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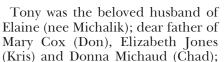
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## **Tony Peskar of Slovenian** National Home passes away

Anthony J. "Tony" Peskar, also known as "Tony Boy," "Coach Peskar" and "Bellringer," passed away on March 18th. He was 78.



(Kris) and Donna Michaud (Chad); loving grandpa and papa to Adam, Tyler and Luke. Son of the late John and Josephine (nee Zuponcic); brother of Rosemary Germ Churma and the following deceased: Josephine Racin, John, Raymond and Richard. Dear uncle, great-uncle, great-great-uncle and friend to many

Tony retired from National City Bank after 42 years, and was a proud member of Slovenian National Home, Strongsville City Club, Laurentian Athletic Club, KSKJ Life and AMLA.

Visitation will be Wednesday, March 21, from 2-8 p.m. at Fortuna Funeral Home, 7076 Brecksville Rd., Independence. Prayers at the funeral home on Thursday at 9:15 a.m., followed by Mass of Christian burial at St. Mary Church, 15519 Holmes Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44110 at 10:30 a.m. Interment in Strongsville Cemetery.



wanted Local churches are asked to send in their Holy Week Services for inclusion in next week's Neighborhood News. Deadline for

submission is Monday, March 26, at 5 p.m. Information should include the name and ad· dress of the church, services for Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday, and a contact phone number.

Church listings can be emailed to nnews1923 @aol.com or sent by mail to The Neighborhood News, 8613 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Heights, OH 44125.

## Did not warrant felony charges Holy Week **Cleveland 'kidnapping' referred** back to city prosecutor by county

ing Shelia Beale, Kenyatta ing GPS. Ware and George Barnes is being referred back to the city prosecutor's office because it was determined that their conduct did not warrant felony abduction charges.

felony assault and kidnapping charges after allegedly putting three 14-year-olds into the trunk of a car and taking them to Cleveland's Fourth District Police headquarters after the teens stole to police. a vehicle from one of the adults who pursued them, according to filed police reports.

Cuyahoga County Pros- due to excessive speeds, by officers. ecutor Michael C. O'Malley according to the police announced last week that report, and Beale was able the kidnapping case involv- to track down herself us-

> Beale and her two sons, county prosecutors office. Ware and Barnes, and an unknown male are alleged investigation into shots to have located the vehicle fired in the area of Anita on Anita Kennedy Drive Kennedy Drive.

in Cleveland. While at-The adults were facing tempting to elude Beale, two juveniles driving the stolen vehicle crashed on Anita Kennedy, continued driving, and crashed again at E. 80th St. and Bessemer Ave., according

The unidentified male, Ware and Barnes allegedly tremely dangerous. "We assaulted the two juveniles have seen innocent citiand forced them into the zens sustain serious inju-On March 4th, Beale's trunk of their car at E. ries as a result of people vehicle was stolen from a 80th and Bessemer. Beale taking the law into their gas station in Garfield and Ware drove the juve- own Heights. Garfield Heights niles to Cleveland 4th Dis- O'Malley. "It is always best Police pursued the vehicle trict police headquarters, to let law enforcement but called off the chase where they were arrested handle these matters.'

The investigation of the two juveniles resulted in the State filing charges of receiving stolen property and Traveling in two cars, vandalism, according to the There is also an ongoing

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After reviewing the matter involving Beale and her two sons, the State will be referring this matter to the city prosecutor to determine if misdemeanor charges are warranted.

Prosecutor O'Malley cautions that citizen's arrests, while lawful, can be exhands." said

## Newburgh Heights offering home maintenance assistance for seniors, vets

The Village of Newburgh Heights Council met on Tuesday, March 6, and enacted a "Home Maintenance Grant Program" which would provide matching grant funds for senior citizens, aged 55 and older, and military veterans, both of whom are residents of the village. The funds would be used for specified interior and exterior home improvements.

