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### Garfield Hts. Council puts moratorium on interior Point of Sale inspections

By Ellen Psenicka

Garfield Heights Council met Monday night and voted to place a temporary moratorium on the requirement to complete an interior point of sale inspection on any dwelling or building being sold, transferred or conveyed in the city.

According to the legislation, many municipalities have been sued by residents whose sale of their property has been delayed or disrupted by the requirement to first obtain a Point of Sale Inspection.

Once pending litigation in this area has concluded, says the resolution, or the state provides guidance on this issue, the city will review the necessity of the moratorium.

However, during the period of the moratorium, Point of Sale inspections will be offered to residents who request or volunteer to have the interior of their property inspected.

Also passed by council Monday night were the following emergency ordinances:

- To renew an agreement with Court Community Service, at an annual cost of \$52,520, for a four-day work week, to provide a supervised community service work crew of at least three workers for cleanup and landscaping projects on public properties. The crew could also be used for snow shoveling on public properties in the city. Mayor Vic Collova noted



Garfield Heights' newest firefighter, Robert Wolf (center), was sworn in during Monday night's council meeting by Mayor Vic Collova (at left). He is shown above with the mayor and members of his family. Photo by Michael Psenicka

that CCS provides a great service to the city at no increase in cost from last year.

- To apply for a grant available by the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act for the police department.

- To enter into an agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Assistance to Firefighters Grant for fire prevention and safety equipment, and for the purpose of purchasing a fire truck.

In his report to council, Collova noted that the repaving of the remainder of Turney Road will begin in mid-April, and City Engineer David Krock said the portion already paved will be restriped.

Police Chief Robert Byrne said fixed license plate readers are being installed throughout the county, and there will be one placed at the Turney-Granger in-

tersection, the only one slated in Garfield Heights. He said it will be "a good investigative tool" for police.

Parks & Recreation Director Robert Dobies mentioned that t-ball signups will be held through Saturday, and the 50th annual Ice Show, "50 Years of Fabulous," will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 7 and 8. Tickets will be available at the door.

Council President Matt Burke, head of the council's Recreation Committee, announced that he has called a meeting for next Monday, April 2, at 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. All those interested are invited to attend with ideas, questions or concerns about programs for youth in the coming months.

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### Vietnam vets event in G.H.

The Vietnam Veterans of America, Greater Cleveland Chapter 15 will host a Vietnam War Veterans Day program at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd., this Thursday, March 29. A social hour will begin at 6 p.m. followed by the program at 7 p.m. For more information call 216-387-0484.

### Man dead after hit by car on E. 52nd

Cleveland homicide detectives are investigating the death of a 68-year-old man who was struck by a car on E. 52nd St. in Slavic Village, according to Detective Reginald Lanton.

Last Sunday, March 25, around 11:30 p.m., officers responded to the 3800 block E. 52 St. and found the victim, Nathaniel Primous, Jr., in the street. EMS arrived and took Primous to MetroHealth Medical Center where he expired from his injuries, according to Lanton.

Witnesses reported seeing the victim and two unknown males running from Primous's house. Police said the victim jumped into his truck and hit a parked car in an attempt to leave. After hitting the parked vehicle, Primous got out of his truck and was struck by the suspect's vehicle, according to Lanton. At this point, one of the suspects got into Primous's truck and both vehicles drove off leaving Primous in the street.

### Procession of the Cross on Good Friday in G.H.

Join neighbors and members of area churches, businesses and faith institutions for the 20th annual Procession of the Cross in Garfield Heights on Good Friday, March 30, from 10 a.m. to noon. This year the walk will begin and end at St. Therese Church, 5276 E. 105th St. in Garfield Heights.

As in past years, the walk is on level terrain and will have a police escort to ensure safety when crossing streets. Jennings Center for Older Adults will provide a courtesy bus for those unable to walk the route or you are invited to follow along in your car.

Light refreshments will be served in the St. Therese Parish Hall immediately following the walk. The walk is sponsored by the Garfield Heights Christian Unity Council.

### Maple Hts. Council passes amended Fiscal Recovery Plan

By Judith Goldsworth

Three years have passed since the State Auditor's Office declared Maple Heights to be in a state of fiscal emergency, and at its meeting last week council passed an amended version of the ongoing recovery plan to bring the city out of its deficit, possibly by next year.

In early 2015, State Auditor Dave Yost placed Maple Heights in fiscal emergency status, as the city was operating under a deficit of more than \$2.5 million. Consequently, the city was placed under the oversight of a financial planning and supervision commission as part of a five-year plan to reduce the deficit, and officials with Maple Heights and the state have been working together through the years to accomplish that goal.

City officials confirmed recently that the deficit was now less than \$800,000, in contrast to the \$2.5 million reported in 2016.

