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Land Conservancy report includes Garfield, Maple Heights housing surveys

The following continues a story from last week's Neighborhood News on the Western Reserve Land Conservancy 2017 property survey of five Cleveland inner-ring suburbs with excerpts taken from the Conservancy publication "Communities at the Crossroads," with specific details on the housing markets in Garfield Heights and Maple Heights.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS

The survey team looked at 12,975 properties in the City of Garfield Heights. 99% of the buildings in the city were rated in excellent (A) or good (B) condition. 83 buildings were rated in fair (C) condition and 13 in poor (D) condition. Only 3 received a grade of F, for being unsafe or hazardous.

Garfield Heights is one of the oldest suburbs in

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GHHS Music Express wins top honors at competition



Members of the Garfield Heights High School Music Express show choir were named Grand Champions of the Walsh Jesuit High School Great Lakes Invitational for the second consecutive year at a recent competition. Show choir advisers Steve Pernod and Reiko Carey are shown above (holding trophy) with some of the members of the talented show choir surrounding them.



One dead, 5 injured in G.H. bar shooting

Michael T. Jones, 22, of Cleveland, was shot and killed during a shooting at Topicz Sports Lounge in Garfield Heights on February 3rd, according to Garfield Heights Police Chief Robert Byrne. Jones was one of six people shot.

Police were called to Topicz Sports Lounge, 11321 Broadway Ave., around 1:10 a.m. and found Jones unresponsive on the sidewalk in front of the bar. He was taken to Marymount Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

While at the scene dispatch notified police that five additional shooting victims had arrived at Marymount Hospital and MetroHealth Medical Center.

The circumstances that led to the shooting were not available as of press time and were not included in the police report. Detectives and the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation are investigating, according to Byrne. Anyone with information is asked to call GHPD at 216-475-5686.

Garfield Hts. dispatch service moving back to Justice Center

By Ellen Psenicka

Mayor Vic Collova said last week that dispatch services for Garfield Heights are headed back to the Garfield Heights Justice Center as early as March of this year, but may take until June 1.

Bedford, Bedford Heights, Garfield Heights and Maple Heights joined forces in 2015 to regionalize their emergency dispatch systems into the Southeast Emergency Communication

Center, located in Bedford Heights.

When Bedford left the Southeast Center last year and signed on with the Chagrin Valley Dispatch Council based in the University Hospitals facility in Bedford, Collova said it was not a good move economically for Garfield Heights to remain with Southeast as costs had to be split among three municipalities then instead of the four.

Maple Heights Mayor Annette Blackwell said that

her city is "exploring other options" for dispatch services and Bedford Heights Mayor Fletcher Berger did not return a call as of press time.

With the impending closing of the Southeast Center, Garfield Heights Police Chief Robert Byrne said the city was reviewing applications for dispatchers, many of which are current dispatchers with Southeast.

"Our hope is to have our own dispatch up and running no later than June 1, 2018," he said.

New Freebies

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 for the February 22nd performance of "Mirror Image, a Real Enchanted Musical," by the St. Michael School Drama Club, being held at 7 p.m. at the Independence Middle School auditorium, 6111 Archwood Rd., Independence. Deadline to enter drawing is Thursday, Feb. 15.

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!

Mayor Collova optimistic in 'State of City' address

By Ellen Psenicka

"2018 will be the best year we've had in a long time," Garfield Heights Mayor Vic Collova told the audience last Wednesday afternoon at his annual "State of the City" luncheon in the small hall at the Knights of Columbus facility on Granger Road, sponsored by the Southeast Region Chamber of Commerce.

As always, CityView Center and Bridgeview Crossing were hot topics. The mayor said he was not at liberty to talk about upcoming plans for Bridgeview as yet because "it's not a 100 percent done deal but close to completion." Collova did say Craig Realty Group, owners of Bridgeview, sent the city a check for over \$4 million to widen the Transportation Boulevard overpass at I-480 and "they didn't do it because they want Garfield Heights to have a new bridge."

