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## SVD partners with Maple Hts. to renovate homes No injuries reported in two house fires in G.H.

The Maple Heights Homeownership Program is an initiative to make vacant and distressed homes in Maple Heights available for purchase by both owner-occupants and developers, bringing investment to the city, stabilizing the local housing market and providing an affordable DIY home purchase option, said Slavic Village Development officials, who are partnering with the city of Maple Heights and the Cuyahoga County Land Bank on the project.

This collaboration is the first of its kind between a Cleveland community development corporation and a local suburb.

SVD will work in tandem with the Cuyahoga County Land Bank to acquire vacant properties from a variety of potential sources, including tax foreclosures, mortgage foreclosures, and donations, among others. As properties become available, the city of Maple Heights will advertise properties for sale, allowing an exclusive 30-day window for owner occupants, while SVD guides buyers through the application and purchase process. The program utilizes a scope of work, deed restrictions, and a reversionary clause to ensure that a property's renovation by its new owner aligns with the renovation standard.

Maple Heights Affordable Homes is modeled after Slavic Village Development's Neighbors Invest in Broadway (NIB) Program. The target market for this program has been homeowners and local developers who have the capacity and resources to complete a moderate rehab, therefore building instant equity in their properties.

Seventy-five formerly vacant and distressed homes have been acquired by Slavic Village Development and subsequently sold through NIB to new homeowners to be renovated. Throughout the lifetime of the program, over \$2 million in investment has been brought into the Broadway Slavic Village neighborhood through the rehabilitation of NIB homes.

"Our city has endured high rates of mortgage foreclosures since the housing crisis began nearly a decade ago," states Maple Heights Mayor Annette Blackwell, "so I am extremely pleased that we have been able to develop the Maple Heights Homeownership Program to interested homebuyers."

Through this initiative between the Maple Heights and SVD, vacant and abandoned homes that were once a source of concern for neighbors will now be transformed into high quality rentals and affordable homeownership opportunities.

To view available homes, visit [citymapleheights.com](http://citymapleheights.com). To learn more about the program, contact Michelle at Slavic Village Development by phone at 216-429-1182, ext. 102 or by email at [michelleb@slavicvillage.org](mailto:michelleb@slavicvillage.org).

## Chamberlin appointed to G.H. Board of Education



Joan Chamberlin

Joan Chamberlin has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the Garfield Heights City Schools Board of Education. The opening on the board came as a result of a vacancy created by the departure of June A. Geraci, who left her position in early December 2017.

Chamberlin is a familiar face to the Garfield Heights City Schools, where she spent virtually her entire career as a teacher and administrator. She retired three years ago, finishing her long tenure in the district as an assistant superintendent. She looks forward to working again for the schools and the community in this new capacity.

"The Garfield Heights City Schools was my home for many years and it holds a special place in my Bulldog heart," said Chamberlin. "As a lifelong resident

of Garfield Heights, it will be an honor and a privilege to serve in this new and different role as a Board member."

Chamberlin's official appointment to the Board of Education came at its regular meeting held last Friday.

Over the years, Chamberlin has been active in the community and has had opportunities to work in each school building in different professional assignments in the district. She wants to continue a positive approach to ensure decisions are student-centered and within the district budget and anticipates bringing her many years in public education to the role as a Board member.

## Cuyahoga Hts. residents can now use facilities at Seven Hills Rec Center

At its meeting last Wednesday, Cuyahoga Heights Council passed legislation to give village residents another option for their recreational activities by traveling to Seven Hills.

Council passed legislation contracting with the city of Seven Hills to allow Cuyahoga Heights residents to use their Recreation Center, with the vil-

lage picking up a portion or all of the costs - 100 percent for residents 62 years or older, U.S. veterans, and disabled residents. Cuyahoga Heights will pick up 50 percent of the costs for all other village residents.

The Seven Hills facility has an indoor pool, workout room, walking track and many other amenities not available in

Cuyahoga Heights.