Revenue generating actions have included welcoming numerous new businesses to the city, most recently Family Dollar, Sav-A-Lot, Longwood Beauty Supply and Shoppers World, as well as encouraging existing businesses, such as Clifton Steel, to expand and/or make improvements to their facilities.

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## Maple Heights Council

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Other actions to improve the city's finances include: Reduction of some city expenses, rebates in Workers' Compensation, sale of assets through GovDeals, sale of homes owned by the city, re-institution of yearly rental registration and a building permit fee schedule increase.

The city is also sharing services with other communities to save money, including participation as of July 1, 2018, in the Chagrin Valley Dispatch Council, moving from the Southeast Emergency Communications Center in Bedford Heights.

Other shared services include membership in Southeast Area Law Enforcement (SEALE), a collaboration of police departments in seven southeastern Cleveland suburbs, and membership in the Chagrin Southeast Regional Hazmat Response Team, which consists of firefighters from 30 Cleveland suburbs to provide hazardous material response in crisis situations.

Revenue forecasts were stated in the recovery plan, including an increase in 2018 property taxes, with an additional five percent increase added for subsequent years due to the county reappraisal later this year, increase in income tax after previous years of "high unemployment" in the city, charges for services, including grass cutting assessments, fines, fees licenses and permits, grant funding and anticipated reimbursements for parks improvement projects in the city.

As for forecasted expenditures, these included in-

creases in salaries and wages in most departments to account for step increases and longevity, increases in fringe benefits in all departments "largely due to increases in healthcare costs," increases in police cadets' salaries until they reached officer pay grade, increases in fire cadets' salaries until they reached the firefighter category, budgeting for new dispatcher positions and part-time replacements in Chagrin Valley Dispatch, moving of Senior Services to a special revenue fund and a \$15,493.20 reduction in the mayor's salary (as approved by council) in 2016.

"Based on the implementation of the items in this plan, the city anticipates applying for termination of Fiscal Emergency status in 2019," Blackwell and Jackson stated.

### Budget passed

In time for submission to the Fiscal Commission, council passed an ordinance approving the budget for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018, in the total amount of \$22,445,763.76.

This figure includes a little over \$3 million apiece to run the city's police and fire departments, about \$700,000 for the Building Commissioner services and expenditures, \$677,000 for lands and buildings, \$1.3 million in miscellaneous services, expenditures, fund transfers and advances, \$2.5 million for the water/sewer maintenance fund, \$1.7 million for solid waste collection and \$1.3 million for the street construction, maintenance and repair fund.

Also passed were two other pieces of legislation, one amending the authorized pay schedule for non-bargaining unit city employees, and another authorizing the city to participate in the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program.

## Health fair at St. Monica's

A Spring Health, Wellness & Fitness Fair will be held at St. Monica Church, 13623 Rockside Rd. in Garfield Heights, on Saturday, April 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Nearly 100 vendors, exhibitors and presenters will be at the event. Free admission; free health screenings through Cleveland Clinic including vision, colon cancer risk assessment and sleep risk assessment. Walgreens will be available for flu or pneumonia vaccines.

The Cleveland Metropolitan Parks will also be at the fair, along with Cuyahoga County Shelter, Trapped! Escape Room, and the SWAT truck with all its equipment.

Come mingle with live alpacas from Vintage Alpacas, and enjoy all the demonstrations and talks scheduled on the main stage. There will be free giveaways and free chances to win raffle prizes.

## Golden Ager's Grapevine

### Liga Morska

Liga Morska Golden Ager's will meet Wednesday, April 4, 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.

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## Sen. Rob Portman speaks at American Nationalities Movement meeting



Ralph Perk, Jr., president of the American Nationalities Movement (at left), sits with Senator Rob Portman (right) at a recent American Nationalities Movement meeting where Portman was the featured speaker.

On Monday, March 19th, U.S. Senator Rob Portman joined the American Nationalities Movement of Ohio at the Lithuanian Community Center in Cleveland to discuss a variety of foreign policy topics, including how he, as co-founder and co-chair of the Senate Ukraine Caucus, will continue to work to bring attention to Russia's actions and provide support for our Eastern European allies.

Ralph Perk, Jr., president of the American Nationalities Movement, introduced Sen. Portman and started off the roundtable discussion among the three dozen attendees, representing more than 16 nationality communities. Leaders from Cleveland's Lithuanian community also provided Portman with a tour of the center, which includes the Lithuanian Archives, showcasing and preserving Lithuanian culture and history.

Portman answered questions from the diverse group about America's foreign policy activities throughout the world and noted that we must stand united with our allies against those countries who wish to dominate us or our allies.

The Ukrainian representatives thanked him for his

continued advocacy for America providing military equipment to the Ukraine so that they can defend themselves against Russian aggression.