The mayor said a friend of his purchased the note for CityView and that there is a lot of activity going on now that the lawsuits have been settled.

"We're going to see some interesting things happening there," he said, among them a tentative plan to move the Garfield Heights police station and court to CityView.

Collova said the city has come a long way since its fiscal emergency status in 2009 when it was \$38 million in debt. The debt has been cut in half, he said, and the city has been operating in the black for the last three years.

He also praised the great job his police and fire departments are doing, and commended OverDrive and many other local businesses for their philanthropic work in the community.

"And for the last six years I've said Turney Road is getting done, and folks, it's almost done!" the mayor

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Last call for Love Lines!

Tell someone special just how much you love them with a Valentine's Day Love Line! The messages will be printed in The Neighborhood News in the Valentine's Day edition on February 14th.

A Love Line ad with 15 words or less costs \$10, or put your message in a boxed ad for just \$20. See Page 3 of this newspaper for details and an order form.

~ Death notices ~



JESSIE L. FULLER, a long-time advertiser in The Neighborhood News, passed away January 31st. He was 49.

He was the beloved father of Amanda (Brandon) and Erin (Salvatore); loving son of Edward (deceased) and Loretta Strother; cherished brother of Gary and Steven; dear uncle and friend of many.

Friends may call at Golubski Deliberato Funeral Home, 4747 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights, at the corner of Garfield Blvd., for visitation on Wednesday, Feb. 7, from 4-8 p.m. Funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Thursday, Feb. 8, at 11 a.m.

SEBASTIAN J. RICCO, 86, formerly of Medina and residing at the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky, died February 2nd at the Home following a brief illness.

He was born in Cleveland, Ohio to the late Carmelo and Caroline (Valore) Ricco. He was a U.S. Army veteran serving during the Korean Conflict.

Sebastian was a long time business owner in Slavic Village, owning and operating Ricco's Beauty Salon on Fleet Avenue. He was a

member of the Knights of Columbus, the first president of the Slavic Village Association and past president of the Brooklyn Exchange Club.

He is survived by his children, Tony (Marlene), Sebastian, Tammy, Carmello, Caroline (Gary), Sebastian, Sandra, Mario, Bianca, Felicia, Olivia and favorite son-in-law, Alan; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Friends may call on Thursday, Feb. 8, from noon until time of Mass of Christian Burial at 1 p.m. at the Ohio Veterans Home Giffin Chapel. The Rev. Tommy Rodriguez will officiate. Entombment will be in the Western Reserve Memorial Garden in Chesterland, Ohio. Arrangements were handled by Groff Funeral Homes and Crematory.

STANLEY SZCZEGIELNIAK, "Stosh," 90, of Slavic Village, passed away January 25th.



He was the beloved companion of Marge Friedl; loving father of Andria Chimenti, Diane Szczegielniak and stepfather of Geraldine Kitson (deceased) and Rose Peabody; dear grandfather of Michael and T-Jay Towner (Gisela), Kris Kitson, Pam and Tony Angelo, Tammy and Danny Peabody, Seth Bird and great-grandfather of Nettle Bowman, Lyda and Brandy Mae Towner, Krista Kitson, Nadine Keim and great-great-grandfather; beloved brother and uncle.

He was a member of the Polish Army Veterans. Funeral services will be Saturday Feb. 10, at 10:30 a.m. at Golubski Funeral Home, at the corner of E. 65th St. and Fullerton Ave., and at 11 a.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Interment in St. Mary's Cemetery. Friends will be received on Friday, Feb. 9, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

G.H. murder mystery dinner

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.

Dinner 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.

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NOTARY

Mayor Collova optimistic

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said, a wide grin on his face. He said the remaining work from Plymouth Avenue to the Cleveland line will be finished in the spring.

Referring to a housing study recently published by the Western Reserve Land Conservancy, Collova said in the height of the recession in 2011, the average selling price of a home in Garfield Heights was \$31,000. In 2017 it was \$53,000, still a long way to go but headed in the right direction.