Also at last Wednesday's council meeting, Cheryl Harris was elected council president for 2018.

Other legislation adopted at that meeting included:

- Parking prohibition along East 49th Street, for safety reasons.

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On January 13, around 4:55 p.m., the Garfield Heights Fire Department was dispatched to the 4800 block of E. 95th St. for a house fire. Garfield Heights responded with mutual aid from Maple Heights and Valley View fire departments and saw heavy smoke coming from the second floor windows and eaves.

Crews went inside and found the fire started in the basement from soldering pipes with a torch and that the fire had already burned through the first and second floors and into the attic. Crews extinguished the fire after extensive overhaul even with experiencing water source problems from a frozen hydrant.

There were no reported injuries. Total in damages was \$50,000, according to GHFD Chief Thomas Nemetz.

The next afternoon, January 14, around 3:50 p.m., the Garfield Heights Fire Department was called to a house fire in the 4800 block of E. 84 St., and called Maple Heights, Valley View and Cuyahoga Heights squads for mutual aid. A large fire could be seen on the first floor with heavy smoke conditions on the upper floors.



House fire on E. 84th St., Garfield Heights

Photo taken from the G.H. Firefighters Local 340 Facebook page

The cause is still unknown and there were no injuries reported. This home was a total loss, Nemetz said. Officials said crews were at the scene for over three hours.

While at the scene, three other EMS calls and a motor vehicle accident occurred during the fire and were handled by Bedford, Warrensville Heights and Valley View fire departments.

"Thank you to all of our mutual aid departments, our police department and our dispatchers for all your great work," said the Garfield Heights Firefighters Local 340 Facebook page.

## Independence Council news

Independence Council met in regular session on Tuesday, Jan. 9, with 16 ordinances introduced on first reading, of which 13 were enacted. Those enacted included:

- An ordinance to enter into a new member participation agreement with the Chagrin Valley Dispatch Council for the dispatching of public safety services.
- Legislation to enter into an agreement for the establish-

ment of the Cuyahoga Valley Council of Governments.

Several other ordinances approved dealt with the retaining of engineering and surveying services of companies doing work for the city.

Resolutions commending Jeff Haire of the Civil Service Commission and Jim Piteo of the Planning Commission for their years of dedicated service were both adopted.

Actions on the remaining ordinances were as follows:

• Legislation to approve the final plat for Chestnut Woods Subdivision, Phase 5, for the development of 34 residential single-family lots was left on first reading.

• An ordinance to enact a new chapter of the Codified Ordinances of the city of Independence to provide regulations for the abatement of criminal activity nuisances was referred to the Safety Committee.

• Repeal of an ordinance that established premium pay and work-related clothing and maintenance benefits for full-time non-bargaining supervisory Service Department employees was left on first reading.

*Let this delicious soup dish inspire you to get cooking and send in those recipes!*

## Tortellini Minestrone


- 3 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
- 1 medium sweet onion, diced
- 2 medium carrots, sliced thin
- 2 cloves garlic
- ½ tsp. kosher salt, divided
- 1/8 tsp. black pepper
- 1/8 tsp. cracked red pepper flakes
- 6 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 can kidney beans, drained (optional)
- 1 can (15 oz.) diced tomatoes with basil, garlic, oregano, undrained
- 1 bag frozen cheese tortellini
- 1½ cup fresh baby spinach
- Extra basil and oregano, to taste, if desired
- Finely grated parmesan cheese, for serving

Heat oil in a large pot over medium-high heat. Add onion, carrots, ¼ tsp. salt, black pepper and red pepper flakes and cook until softened. Add garlic and cook about 1 minute longer.

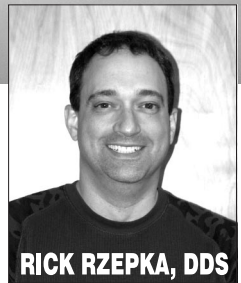
Pour in chicken broth, diced tomatoes and remaining salt. Bring to a boil and add tortellini. Cook until tender. Reduce the heat, then add kidney beans and spinach until heated through and wilted, about 8 minutes. Serve and sprinkle with parmesan if desired.