Mayor Trevor Elkins said the village plans initial applications for the program to begin in mid-late May. Also passed at the March 6 council meeting was legislation:

- •Authorizing an agreement with North Royalton for prisoner housing services.
- •Authorizing purchase of body cameras and related software for the police department.

• Okaying a payment of \$70,000 to the Newburgh Heights Community Improvement Corporation to purchase the real property and improvements at 4008 E. 53 St. Elkins said the structure on the property had a history of building code issues, parking problems and tenant turnover. He said demolition of the house would lead to new housing construction, alleviation of parking issues and an overall improvement of the housing stock of the community.

• Entering into a Letter of Agreement with Partners Environmental for groundwater monitoring services for the Bert Avenue landfill post closure monitoring.

Mayor Elkins announced that the village has enough in existing grant money to demolish 10 more properties. The building department will evaluate the list of distressed structures to determine if the village should apply for the latest round of grant funding.

Fire Chief Brian Higginbotham said new radios were acquired via a state grant with Cuyahoga Heights, Valley View and Brooklyn Heights and should be fully operational by April 2.

Service Director Joe Milano reported that the village has used 267 tons of salt so far this season, with the annual average being 200 tons. He said his department is continuing the search for new salt vendors.

### ST. PATTY'S DAY FUN AT SENIOR CTR.



Members of the Garfield Heights High School Jazz Band are shown above performing for seniors at a St. Patrick's Day party held at the Garfield Heights Senior Center last Thursday. Seniors from several communities were invited to enjoy a free corned beef lunch, entertainment and celebrate the wearin' of the green! Photo courtesy of JC Power Strategic Communications



# Need a Job? Looking to Hire? **FREE COMMUNITY JOB FAIR**



# Saturday, April 14, Noon-4pm

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Heights are invited to Eas-

ter-Fest this Saturday,

March 24, from 11 a.m. to

2 p.m. at Southgate USA,

5345 Warrensville Center

Rd. Visit with the Easter

Bunny and take your own

The event, for newborns

through age 10, will also

feature the Twister Girl

Balloon Company offering

balloon twisting and face

painting. A light lunch for

children will be provided

Call 216-587-5481 to

make reservations, Monday

through Friday, 8:30 a.m.

The Village of Newburgh

Heights has scheduled its

Easter Egg Hunt this Sat-

urday, March 24, at Kathy

Edwards Park from 11 a.m.

**Newburgh Heights** 

by Mr. Chicken.

to 5 p.m.

#### **Bedford**

An Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Bedford High School, 481 Northfield Rd., this Saturday. March 24. beginning at 10 a.m. After the hunt, meet and greet the Easter Bunny! Photos can be posted on the Bedford Recreation Department's Facebook page for a chance to win prizes.

#### Independence

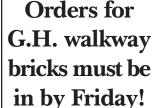
The Independence Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt will be at the Liberty playground on Saturday, March 31st, beginning promptly at 9 a.m. Attendees are asked to arrive early so they don't miss the activity. Bring your own basket to collect as many eggs as possible. The event will be held rain or shine.

#### Maple Heights

Residents of Maple to 1 p.m.



The evening service will include a guest speaker. Since seating is limited, we ask that you call Golubski Deliberato Funeral Home at (216) 883-3900 for reservations or questions. You may also call to reserve a Vigil Light even though you are unable to attend.



The deadline to purchase engraved bricks to be placed on the Walkway of Recognition in Garfield Heights, located in front of the 9-11 Memorial at the Veterans Plaza in the Civic Center Complex, 5407 Turney Rd., is this Friday, March 23.

Standard bricks are \$40. Bricks with military logos are \$60. Forms are available at the Civic Center online or at www.garfieldhts.org.

The walkway was installed in 2016, and additional bricks are being added prior to Memorial Day, 2018.

For more information, contact Pat Salemi at 216-475-1100, ext. 2425, or send and email to: psalemi@garfieldhts.org.