Switching gears to talk about the Garfield Heights City Schools, he said many residents looked only at its poor showing in the state grading system and failed to understand why.

"The inner-ring suburbs will never score higher than an F under the present system of state scoring because large numbers of their students are transient," the

mayor said, adding that the poverty level in these suburbs exacerbates the problem.

He quoted statistics which said the outer-ring suburbs have 12 percent poverty on average and the inner-ring suburbs have a 58 percent poverty level on average.

"In Garfield Heights we have an average of 72 percent at the poverty level," he said. "These are the things the state should be taking into consideration" when grading schools.

CPD seeks help to ID Steelyard murder suspect

Cleveland police are seeking the public's help in identifying a suspect wanted for aggravated murder.

On October 27, 2017, at approximately 2:40 p.m.,

officers responded to 3350 Steelyard Commons for a male shot inside of a vehicle. Upon arrival, the 29-year-old black male victim, Timothy Settles, was found with a gunshot wound to the head seated inside of a Chevy Equinox, according to Cleveland Police Sgt. Jennifer Ciaccia. He was pronounced dead on scene.

The case is believed to be drug related, Ciaccia said. Further information gathered from surveillance video shows what is believed to be the suspect and the suspect's vehicle. The suspect is possibly a white male between 6' and 6'3" tall. The

vehicle is a blue Mercury Marquis.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Cleveland Homicide at 216-623-5464. Anonymous informa-

tion can be given to Crime Stoppers by calling 216-252-7463 or via text message: text TIP657 plus your message to Crimes (274637).

ported to GHPD between January 28th and February 3rd in the following neighborhoods:

13700 block Thornhurst Ave.; 12600 block McCracken Rd.; 10600 block Penfield Ave.; 4900 block E. 93rd St.; 4700 block Burleigh Rd.; 4600 block Horton Rd.; 4800 block Turney Rd.; 5000 block E. 110th St.

Community police reports

By Amber Weisbarth GARFIELD HTS.

Burglary

A resident of an apartment on Andover Blvd. told police he arrived home on February 1st, around 8 a.m., and noticed the door to his apartment had been

kicked open. He said \$700 in cash and a gun had been stolen.

Criminal Damage/ Theft from Auto

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The manager of Speedway

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dence location, Crown Center 2 Building, 5001 Rockside Rd., from 1 to 6 p.m.

The blood drive is being hosted by Gary Twardzik, Garfield Heights High School Class of '76, who will be marking his 60th birthday.

"As you know the need for blood is constant, and at this time blood supply is

listed at the 'urgent' level, as donations tend to go down during the winter months, particularly this year with the flu epidemic. Supply is so limited that, at times, surgeries are being delayed," said Twardzik.

Register to donate at www.redcrossblood.org.

Other donation opportunities include:

Bedford: Monday, Feb. 12, 2 to 6 p.m., at Ellenwood Center, 124 Ellenwood Dr.

Garfield Heights: Monday, Feb. 12, 2 to 6 p.m., Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd.

Valley View: Monday, Feb. 19, 2 to 7 p.m., Valley View Community Center, 6828 Hathaway Rd.

Donation appointments can also be scheduled by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Sokol gymnastic exhibition

The Sokol Greater Cleveland Gymnastic Exhibition will be held Saturday, Feb. 10, at 6:30 p.m. at the Garfield Heights High School gymnasium, 4900 Turney Rd.

All welcome to enjoy the music of a concert band beginning at 6 p.m. Advance sale tickets, \$5, by calling 216-642-1429; tickets at the door, \$7; children under 12, free.

There will be a social after the exhibition at Sokol Greater Cleveland, 4939 Broadway Ave.; free admission. Food and beverages will be available for all ages, as well as a DJ, dancing and fun!

FTC extends Western Union claims deadline

Scam victims who wired money to con artists through Western Union now have until May 31, 2018, to apply for refunds.