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## Cuyahoga Hts. residents

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- Application for financial assistance from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for Phase 3A of the village's Bacci Park Trail Project.
- Renewing the George M. Suhy Home Loan Grant for another five-year cycle, 2018-2022, and increasing the amount of times residents can apply from two out of the five years, to three out of the five-year cycle.

Also at this meeting Council approved the Mayor's Committees for 2018-2019, accepted the recommendation of Service Director David Sammons to continue to use Stan's Tree Service for 2018-2019, accepted the mayor's appointment of Mark Jason Deal as the pool manager for 2018, and appointed Stacy Vitanza as the sports commissioner for 2018-2019.

A special meeting of Cuyahoga Heights Village Council was held Saturday, Jan. 6, at which time Federal Judge Jon Greenberg swore in Mayor Jack Bacci to office, the mayor swore in Clerk Robert Unger, and Judge Jennifer Weiler swore in the members of council.

At this meeting, Council approved 2-year contracts for the law director, assistant law director, prosecutor, engineer, and building commissioner/architect.

The Cuyahoga Heights Village Scholarship to local graduating students for 2018 was approved and increased from \$500 to \$1,000.



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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 Great Big Home + Garden Show running from February 2-11 at the I-X Center. Deadline for the drawing is Monday, Jan. 29.

Also being offered are 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 Wednesday, Jan. 17.

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!

thoughts on methods that individuals commonly use to fall asleep and will provide insight into alternative solutions that may help you sleep more soundly.

## Hit by train in Bedford

Bedford Police Deputy Chief Rick Suts said a 21-year-old Brecksville man was struck by a train near Lally Field Park on January 12th.

The Norfolk Southern Train Police called Bedford PD around 11:15 a.m. last Friday and said a train had struck a pedestrian on the tracks near Bedford Glens Road (Lally Field Park) and Willis Street. When officers and the Bedford Fire Department arrived they saw the victim in the grass about 250 yards south of Bedford Glens driveway on the west side of the tracks.

Police said the male was conscious and breathing when they arrived and paramedics took him to MetroHealth Medical Center for treatment. The victim's current condition is unknown.

## Cleveland Clinic sleep discussion

Having trouble getting sleep? Join Cleveland Clinic's Dr. Romeo Craciun for a discussion about the importance of getting a good night's sleep on Monday, Jan. 22, at 2 p.m. at the Independence Branch Library, 6361 Selig Dr.

Dr. Craciun will share his

## NEW BEDFORD OFFICERS SWORN IN



Three new police officers were sworn into the Bedford Police Department last Friday afternoon. Shown in the photo above, from left, is Anthony Bucco, Nathan Viets, Chief Marty Stemple and Brandon Thompson. Bucco and Viets will be attending the Police Academy at the Highway Patrol Academy in Columbus, and Thompson will begin his field training next week, according to BPD Deputy Chief Rick Suts. A ceremonial swearing in was held last night at the Bedford Council meeting.

## S.V. 'Friends' to meet

The Friends of Slavic Village will meet on Thursday, Jan. 25, at Third Federal Savings, 7007 Broadway Ave. All are invited for dinner at 5 p.m., followed by a program at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will include the Slavic Village State of the Neighborhood presentation by Chris Alvarado, SVD executive director.

Updates on P-16 by Kurt Karakul of the Third Federal Foundation and on University Settlement by Earl Pike and the Slavic Village Little Free Library Neighborhood by Margaret Bernstein will also be on the agenda.