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### G.H. Kiwanis to host 'Empty Bowl' food pantry fundraiser

Garfield Heights Kiwanis will host the 4th Annual Empty Bowl event on Thursday, April 26, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Garfield Heights High School, 4900 Turney Rd., to raise money for the food pantries in via I-490, SR 176 and I-Garfield Heights.

Tickets are \$10 per person and include soup, salad, bread and beverage. Many of the food pantry shelves are empty after the end of holiday giving but the need goes on. The first 100 attendees will receive a ceramic bowl created by the high school art students which commemorates all the empty bowls in the world.

There will also be basket and other raffles at the event. Help Kiwanis fight food insecurity in Garfield Heights and buy a ticket, organizers said. Call 216-587-0083 or email garfieldheightskiwanis@gmail.com. Tickets will not be available at the door; presale only.

## **Broadway bridge over I-77** to close again this weekend

the Broadway Avenue ment of Transportation. bridge over I-77 will close I-77 north and southbound between I-480 and I-490 again this Saturday, March 24, at midnight through 6

Demolition operations on reports the Ohio Depart-

The following closures will be implemented to accommodate the overhead bridge work:

• I-77 south at I-490 •I-480 east and west

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ramps to I-77 north. •I-490 east and west

ramps to I-77 south.

All traffic will be detoured 480. The entrance and exit ramps along I-77 north and south between I-480 and I-490 will remain open. Howwill be directed to exit at Pershing Avenue.

## **Block watch**

The Garfield Heights Ward 3 Block Watch will 216-374-2249.

# **Council news**

The following ordinances were among those passed by Independence Council at its regular meeting last Tuesday, March 13:

•Accepting the proposal of Greenman-Pederson, ever, northbound traffic Inc. for the Hemlock All-Purpose Trail Project construction engineering services contract.

> • Hiring of American Fireworks Co. for professional services for the July 3, 2018 fireworks display.

> Accepting the bid of J.D. Williamson Construction Co., Inc. for the Hemlock All-Purpose Trail Project construction contract.

•Accepting the proposal

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meet Wednesday, March 28, at 7 p.m. at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. For more information contact Councilman Mike Nenadovich,

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## **Cuyahoga Heights cracks** down on loud noise while driving

#### **By Ellen Psenicka**

Cuyahoga Heights Council met last Wednesday, March 14, and passed legislation making it a third degree misdemeanor to play "loud or distracting sound devices while operating a motor vehicle or motorcycle," in other words, disturbing the peace.

The amended ordinance states that, "No person shall play any radio, music player or audio system in a motor vehicle at such volume as to disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of other persons, or at a volume which is plainly audible to persons other than the occupants of said vehicle."

Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree and shall be subject to the penalty provided in Section 698.02. In addition, the sound device used during the commission of the offense shall be subject to seizure and payment of a judgment.

gree misdemeanor are up maximum fine of \$500.

Separately, the legislation revised a section of the traffic code to make it a minor misdemeanor if loud or distracting music, the operation of a cell phone, or other similar activities **bleeding at** cause a driver to fail to give full time and attention to operating the vehicle.

Penalty for a minor misdemeanor is a maximum fine of \$150.

Also passed at the meeting was a resolution declaring the village's old rescue squad as surplus property. It will be donated to the sponse to violence in local Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department to start its new life as a Mobile Command Center.

An agreement with Security Hut to provide off duty tendees how to stop bleedpolice officers in an amount ing caused from stab not to exceed \$25,000 for wounds, gunshot wounds, park security was given the etc. okay by council, as was the rental of a garbage truck, in an amount not to exceed \$13,300, for two months from Premier Truck Rental while the village garbage truck is being refurbished.

Mayor Jack Bacci said he received a communication from Firefighter Pete Panizzutti that he will be retiring at the end of May,

Penalties for a third de- with his last day being May 28, 2018. Panizzutti said to 60 days in jail and a he "has had a wonderful career and has been truly blessed."