Western Union agreed to pay \$586 million to settle charges by the Federal Trade Commission and U.S. Justice Department that the company ignored signs that scammers were using its money wiring system. The settlement money is being refunded to people who sent money to scammers through Western Union between January 1, 2004, and January 19, 2017. The FTC just announced it was extending the deadline.

Consumers can find details and claims forms at FTC.gov/WU. Those without a computer access should contact the claims administrator at 1-844-319-2124.

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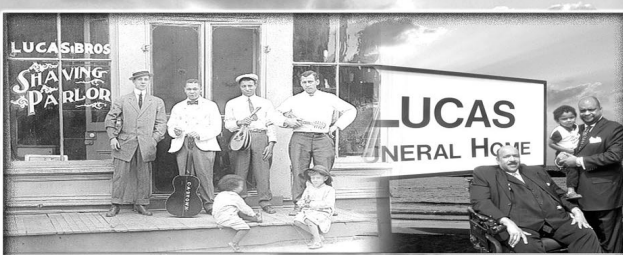
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AARP #4164

The Garfield Heights AARP Chapter 4164 will meet Friday, Feb. 9, at 1:30 p.m. at the Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. New members always welcome.

G.H. Ward 5

The Garfield Heights Ward 5 Community Awareness Meeting will be held Wednesday, Feb. 14, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd.

Guest speaker Noreen Kuban, director of Economic Development for the city of Garfield Heights, will attend. All are invited.

For more info contact Jason Blake at 216-338-7883 or Jake5585@yahoo.com.

G.H. Woman's Club
The Garfield Heights Woman's Club will host its next meeting on the second Wednesday of February at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights, at 6:30 p.m. with guest speaker Judge Deborah Nicastro. For more info call Gail at 216-518-0670.

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Land Conservancy report

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Cuyahoga County, which makes the high level of maintenance especially remarkable. The city has a distinctive character, with historic houses dating from the early 20th century as well as many houses that were built in the post-war housing boom. This diversity of housing is one of the city's strengths, along with its close proximity to the Garfield Park Reservation, the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, and the Towpath Trail.

Although most buildings in Garfield Heights are well-maintained, there are vacant buildings throughout the city, with higher concentrations in neighborhoods north of Granger Road. Vacant houses and commercial storefronts are also scattered along Turney Road, north of Granger Road.

A cluster of vacant houses near Garfield Park, many of which are in B or C condition, seems like a prime opportunity to attract young home buyers interested in affordable fixer-uppers, with access to nearby green space. Attracting new investment to B and C properties is critically important, to prevent these properties from slipping into D or F condition.

Impact of Residential Demolition

Between January of 2009 and July of 2017, the City of Garfield Heights experienced 167 residential demolitions. A total of 92 residential demolitions occurred within Garfield Heights' stressed rental submarket, negatively impacting -\$773,203 in value of 1,102 homes in those areas. Although these demolitions had a negative impact on 1,102 nearby homes, this is less than the negative impact of allowing 92 blighted structures to remain in place.

A total of 4 residential demolitions occurred within Garfield Heights' special rental submarket, positively impacting \$57,684 in value of 52 homes in those areas. A total of 52 residential demolitions occurred within Garfield Heights' moderately functioning ownership submarket, positively impacting \$11,573,265 in value of 2,603 homes in those areas.

A total of 19 residential demolitions occurred within Garfield Heights' higher functioning ownership areas, positively impacting \$10,720,298 in value of 1,585 homes in those areas.

The total property value impact of all 167 residential demolitions in Garfield Heights' during the project

period is estimated at \$21,578,044.

Impact of Residential Rehabilitation

Between January of 2009 and July of 2017, the City of Garfield Heights experienced 135 programmatic residential rehabilitations. (Programmatic residential rehabilitations are those that were performed by the CCLRC, a Community Development Corporation or municipality. This does not include rehabs performed by homeowners or private developers.) Of these, a total of 21 residential rehabilitations occurred within Garfield Heights' stressed rental submarket, positively impacting \$54,584 in value of 837 homes in those areas. A total of 78 residential rehabilitations occurred within Garfield Heights' moderately functioning ownership submarket, positively impacting \$18,758,179 in value of 3,511 homes in those areas. A total of 36 residential rehabilitations occurred within Garfield Heights' higher functioning ownership areas, positively impacting \$20,771,525 in value of 2,857 homes in those areas. The total property value impact of all 135 residential rehabilitations in Garfield Heights during the project period is estimated at \$39,584,288.