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It is projected that 100 seniors and adults with disabilities will use the service Monday-Friday throughout the year for various activities, including transportation to-and-from University Settlement's Adult Wellness Program, for field trips to local arts and cultural organizations, and on weekly shopping trips.  
University Settlement, Inc. invites comments and proposals from all interested public, private, and paratransit operators including taxi operators, for the provision of transportation service to the elderly and disabled within our service area.  
Operators who are interested in offering proposals to provide service should contact Kaitlin Armocida, Development Manager at University Settlement, Inc. 4800 Broadway Ave. Cleveland, OH 44127, to obtain full details of the type of transportation service that is needed prior to preparing the proposal.  
Written comments or proposals must be submitted within 30 days to the agency at the above address with a copy to the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, 1299 Superior Street E., Cleveland, OH 44114; Attention: Jim Thompson re: Section 5310-Public Notice.  
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# Death Notices

**KATHARINA "Kitty" E. WEY** (nee Huckenbrink), 83, passed away January 9th at Burton Health Care Center. Kitty was born in Germany on January 25, 1934, and she lived in Cuyahoga Heights for many years.

She was the loving mother of Michael (Patty) Wey, Janet (Richard) Wey-Gebacz, Richard Wey, and Patty (Donny) Sapp; beloved Oma to Chelsea, Rebecca, Mathew, Jonathan and Allison; great-grandmother.

Kitty is also survived by a brother Willy, niece Monika and nephew Helmut (Petra) in Germany.

She was loved by anyone who ever met her and always made you smile. She worked many years and retired from Cuyahoga Heights Schools. Kitty would help anyone with anything that she could, giving of her last

dollar if that is what you needed. She could make or fix anything. Her great love was taking care of her family and doing her best every day. She was also a certified astrologer and very good at it. Kitty was one of the best people on earth!

The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Burr Funeral Home, 116 South St., on St. Rt. 44 in Chardon, with Memorial Service held at 4 p.m. Information and condolences online at [www.burrservice.com](http://www.burrservice.com).

**VERA J. BERAN** (nee Phipps), of Garfield Heights, passed away January 9th.

She was the beloved wife of James J. Beran, Sr. (deceased); mother of Timothy Phipps, James, Jr., Matthew and Mark (Paula); grandmother of 10; great-grandmother of two; sister of Joseph, Michael (deceased), and John (deceased) Malkowski.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, Jan. 20, from 10-11 a.m. at Vito-Nero Funeral Home, 6130 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights. The family requests no flowers.

**EDWARD L. BLAHUT**, 82, of Maple Heights, passed away on January 7th.

He was the beloved husband of the late Marlene J. (nee Schneider); loving father of Laura Spirk (Christopher) and Ellen Blahut (Amy Eugene); dearest grandfather of Greg Wolf, Shelley Wolf, Steven Spirk, Stephanie Spirk and Austin Harris; dear brother of Margie Nemeec (Bob), Richard (Rachel) and Albert.

Mr. Blahut worked at the Fisher Body Coit Road plant. He was a member of HBT Club in Maple Heights, FOE Aerie 2122 in Bedford, the Slovak Club in Cleveland, and the Lithuanian Club in Euclid. He spent many happy hours volunteering with the AT&T Telephone Pioneer Re-Cyclist group fixing bikes that were donated, repaired and then given to underprivileged children. He was a Regional Senior Olympic Medalist.

Family suggests memorial contributions in his name to the Northeast Ohio SPCA, 9555 Brookpark Rd., Cleveland, Ohio 44129 or the Diabetes Association of Greater Cleveland, 3601 Green Rd., Beachwood, Ohio 44122.

Friends may call at the Ferfolia Funeral Home, 356 W. Aurora Rd. in Sagamore Hills, where memorial services will be held Saturday, Jan. 20, at 2 p.m. Memorial visitation Saturday beginning at 1 p.m. until time of services.

**WILLIAM J. HAHN**, 81, of Garfield Heights, passed away on January 12th.

He was the beloved partner of Christine Kral for 26 years; loving father of Bill (Tami), Chuck (Kim), Phil (Lisa), Kelly, Chris (Don), Kathy Loftus (Bob), Ron Kral (Jacky), and Mike Kral (Dana); cherished grandfather of 12; brother of Dorothea (deceased), Virginia DeMarco (deceased), Emilyn Yuhas-Collins, and Eileen Wilcsek-Gould; former spouse of Rosemary.