"This is the third program that the Nationalities Movement has been a part of and more will take place in the future as issues develop," said Perk.

## Man shot, robbed in Maple Hts.

Maple Heights police are investigating a robbery and shooting on McCracken Road last Sunday.

Around 5:53 p.m. March 25th, Maple Heights po-

lice responded to the 17300 block of McCracken Rd. and found a 53-year-old male with a gunshot wound, according to a press release from MHPD. The victim was taken to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Police said two suspects fled the scene in a silver Volkswagen Jetta. The two suspects were described as thin black males wearing light grey hoodies and blue jeans with bandanas covering their faces. The Maple Heights Police Department is investigating.

Anyone with information related to this case is urged to contact the Maple Heights Detective Bureau at 216-587-9624 or [Detectives@mhp-dohio.com](mailto:Detectives@mhp-dohio.com).

Information can also be

submitted to Crime Stoppers by calling 216-252-7463, texting TIP657 plus your message to 274637, or online at [www.25crime.com](http://www.25crime.com).

Advanced volunteer registration is requested. Register online at [www.wrlandconservancy.org/events](http://www.wrlandconservancy.org/events) or by calling 216-515-8300.

## Plant trees for Earth Day

Community members are invited to help plant trees at an exciting Earth Day Tree Planting on Saturday, April 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club, 6114 Broadway Ave., Cleveland.

## Block watch

G.H. Ward 4

The Garfield Heights Ward 4 Block Watch will meet Tuesday, April 3, at 7 p.m. at the Garfield Heights Fire Station at the corner of Turney and McCracken rds. Everyone welcome. Call Dan with questions, 216-475-4810.

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## Bedford's first responders honored at council meeting

By Judith Goldsworth

Bedford Mayor Stan Koci presented certificates of appreciation to several members of the city's fire department at the council meeting last week for helping to save the life of a young woman last month.

Illisa Clark, 26, was working at the Rockside Road IHOP restaurant on Thursday, Feb. 1, when she suddenly stopped breathing and went into cardiac arrest. Seven firefighters/paramedics, including Lt. Jeff Diederich and

firefighters Steve Copelin, Marc Latkovic, Vic DePasquale, Mark Rauschenbach, Pat Guhde and Tom Mitchell, were called to the scene, Koci said, and immediately began lifesaving efforts.

Although Guhde and Rauschenbach were unable to attend last week's meeting, they were also the recipients of certificates, along with the first responders who received their honors in person at the meeting, and were thanked by Clark and city officials for their outstand-

ing service.

Koci, himself a former longtime Bedford firefighter, stated, "The dedication and the way these guys approach their job is second to none... we hire the best, we expect the best, and we get the best."

### Legislation

Council passed an ordinance allowing City Manager Mike Mallis and Police Chief Marty Stemple to enter into a contract with the Village of Orange to house their prisoners.

Also passed was legislation for the city to purchase a 2001 Hinger bucket truck from Utility Truck Equipment, Inc., of

Circleville, OH, for the service department at a cost of \$23,500, in lieu of a larger stump grinder, which had already been budgeted by the city.

"The purchase of the vehicle would be paid for within one year because the city would not have to rent a 60-foot bucket truck for the annual Christmas lights and larger tree removal," the ordinance noted.

Mallis said that the city had budgeted \$22,000 for a new stump grinder, but was then notified that the bucket truck was available. He noted that the city paid \$4,000 to rent a similar truck for the holiday decoration duties, and also had to contract out to take down larger trees, at substantial cost to the city.

"We recommend that we earmark the \$22,000 that was already budgeted, pass

on the stump grinder, and put that money towards this piece of equipment. We will save the extra \$1500 in no time, and we'll be able to do a significant amount of tree work," Mallis said.

Also passed at the meeting were a number of other pieces of legislation, including an amended appropriations ordinance to account for additional grant funding received by the city and purchase of automated electronic defibrillators for city facilities; an ordinance to levy assessments on 64 property owners for delinquent water bills; a new contract with the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 67 for the city's police department, including changes to prescription costs regarding brand names over generic; and a renewal of a contract with the Cleveland Metroparks for Bedford to continue using Willis Ball

Field and Hutchinson Field for recreational activities at no cost to the city.

Two ordinances to update the city's Building Code were also approved.

### Announcements

Mallis made several announcements about upcoming events in the city, including the police entrance exam on April 7, and a firefighter entrance exam on May 19. The city's tax department will be open on April 7 and April 14 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. for residents who might need help in filing their taxes.

Also on April 14, Mallis said there would be a tree planting in the area of 604 Columbus Rd., in partnership with the city, the Cuyahoga County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Tinkers Creek Watershed.

The city's Rotary Club will have its annual Fun Run, Pancake Breakfast and Art Show on April 29, Finance Director Frank Gambosi stated.