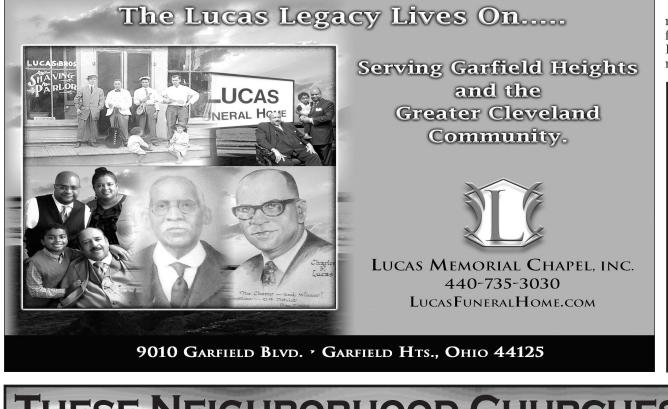
# Learn basics to control fire station

The Cleveland Clinic, in collaboration with the Garfield Heights Fire Department, will present Stop the Bleed - Save a Life," a class being held on Saturday, March 31, in recommunities

The class at Garfield Heights Fire Station 1, 5115 Turney Rd., from 9-10:30 a.m., will teach at-

Only the first 16 applicants will be accepted. Call Sandy Mistur to register, 216-475-4053.

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St. Monica Church 13623 Rockside Road Garfield Heights 216-662-8685 Pastor: Rev. Thomas Haren Daily Mass time: 8:00am. Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00pm, unday Mass times: 8:00am, 10:00am & 12 Nooi All are welcome!

The Lutheran Church of the Covenant

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## **Community police reports**

#### **By Amber Weisbarth GARFIELD HTS.**

#### **Stolen Auto Found**

While on patrol on March 17th, around 3:45 a.m., an officer ran the license plates of a Chrysler minivan travelling in the E. 133rd St. and Bangor Ave. area and found it had been entered stolen out of Cleveland with keys. The officer turned around to try to catch the vehicle but it was already out of the area. The officer relayed the vehicle's description to other officers in an attempt to find the van.

A short time later, the van was spotted again on E. 133rd St. and a man got out of the driver's seat and said, "Can I not park here?" The officer said he could not and told him to walk slowly towards police with his hands up. The man initially complied, but quickly fled on foot through backyards and police lost sight of him.

A 17-year-old girl was still sitting in the van on E. 133rd St. and told police she only knew the male through friends. She said she had no knowledge that the car had been stolen and did not know why the male ran when approached by police. Inside the car police found two license plates that had been stolen out of Bedford. The girl was taken home to her mother in Garfield Heights. Detectives continue to investigate.

#### **Motor Vehicle Thefts**

A string of stolen vehicle reports were taken by

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Garfield Heights police last and March 14th.

On March 12th, a resident of the 5200 block of E. 119th St. said he went out to start his vehicle so it could warm up around 7:30 a.m. When he went back out five minutes later, it had been stolen.

same day, police learned the vehicle was being driven by a man who had spun out and nesses said the driver fled went into a ditch on I-480 on foot. Police searched the 7:15 a.m., a resident of the eastbound at Warrensville area with negative results. Center Rd. The police rethe time of the crash.

Strongsville, Ohio, 44149.

April 27, 2018 by 4:30 p.m.

received by the City.

week between March 12th his driveway with keys searched the area with around 7:15 a.m. While en negative results. route to the area, police were told by dispatch that there were several reports about a tan Buick on a tree lawn at E. 119th and McCracken and police confirmed it was the man's stolen vehicle. Nothing ap-Around 10:45 a.m. the peared to be damaged or stolen and the owner took his car back home. Wit-

Also on March 13th, port did not indicate whether around 9:45 a.m., a resior not an arrest was made at dent of the 10200 block of way with keys. An officer at Parkview Ave. said her McCracken and Henry St.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

