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Housing market slowly gaining ground in first-ring suburbs; foreclosures 'down dramatically'

Land Conservancy report that includes Garfield Heights, Maple Heights says most homes in great shape

The Western Reserve Land Conservancy last Saturday published a 2017 Property Survey of five Cleveland inner-ring suburbs, Euclid, Garfield Heights, Maple Heights, South Euclid and Warrensville Heights, with a lot of good news for the housing markets in each municipality.

Called "Communities at the Crossroads, A Survey of Five First-Ring Suburbs," the report said surveyors found that 99 percent of the buildings in both Garfield Heights and Maple Heights, the communities highlighted for this story as being in

The Neighborhood News distribution area, were in excellent or good condition.

Jim Rokakis, vice president of the Western Reserve Land Conservancy and director of the Thriving Communities Institute, provided the Introduction for the survey, saying in part:

"The foreclosure crisis that devastated Cleveland for over a decade and the resulting "Great Recession" created thousands of vacant and abandoned buildings and exacerbated the already serious conditions in distressed Cleveland neighborhoods.

"While less publicized, the foreclosure crisis also had a detrimental impact in Cleveland's first-ring suburbs — communities that had suffered decline from decades of out-migration and disinvestment. These suburbs also suffered vacancies, increased foreclosures, and declining property values.

"The 2015 Cleveland survey aided policymakers on the ground, assessing which properties were most distressed and candidates for demolition, and which could be salvaged. This report provides the same opportunity for suburban policymakers."

The following are excerpts taken from "Communities at the Crossroads" with specific details on the housing markets in Garfield Heights and Maple Heights.

"Communities at the Crossroads: A Survey of Five First-ring Suburbs" measures the assets of five first-ring suburbs within the context of larger economic and social trends affecting these communities and the entire region. This report also assesses the impact that demolition, rehabilitation, and other housing initiatives have on building inventories and the local tax base.

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Murder mystery dinner show in Garfield Heights

The Garfield Heights Theatre Boosters will present "That's Debatable," a murder mystery dinner show, on Saturday, Feb. 10, at 6 p.m. in the Garfield Heights Middle School cafeteria, 12000 Maple Leaf Dr.

The show stars Garfield Heights High School students and was written and directed by founding member of the Theatre Boosters and Garfield Heights resident David Wells. Enjoy a night of mystery, intrigue and great food. Menu includes baked chicken or vegetable lasagna with salad, rolls and side dishes, plus soda or water and dessert.

All tickets are presale only and are available at www.garfieldtheatre.org or by calling 216-662-2800, ext. 52400.



Fat Thursday gala on Fleet to kick off Mardi Gras celebrations

Come one, Come all!

Wherever in the world Ash Wednesday and Lent are observed, it's likely that some sort of ritual self-indulgence will precede them. Various known as Mardi Gras, Carnival, or Fasching, the festivities typically include rambunctious partying, loud music, zany costumes and way too much decadent food.

Customarily in Poland, the fun starts on Fat Thursday (Tłusty Czwartek) before Ash Wednesday, and revolves around the richly filled raised pastry called paczki.

This year, Slavic Village will help kick off Mardi Gras in Cleveland on Thursday evening, February 8th, by replicating the traditional Polish festivities in the Warszawa Historic District on Fleet Avenue.

Fleet Fat Thursday will be an indoor-outdoor event that will start with a Paczki Parade stepping off from 6301 Fleet Ave. and becoming a flamboyant, ceremonial convoy escorting insulated wagonloads (or sleighs in the event of snow) of paczki.

The parade will head a few blocks west and make a triumphant arrival at the Magalen Art Gallery, 5203 Fleet Ave., where a free public party will already be in progress (doors open at 5:30 p.m.).

At the Magalen, food for purchase will include kielbasa, pierogi, golabki (stuffed cabbage), cabbage and noodles, chestnuts for roasting, Polish and domestic beer and fresh paczki in four flavors.

There will also be live music by the Tom Katrenich

Orchestra, dancing, 50/50 drawing and games for all ages until 9 p.m. Organizers dare attendees to dress in their Mardi Gras best.

