p.m., when he was shot in the hand. He told police he believes the neighbors were outside shooting guns in celebration of the new year and he was shot by accident. No suspect information was provided.

## GARFIELD HTS.

### Disturbance

Police were dispatched to Turneytown Shopping Center on December 30th, around 11 p.m., for a report of over 100 people fighting in the area. When police arrived, they saw an estimated 200 people in all areas of the shopping center and called for assistance from Valley View, Newburgh Heights and Maple Heights PDs. Through mutual aid and the use of K9 Rosco, police were eventually able to disperse the crowd and send them home.

Officers learned the fight had originally started at D-Squared Studio'z, 4988 Turney Rd., and then spoke to the owner of the dance studio, who said a client rented the space for a party and let the crowd far exceed the studio's maximum occupancy of 75 people and said the security company hired for the event was supposed to send three security personnel but only sent one.

Police said there was only one injury but due to the extreme size and commotion of the crowd a suspect in the assault could not be determined.

### Fleeing

On December 27th, police tried to pull over a 2004 Land Rover near Russell Ave. and Edgepark Dr. after the vehicle made an illegal turn. After a short pursuit, three occupants fled from the car on foot and one of them was arrested a short time later. Police searched the vehicle and found a loaded gun that was reported stolen by Cleveland PD. Cleveland PD also said the car had been stolen from their city.

The arrested male, 18, of Garfield Heights, was held on no bond for felony investigation of receiving stolen property.

### OVI

On December 29th, around 2 p.m., police noticed a truck driving on Turney Rd. was weaving in and out of lanes and nearly struck another vehicle. The officer pulled the vehicle over on Turney Rd. at Thraves and identified the driver as a 62-year-old Cleveland man. He smelled of alcohol and marijuana and eventually admitted to having two drinks. His wife was in the passenger seat and two small children, ages 7 and 4, were in the backseat. The children were not in car seats and the driver had not been wearing a seatbelt when police pulled him over.

The man had a hard time performing field sobriety tests. He was arrested and police found a small bag of marijuana and rolling papers in his pocket. The man later asked police for his marijuana back and said he would "fight them for it." Once at City Jail, the man refused to follow orders, sign any forms or submit a breath sample. He was held on an \$8500 bond, was cited for OVI, refusal with prior in 20 years, not wearing a

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- Gang of criminals
- Humbug
- Griffith, Rooney
- Ananas
- Robert \_\_\_, poet
- Blemish
- Materials for potters
- Large muscular dog
- Woman's name
- Stocks
- A way to let loose
- Mephistopheles
- Saucy
- Jacques \_\_\_, German physiologist
- Crust
- Drools
- Collar a criminal
- Concealed
- Be in want of

CLUES DOWN

- Ogden \_\_\_, U.S. humorist
- Thais
- Don Carlos \_\_\_, union general
- Perhaps
- Afflicts
- Leap \_\_\_\_\_
- Numbers
- Philosophers
- Hospital patients
- In a way, assists
- Pantywaist
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## Community police reports

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seatbelt and weaving. He was charged with endangering children and was issued a summons for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

### Recovered Auto

While on patrol on December 31st, around 10:45 a.m., an officer saw a red Ford Escape parked on Turney Rd. with its hazard lights on and a man was filling the gas tank with a gas can. Upon checking the registration, the officer learned the car had been stolen out of Brook Park and the man was ordered to the ground at gunpoint. The man complied and was arrested. A check through LEADS confirmed the man, 38, of Cleveland, was driving under a license forfeiture and had an active felony theft warrant with Brook Park PD. During a search of the vehicle, police found drug paraphernalia commonly used to smoke crack cocaine.

The man was held on no bond for investigation of receiving stolen property and possession of drug paraphernalia, and was issued a citation for license forfeiture. Police said the 38-year-old has a lengthy criminal history.

### MAPLE HTS.

#### Criminal Damaging

A resident of the 20200 block of Maple Hts. Blvd. said he was woken up by a loud popping sound around 2 a.m. December 31st. When he woke up later that morning to shovel his driveway, he noticed about 10 blue paintball splatters on the front of his house and windows, and noticed a neighbor's house had also been hit with the paintballs. No other damage was found.

#### Gunshots

A resident of the 18400 block of Waterbury Ave. called police on January 1st, around 12:30 a.m., and said her neighbor was shooting guns in his backyard

while her children were outside on the back porch. When police arrived, they found 12 spent shell casings on the back porch of the neighbor's home. The homeowner claimed his brother, who had already left the scene, was the one who had been shooting the guns. No arrest was made.