A resident of the 10600 block of Wadsworth Ave. said his car had been stolen

from his driveway with keys as it was warming up March 13th. The car was later found by police on E. 117th St. north of Kins-

On March 14th, around 11000 block of McCracken Rd. said his black Audi had been stolen from his drive-

resident of the 5200 block stolen out of her driveway a high rate of speed and Forestdale and E. 135th St. of E. 119th St. said his tan with keys as she was warm- pulled the driver over. As Buick had been stolen from ing up the car. Police the officer opened the cruiser door to get out, the Audi sped off on Broadway and travelled in excess of 50 miles per hour in moderate traffic and wet road conditions. A quick pursuit around 12:30 p.m. on tions, but the Audi's brake theft of a motor vehicle.

On March 13th, another boyfriend's car had been saw the vehicle "take off" at lights could be seen at Assisting units went to that area, knowing several stolen cars from Garfield Heights had recently been recovered. The Audi was found pulling into an apartment complex off Mount Auburn and the teen driver was taken into custody. was called off due to condi- Pending charges include





## Maple Heights to join **Chagrin Valley Dispatch**

#### By Judith Goldsworth

The city of Maple Heights will be using the Chagrin Valley Dispatch Center for its 911 services, effective July 1, 2018, after council passed a resolution approving the move at its meeting earlier this month.

Maple Heights will join with existing members, including Bedford, Independence, Brecksville, and numerous other Northeast Ohio communities, to have its dispatching services provided through the CVD, headquartered at University Hospitals of Bedford Medical Center in Bedford.

As a new member of the CVD, Maple Heights will pay its dues in five annual installments totalling \$353,178, according to the participation agreement.

No interest is being charged to the city due to current low interest rates, the agreement states.

Additionally, the city will agree to pay the 2018 Operating Cost Share, which is \$305,210, a prorated amount due for July 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018, and one month's working capital advance in the amount of \$50,868.33.

In an effort towards regionalization, Maple Heights, along with Bedford, Bedford Heights

and Garfield Heights, ceased providing their own in-house dispatching services in 2015, in order to join the new Southeast Emergency Communications Center, which was based in Bedford Heights.

However, citing concerns with responsiveness and other issues, Bedford was the first community that chose to leave the SECC last year and join the CVD. Garfield Heights was the U.S. EPA Phase II second to leave, announc- Stormwater Services for ing plans to return dis- calendar year 2018.

patching services to its city's sion to join the CVD in July leaves Bedford Heights as the lone community curafter only three years in operation.

Council also passed a resolution at the meeting authorizing Mayor Annette from polluted storm run-Blackwell to enter into a off, the legislation states. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORSD), to provide

own Justice Center later this sion of a previous MOU year. Maple Heights' deci- that the city entered into with the NEORSD and the SWCD for calendar year 2017, "to plan and provide rently served by the SECC a conservation program that includes public education and involvement" on preserving, protecting and improving water resources

> Also passed was a resolution authorizing Engineer Ed Hren and the city's Service Department to apply to the NEORSD for Community Cost Share Program Funds, and upon approval, to begin preparing plans and specs and adver-

tion of Phase II of the new authorizes the city to apply salt storage facility at the for the funds towards de-Dunham Road Service Center.

The existing salt storage facility is in a state of disrepair and can no longer provide adequate protection against the Northeast Ohio climactic conditions, the legislation states.

The NEORSD has informed Maple Heights that construction of a new salt storage facility "would effectively serve as a Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping BMP, and thus qualify as a storm water management project 2018 budget was placed in eligible for Community the Finance Committee.

This is a 12-month exten- tise for bids for construc- Cost Share Funds." Passage sign and construction of the second phase of the new salt storage facility.

> A resolution authorizing Blackwell to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the city's full-time mechanics and park technicians, effective anuary 1, 2018 through December 3, 2020, was passed, as was a resolution designating March 2018 as 'Multiple Sclerosis Education and Awareness Month" in the city.

An ordinance for the city's



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