Mr. Hahn was a member of IBEW Local 38 for over 60 years, he ran an independent contracting company, American Acme, for 25 years before retiring, he belonged to the Army Reserves and loved to play the guitar. He was active at Holy Name Parish groups including Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts.

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#### Racial Nondiscriminatory Policies (OAC 3301-39-03 SECTION A [8])

The governing board of St. Benedict Catholic School located at 13633 Rockside Road in Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125 has adapted the following nondiscriminatory policies.

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## Community police reports

By Amber Weisbarth

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

### GARFIELD HTS.

#### Criminal Damage

Residents of the 12700 block of Shady Oak Blvd. and the 13800 block of Oakview Blvd. reported the windows of their vehicles had been broken out overnight between January 8th and 9th. Dispatch logs did not indicate whether anything was stolen.

#### Fleeing

While conducting speed enforcement in the school zone on Turney Rd. near Elmwood Elementary School on January 11th, around 1:50 p.m., police saw a vehicle travelling at 34 miles per hour in a 20 MPH zone. Police pulled the vehicle over on Wallingford, ran its registration and learned it had been stolen out of Cleveland. When the officer got out of the cruiser to talk to the driver, the driver sped off and led police on a chase to McCracken Road, where it drove over a curb and sustained damage to the

front tire. The driver continued onto Park Hts. but lost control and struck a fire hydrant, then continued onto a front lawn in the 11100 block, struck some bushes, then came to rest against the front of a house. The driver was unable to flee through the driver's side of the car and fled from the passenger side on foot. Police chased after the male, Tased him, and he was eventually handcuffed. Police learned the car had been stolen during a Cleveland car-jacking on January 9th and arrested the 34-year-old Cleveland man. He was held on no bond for investigation of receiving stolen property and failure to comply. He was also charged with obstructing official business and was cited for no driver's license, reckless operation, speeding and other traffic-related violations.

#### Theft

A resident of the 4600 block of E. 85th St. said he parked his car in his driveway on January 14th, around 2 a.m., and when he went back out to the car around 9:40 a.m. he noticed someone had ransacked the vehicle and stole his pistol from the center console.

### Weapon Offense

The owner of a Garfield Heights bar called police January 14th after shots were fired into her home. She and a friend said they caught a group of males doing illegal drugs in the bathroom of the bar and kicked them out. The group was aggressive towards them so they locked the doors and went home. Shortly after arriving home, around 1:30 a.m., they heard four loud gunshots outside and saw a dark-colored sedan driving away.

Police found two bullet holes in the front of the house. One bullet went through the front door, hit a wall in the living room and fell to the floor. The second penetrated the siding and went through the wall of a bedroom. Four spent casings were also found in the street outside the home.

A neighbor told police he heard several gunshots shortly after midnight then saw headlights of a vehicle driving away. Officers checked surrounding houses and property and found no further damage.

### MAPLE HTS.

#### Criminal Damage

A resident of the 5100 block of Clement St. called

police on January 11th after he noticed bullet holes in his garage. Police found 18 casings in the backyard, three unspent rounds in the driveway and nine casings in the front of the residence. Dispatch logs did not say if there were any suspects.

### Gunshots

Four residents near Watson Rd. reported hearing gunshots on January 11th around 4 p.m. A home in the 21400 block of Watson was struck by at least one bullet; police found two casings in front of the house. One of the callers said there was a man walking towards Northfield Rd. around the time of the shots; dispatch notes did not indicate whether the man was a suspect or ever located.

## Block watch

### G.H. Ward 7

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch will meet Thursday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m. in the St. Augustine Room of St. Benedict School, 13633 Rockside Rd.