•On January 1st, Maple Heights police received several calls from residents hearing gunshots in the following neighborhoods:

16200 block Turney Rd., 20900 block Clare Ave., 18100 block Edinboro Ave., 21300 block Kreams Ave., 20900 and 21300 block Kenyon Dr., 5100 block Erwin St. and 5200 block Henry St. According to dispatch logs, when police arrived at these locations, all had been quiet, except on Kenyon where police heard gunfire in the area and found shell casings, but saw no suspects.

#### Shoplifting

Around 1:50 p.m. December 29th, police were dispatched to the Walgreens at 5264 Lee Rd. for a report that two juveniles, a boy and a girl, stole several handfuls of candy and nearly knocked over a customer as they fled. Police found them a short time later at the Maple Heights library.

According to dispatch notes, an uninvolved man, a community outreach worker, offered to pay for the candy if he could speak to the children and "open their minds to the wrong they committed and hopefully have a positive impact." Officers allowed the man to speak to the kids. The man then paid for the candy and allowed the kids to keep it. The store manager was satisfied, but told the children they were no longer allowed at the store and police advised them of trespassing. They were then taken to their home in Cleveland and released to their mother.

## Call Crime Stoppers with anonymous tips

Crime Stoppers encourages members of the community to assist local law enforcement agencies in the fight against crime.

Crime Stoppers provides an anonymous telephone number, Text Tips and Web Tips to encourage citizens to volunteer vital information helpful to law enforcement agencies. By offering anonymity and cash rewards for information leading to indictment or arrests, the program encourages otherwise reluctant callers to provide information.

The 24/7 hotline number, 216-252-7463, allows the caller to remain anonymous. The phone does not have a caller ID function and calls are not recorded.

Those with information can also text TIP657 plus your message to 274637, or can submit information online at [www.25crime.com](http://www.25crime.com).

## Cuy. Hts. School District makes AP Honor Roll

The Cuyahoga Heights Local School District is one of 447 school districts in the U.S. and Canada being honored by the College Board with placement on the 8th Annual AP District Honor Roll.

To be included on the 8th Annual Honor Roll, the Cuyahoga Heights Local School District had to, since 2015, increase the number of students participating in AP (Advanced Placement) while also increasing or maintaining the percentage of students earning AP Exam scores of 3 or higher. To read more about the AP Honor Roll, visit <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/score-reports-data/awards/honor-roll>

This is the second time in four years that the district has been recognized with this honor – repeat selection of this national recognition is a rare occurrence.

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# WINTER WONDERLAND Community awareness meeting set



Bone-chilling temperatures and steady precipitation have made this year's winter one of the earliest and most beautiful in recent memory. Southeast area residents are reminded they don't have to travel far to enjoy some beautiful scenery. This view of the upper trail in the Cleveland Metroparks Garfield Reservation, taken last weekend, is but one of the area's winter wonderlands waiting to be experienced. *Photo courtesy of Charles Gliha*

## G.H. Ward 5

The Garfield Heights Ward 5 Community Awareness Meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 10, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd.

There will be a presentation by the South East Area Law Enforcement (SEALE) Task Force which serves multiple communities including Garfield Heights. Garfield Heights Police Chief Robert Byrne will also attend. For more information contact Jason Blake at 216-338-7883 or Jake5585@yahoo.com.

## Golden Ager's Grapevine

### 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.

## Genealogy Society to meet Jan. 8

The Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society (CVGS) will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Jan. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Willow Room at the Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Blvd.

Carrie Sowden, Archaeological Director of the National Museum of the Great Lakes of Toledo, will give a presentation titled, "Ships, Shipping, Shipwrecks and Genealogy." The presentation will explore the history of shipping on the Great Lakes and will showcase the museum's genealogy resources.

Members and the public are invited to this free meeting. Coffee and refreshments will be served. For more information, call President Bobbi Hamm, 330-225-0890.

## Garfield Hts. Historical Society continues to seek residents to share memories for new book

The Garfield Heights Historical Society & Museum, 5405 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights, has wound 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 your memories of family, school, sports, fun activities; your recollections of hangouts, stores, shopping spots, music, dancing, eating and more.

Get started by contacting the Society at 216-475-3050 or emailing to ghhist.org.

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