The event is produced by Fleet Area Stakeholders, in cooperation with Ward 12 Councilman Anthony Brancatelli, the Judge Raymond Pianka benefaction and others. Proceeds will benefit the 2018 Cleveland Polish Constitution Celebration. For more details, call 216-469-4806.

MHHS on 'Academic Challenge'



Pictured are members of the Maple Heights High School academic team competing on the TV show "Academic Challenge" last week. From left are: Amari Sledge, Allison Ivcic and Joshua Carr, with host of the show Hakem Dermish.

The Maple Heights High School academic team was featured on News Channel 5's "Academic Challenge" last weekend and placed third among students from Riverside and New Philadelphia high schools.

Team members featured on the show were Amari Sledge (grade 11), Allison Ivcic (grade 12) and Joshua Carr (grade 11). They are coached by Dan Kovalak, an advanced placement (AP) government and AP history teacher at Maple Heights High School.

Kovalak has taught at MHHS for 21 years and has coached the academic team since 2002.

He said this year the team is part of the national "Quiz Bowl," a six-team league that competes against each other. "It's the first year we've done it and it's pretty cool," he said.

When asked about his team this year, Kovalak said, "They're just the greatest kids. We practice two times a week and they work really hard."

"I'm glad two of them are juniors! It's been a great experience this year," he said.

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List of Meetings for February 2018

Monday, February 5, 2018	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 6, 2018	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - TBD, Regular Meeting - TBD
Wednesday, February 14, 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, February 20, 2018	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 21, 2018	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - TBD
Tuesday, February 27, 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.

Lorree Villers
Clerk of Council

Community police reports

By Amber Weisbarth CLEVELAND
(The following information was obtained from filed police reports and police dispatch logs.)

BEDFORD
Breaking & Entering
Staff from the Bedford Education Alternative School on Union St. called police on January 24th to report a break-in that occurred overnight. Security camera footage showed an unknown man walking through the hallways trying to get into classrooms. He gained access to a classroom and staff lounge and is seen looking through mail, cabinets and desks, but he did not take anything. The cameras did not capture his exit, but showed him entering the building through a window. A DNA swab was taken from the window as evidence.
Dispatch notes indicated someone with the same description and wearing the same clothes has done the same thing once before and there is also video footage of the incident. It was to be sent to the Detective Bureau for further investigation.

Garfield HTS.
Weapon Offense
Police were dispatched to an apartment on E. 126th

St. on January 26th, around 6:40 p.m., and spoke to a 19-year-old male who said he was outside the building when a small beige SUV with a dent on the driver's side bumper pulled up and called him over to the car. He said that he recognized the driver and the passenger and they began questioning him about an incident at Taco Bell two weeks earlier, but he told them he knew nothing about it. The teen then noticed the driver was holding a gun in his hand and said the driver threatened to shoot him with it, so he ran back into the building and the car fled the scene. The 19-year-old told police he did not want to pursue charges and wanted no further police action.
Around 8 p.m. the same evening, police saw a vehicle matching the suspect vehicle's description in the area of Bangor Ave., and police said it looked like the driver was trying to conceal something in the backseat while driving. After the SUV turned onto E. 122nd St. without using a turn signal, police pulled the vehicle over.
The driver and two passengers were ordered out of the vehicle for officer safety and police smelled marijuana coming from the car. During a search, police found a loaded handgun under the back passenger seat and a check through LEADS confirmed the gun had been stolen out of Bedford.
The driver, 19, of Garfield Heights, was held on charges of receiving stolen property and improper handling of a firearm in a motor vehicle. He was also cited for not using a turn signal. Police said his criminal history checked negative for prior weapon offenses.

MAPLE HTS.
Suspicious Activity
Several residents called police on January 27th, around 8 p.m., stating someone was trying to open or kick open their doors in the following neighborhoods: 14600 and 14700 block of Krebs Ave., 14700 block of Tokay Ave. and 14600 block of Lisa Dr.
The Lisa Dr. resident said they found a muddy footprint on the door that someone kicked abruptly before leaving. Residents were told to report any further suspicious activity to MHPD.

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Land Conservancy report

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Positive Findings

- 98% of the housing inventory is rated in excellent or good condition in these five suburban municipalities.

- The most severely blighted properties have largely been addressed; there are very few blighted, abandoned structures awaiting demolition.