MAPLE HEIGHTS

The survey team looked at 11,557 properties in the City of Maple Heights. 99% of the buildings in the city were rated in excellent (A) or good (B) condition. 108 buildings were rated in fair (C) condition and 14 in poor (D) condition. Only one building received a grade of F, for being unsafe or hazardous.

The majority of buildings in C and D condition are

north of Libby Road and east of Broadway Avenue. Vacant buildings and lots are also more prevalent in these parts of the city.

Maple Heights offers stability, affordability, and convenience. Citywide, home maintenance levels are high, housing prices are low, and residents have easy access to the freeway system.

On the downside, housing values in Maple Heights have been slowest to recover from the foreclosure crisis, among the five suburbs in this survey. In 2016, the median sales price for housing in the city was \$37,000. This is only 37% of the median price when the market peaked ten years ago.

Although it is possible to purchase a solid, well-maintained home in Maple Heights, it is difficult to find one for less than \$100,000. (Continued on Page 8)

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tained house in Maple Heights for a very affordable price, it is difficult to get a mortgage at this price point as explained in the Housing Market Trends section of this report. Also, prospective homeowners can't be certain whether their purchase will appreciate in value, making it difficult to build home equity and invest in improvements.

Impact of Residential Demolition

Between January of 2009 and July of 2017, the City of Maple Heights experienced 98 residential demolitions. A total of two residential demolitions occurred within Maple Heights' special rental

submarket, positively impacting \$1,262,855 in value of 188 homes in those areas. A total of 75 residential demolitions occurred within Maple Heights' moderately functioning ownership submarket, positively impacting \$16,148,789 in value of 4,150 homes in those areas. A total of 21 residential demolitions occurred within Maple Heights' higher functioning ownership areas, positively impacting \$6,819,801 in value of 1,050 homes in those areas. The total property value impact of all 98 residential demolitions in Maple Heights during the project period is estimated at \$24,231,445.

Impact of Residential Rehabilitation

Between January of 2009 and July of 2017, the City of Maple Heights experienced 95 programmatic residential rehabilitations. (Programmatic residential rehabilitations are those that were performed by the CCLRC, a Community Development Corporation or municipality. This does not include rehabs performed by homeowners or private developers.)

Of these, a total of three residential rehabilitations occurred within Maple Heights' special rental submarket, positively impacting \$1,654,388 in value of 273 homes in those areas.

A total of 78 residential rehabilitations occurred within Maple Heights' moderately functioning ownership submarket, positively impacting \$17,819,380 in value of 4,165 homes in those areas. A total of 14 residential rehabilitations occurred within Maple Heights' higher functioning ownership areas, positively impacting \$6,107,726 in value of 1,101 homes in those areas. The total property value impact of all 95 residential rehabilitations in Maple Heights during the project period is estimated at \$25,581,494.

Police reports

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On Turney Rd. told police a man and woman came into the store on January 23rd and stole several boxes of candy, worth nearly \$470. On January 24th, the pair returned and took over \$630 worth of candy. On January 29th, the pair came into the store a third time, but the manager recognized them so they immediately get into a silver, 4-door vehicle. The manager said the store has had a lot of candy thefts lately so she has

been checking security camera footage often. Similar thefts from Speedway were also reported in April and July of 2017.

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Petty Theft

An employee of the Circle K on Center Rd. called police on January 27th, around 3:35 p.m., and said two males tried to jump behind the counter and steal cigarettes and a display case struck a manager during the altercation. Police searched the area but dispatch notes did not indicate if anyone was arrested.



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