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## CHHS students of the month

Cuyahoga Heights High School has named the Students of the Month for January. They are:

Mira Sekerak (9th grade); Kendall Meriwether (10th grade); Jordan Krucek (11th grade); Samuel Kiriazis (12th grade).

Each month teachers nominate students who have shown examples of hard work, good deeds, positivity, etc., and Principal Matt Young decides who becomes the Student of the Month in each grade. Congratulations to these hard-working students!



Mira Sekerak Kendall Meriwether



Jordan Krucek Samuel Kiriazis

the police department to purchase three new police cruisers through state contract from Greve Chrysler at a cost of \$65,580.

Authorization for the Building Commissioner to approve a generator maintenance program for three village generators was also approved by council. It is a three-year program through Generator Systems at a total cost of \$10,789.50.

## Community Awareness meeting set

### G.H. Ward 6

The Garfield Heights Ward 6 Community Awareness Meeting will be held Monday, Jan. 29, at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd.

Join Councilman Matt Burke, Mayor Vic Collova, Police Chief Robert Byrne and other city leaders to discuss issues in the community. Guest speaker at the meeting will be Superintendent of Schools Terry Olszewski.

All are welcome. Info, [www.MattBurkeWard6.us](http://www.MattBurkeWard6.us).

## G.H. grant application meeting

The city of Garfield Heights has scheduled a meeting to discuss its upcoming application to the Northeast Ohio Area-wide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) for a senior bus. The meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 22, at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd.

In 2017, Garfield Heights received a \$47,680 grant from NOACA that provided 80 percent of the cost of purchasing a new bus for senior transportation, and the bus was recently put into service. The city seeks to replace another aging vehicle if grant funding is approved in 2018.

Learn about the grant application procedure and what the city is eligible to apply for to support its transportation system for the elderly and people with disabilities.

The meeting is open to the public. For more information call 216-475-1100, ext. 2425.

## Congrats, graduate!



Sara Sowden, daughter of Kevin and Maureen (Major) Sowden, of Garfield Heights, recently graduated from Cleveland State University and is presently serving an internship with Exact Care Pharmacy.

Sara is a former graduate of Garfield Heights High School. Congratulations, Sara!

## Military Appreciation celebrated Saturday at CHHS basketball games

Show your support for the U.S. military and the Cuyahoga Heights High School's boys and girls basketball teams in the statewide OHSAA Military Appreciation Night on Saturday, Jan. 20. As part of the event, there will be no admission charge to the games; the school will instead be accepting donations and all proceeds will go to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Come to any or all of the following high school basketball games scheduled to take place this Saturday, Jan. 20, at Cuyahoga Heights High School, 4820 E. 71st St. Be sure to wear your best red, white and blue attire!

- Junior Varsity girls vs. Fairport High School, noon.
- Varsity girls vs. Fairport HS, 1:15 p.m.
- Freshman boys vs. Fairport HS, 2:45 p.m.
- Junior Varsity boys vs. Fairport HS, 4 p.m.
- Varsity boys vs. Fairport HS, 5:30 p.m.

## Valley View council notes

Village of Valley View Council met Tuesday, Jan. 9, for its first meeting of 2018. Councilman Jeff Wyatt was elected president pro-temp for 2018.

An ordinance authorizing the mayor to accept the donation of property on behalf of the village from the S W Caplan Trust was passed. The property, which is less than one acre, abuts Alexander Road and Hubs Parkway. Wyatt said the village has been maintaining the property throughout the years by cutting its grass. It will continue to be used as green space.

An ordinance providing for Valley View to help pay stormwater fees imposed on residential parcels determined by the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District Stormwater Management Program and establishing a stormwater used fund was also passed.

Wyatt said this covers \$50-\$75 per residence in the village per year. Village Engineer Todd Sciano said there are only two cities in

Cuyahoga County who pay these fees for its residents, Valley View and Cuyahoga Heights.

An ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into an emergency contract with the Geopfert Company to repair the community room HVAC system was also among legislation passed.

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