- Mortgage foreclosures and sheriff sales have declined dramatically.

- The number of vacant structures has decreased.

- Median home sale prices are on the increase, although they have not regained either their peak 2005 or 2000 levels.

Areas of Concern

- Homeownership has been declining in all five communities since 2000, although the decline appears to be leveling off in Garfield Heights and Warrensville Heights.

- Residential property tax delinquency is a serious problem for Cuyahoga County as a whole, but is increasing more rapidly in the five suburbs. If not addressed, this will lead to an increase in tax foreclosure and a new cycle of property abandonment.

- While vacancy is decreasing, each suburb has homes that have been vacant for one year or longer. If these properties are not maintained, they could represent a new wave of distress that will undermine the housing market.

- Median home sale prices have not regained either their peak 2005 or 2000 levels.

- Access to bank financing for home purchase and home rehabilitation appears to be a challenge for the five cities. Addressing this issue will be important for increasing levels of homeownership and restoring a healthy housing market.

(See next week's paper for survey statistics from Garfield and Maple Heights.)

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Learn about the underground railroad

Help celebrate Black History Month and learn about the underground railroad on Saturday, Feb. 3, at 2 p.m. at the Independence Branch of the Cuyahoga County Library, 6361 Selig Dr.

Civil War historian Paul Goebbel and his wife Gaynal will appear in historical costumes and act out stories about the underground railroad that occurred in Ohio. They will also highlight an Ohio connection to the passage of the 13th amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

After presenting the stories, they will provide details about the events depicted in the scenes and take questions from the audience.

Block watch in G.H. Ward 4

The Garfield Heights Ward 4 Block Watch will meet Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. Guest speaker will be Ruth Pollack from the Garfield Heights Family Resource Center. All welcome. Call 216-475-4810 with questions.

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New NN 'Freebies' offered

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

The newest addition to the Freebies list is two tickets to Sokol Greater Cleveland's Gymnastic Exhibition on Saturday, Feb. 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the Garfield Heights High School gymnasium. Enjoy the music of the Sokol Concert Band at 6 p.m. and a free social after the exhibition at Sokol Greater Cleveland, 4939 Broadway Ave. Deadline to enter drawing is Monday, Feb. 5.

Another new offering is two sets of tickets to a murder mystery dinner show called "That's Debatable," put on by the Garfield Heights Theatre Boosters on Saturday, Feb. 10, at 6 p.m. at the Garfield Heights Middle School cafeteria, 12000 Maple Leaf Dr. Great food and a great show by Garfield Heights High students. Deadline to enter drawing is Monday, Feb. 5.

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Death Notices

RUTH A. ANIELSKI (nee Tracz), 89, passed away December 31, 2017.



She was the beloved wife of the late Ted. Loving mother of Phillip (Christine), David (Margaret), Theodore (Margie), Christopher (Laura) and Jonathan (Marlene). Dear grandmother of Richard, Stephanie, Julie, Matthew, Bennett, Adam, Joseph (deceased), Victoria, Elizabeth and Jacob. Great-grandmother of Bentley. Daughter of the late Joseph Tracz and Lillian (nee Hach). Sister of Joseph (deceased).

A memorial visitation will be held at Fortuna Funeral

Home, 7076 Brecksville Rd., Independence, on Sunday, Feb. 4, from noon until 3 p.m. Concluding chapel service at 2:30 p.m. Rev. Thomas O'Donnell officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to Light of Hearts Villa, 283 Union St., Bedford, OH 44146.

THOMASH. VLASEK, 72, of Cleveland, passed away January 21st.



He was the beloved husband of Kathy J.; loving son of Henry and Mary (both deceased); dearest father of Linda Falso (Thomas), Mary Olah (Joseph) and Thomas (Alison); cherished grandfather of Roger (Melissa), Jessica, Tommy Jr., Mitchell, Timmy, Matthew, Kevin and Joey, and great-grandfather of six; dear brother of Charles (Joyce, deceased) and Mary (deceased); dear uncle and friend of many.

Services were held at Latek & Rybicki Funeral Home in Garfield Heights.

Genealogy Society meets

The Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society (CVGS) will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Feb. 5, at 7 p.m. in the Willow Room at the Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Blvd.

Eric Johnson, a military historian and author who has held several offices in the Ohio Genealogical Society and the General Society of the War of 1812, will present "Ohio and World War I." Although many military service records were destroyed by a fire in 1973, Johnson will show how WWI records can be reconstructed.

Members and the public are invited to this free meeting. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

more information, call President Bobbi Hamm, 330-225-0890.



Liga Morska

Liga Morska Golden Agers will meet Wednesday, Feb. 7, 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.

St. Stanislaus

The St. Stan's Golden Agers will meet Thursday, Feb. 8, at 1:30 p.m. in the Social Center on Baxter Ave. A light lunch, raffle and games will follow a short meeting.

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.

Fish fry at St. Andrew's

St. Andrew Eastern Orthodox Church, located at 16029 Maple Park Dr. in Maple Heights, will be serving fish fry dinners from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 2. For more information or carryouts, call 216-475-9365.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

By order of the Council of the city of Maple Heights, sealed bids will be received by the Finance Director at the Maple Heights City Hall, 5353 Lee Road, until 12:00 Noon, local time, on the 9th day of February, 2018 for the "City Parks Improvement Project – Dunham Park" in the City of Maple Heights, Ohio, **NO FAXED COPIES ACCEPTED.**

Plans and complete specifications may be procured at the office of Chagrin Valley Engineering, Ltd., 22999 Forbes Road, Suite B, Cleveland, Ohio 44146. Bidders shall deposit the sum of \$100.00 for the plans and specifications. This sum is not refundable. Checks shall be made payable to: Chagrin Valley Engineering, Ltd.

Each bid must be made upon the Proposal Form provided in the set of specifications and must be accompanied by a bank check or cashier's check drawn on a solvent bank in Cuyahoga County in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount bid, or a bid bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the amount bid, as a guarantee that if said bid is accepted, a contract will be entered into and a Surety Bond satisfactory to said City in an amount equal to 100% of the total bid will be furnished. Checks shall be made payable to the City of Maple Heights, Ohio.

Bids will be opened and read at the time and place stated above. Those who submitted Proposals or their representatives are invited to attend.

The City Parks Improvement Project – Dunham Park is partially funded by the Cuyahoga County Department of Development's Block Grant Program and the Supplemental Grant Program. A bidder/contractor will be deemed committed to the Department of Labor's goals and timetables for the Cleveland, Ohio area as specified in the Notice of Requirements for Affirmative Action to ensure Equal Employment Opportunity Executive Order 11246 by submitting a properly signed bid. Each bidder must insure that all employees and applicants for the employment are not discriminated against because of their race, creed, color, sex or national origin.

A copy of the Bid Specification package will be available for review by all potential bidders at the offices of the Cuyahoga County Department of Development located at 2079 East Ninth Street; Cleveland, Ohio 44115.

Small Business Enterprises (SBE's) are encouraged to participate on this project. The goal for SBE participation is 35% of total contract award for this project.

A Pre-Bid Conference for the City Parks Improvement Project – Dunham Park will be held at 10:00 A.M. local time on the 5th day February, 2018 in the Second Floor Council Chambers of the Maple Heights City Hall, 5353 Lee Road, for all interested parties. Information will be disseminated concerning proper completion of bid package documents.

The owner intends and requires that this project be completed no later than May 31st, 2018.

The right is reserved to accept any bidder, to reject any or all bids, and to waive informalities should it be deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Maple Heights to do so.

Bids are to be submitted in accordance with the plans and specifications on file in the office of the Purchasing Agent. Sealed bids must be marked, "City Parks Improvement Project – Dunham Park".

Tracy Smith
Finance Director
Maple Heights, Ohio

The Neighborhood News
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January 31, 2018

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St. Therese Church will be holding its annual INDOOR GARAGE SALE on Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018 from 9am - 2:30pm in the St. Therese Church Hall, 5276 East 105th Street and Granger Rd., Garfield Hts. Admission \$1.00. Vendor tables still available for rent, \$25 per table. Call Jeff at 216-524-1923 for more information

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Theme Days

• **Sherwin-Williams Day**, sponsored by WDOK-FM, Friday, Feb. 2. Visit any Sherwin-Williams store location to pick up a free general admission ticket to the show for Friday, Feb. 2.

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