The city's Building Department will offer a Free Permit Month during the month of June, for owner-occupied single family units, Mallis said, encouraging residents to take advantage of the opportunity.

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**7-Eleven/BP Gas-** name unavailable; **49th Street Tavern-** Don Gray; **Ace Hardware-** Bob Wiegand; **Mayor Jack Bacci, Village of Cuyahoga Heights-** Sally Jura; **Anthony Brancatelli, Councilman Ward 12-** Sandy Galensky; **Broadway Scrap Metals-** Lisa Campbell; **Browns Tavern-** Wanda Zak.

**Century 21 Arrow Realty-** Rachel Martino; **Mayor Vic Collova, City of Garfield Heights-** Mary Rakausk; **Convenient Food Mart-** name unavailable; **Cozumel-** Pat Lesiak; **Dave's Supermarket on Harvard Ave.-** Mike Tracvnski; **Dave's Supermarket Turneytown-** Sandy Dikowicz; **Dependable Electric-** Jenn Spokovich.

**Mayor Trevor Elkins, Village of Newburgh Heights-** Patty Vartorella; **First Federal Lakewood-** Bill Zaranec; **Garfield Jewelers-** Michelle Ferguson and Marie Jordan; **Gas USA-** Brian Kotecki; **Giant Eagle City View-** Sharon Stabulis; **Great Clips-** Dan Rydzinski; **Harry's Steakhouse-** Jackie Legg; **K & K Meat Shoppe-** Gloria Soltis.

**Joe LaMalfa, Garfield Heights Councilman Ward 2-** Bill Choma; **Lightning Demolition & Excavating-** Tameka Dumas; **Matrix III Income Tax Service-** Ricky Dunn; **Maw's Sauce-** Agnes Kincaid; **Mike's Pizza-** Kathy Hill; **MJ's Cafe-** Yvonne Konefal; **The Neighborhood News-** Mike Smothers; **Newburgh Gas-** name unavailable; **Number One Roofing-** Kathy Pytel; **PNC Bank-** name unavailable.

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## Community Job Fair in G.H. April 14th

The Garfield Human Development Corporation will host a Community Job Fair on Saturday, April 14th, from noon to 4 p.m., at The Rock Community Church, 9403 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Heights.

The following companies will be present: Arhaus, Berman Moving & Storage, Burger King, Cosmax, CVS Pharmacy, Dave's Supermarket, Holiday Inn at Independence, Home Care By Callos, McCarthy, Burgess & Wolff, Panera Bread, Richardsons Heating & Cooling, System Seals, The

Reserves Network, Walgreens, Center for Economic Development in Greater Cleveland, El Barrio and OhioGuidestone. Many part-time and full-time jobs are available and many offer on the job training.

Several workforce development programs will be offered to help attendees get the training or the GED needed to succeed. Visit [www.garfieldhdc.com](http://www.garfieldhdc.com) for up to date listings and job openings.

The event is free to applicants as well as employers.

Applicants should bring plenty of resumes and be ready to be interviewed. To register your business for the fair, call Dianne at 440-376-1808.

## 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, March 30. For more info or carryouts, call 216-475-9365.

## Genealogy Society meeting set

The Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society (CVGS) will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, April 2, at 7 p.m. in the Willow Room at the Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Blvd.

"How to Research with Primary and Secondary Sources" will be presented by Mandy Altimus Stahl. Learn the difference between primary and secondary sources and about sources beyond books.

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

**See pages 6 & 7 for a list of Holy Week services**

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**Greater Holy Ghost Missionary Baptist Church, 12210 Miles Ave., Cleveland**

*Easter Sunday:* Service, 11:30 a.m.

**Holy Name Church, 8328 Broadway Ave., Cleveland**

*Holy Thursday:* Confessions, 3-4:30 p.m.; Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7 p.m. *Good Friday:* Meditation, noon to 3 p.m.; Celebration of The Lord's Passion, 3 p.m.; Confessions, 4-5 p.m.; Tenebrae, 7 p.m. *Holy Saturday:* Blessing of food baskets, 11:30 a.m.; no Mass at 4 p.m.; Easter Vigil Mass, 7:30 p.m. *Easter Sunday:* Masses, 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

**Immaculate Heart of Mary, 6700 Lansing Ave., Cleveland**

*Holy Thursday:* Mass of the Lord's Supper, bilingual, 7 p.m.; Adoration until closing, 9 p.m. *Good Friday:* Stations - English, 2:15 p.m.; Passion - English, 3 p.m.; Stations - Polish, 5:30 p.m.; Passion - Polish, 6 p.m. *Holy Saturday:* Food Blessing - English, noon; Food Blessing - Polish, 1 and 2 p.m.; Easter Vigil, bilingual, 7:30 p.m. *Easter Sunday:* Mass - English, 8 a.m. and noon; Mass - Polish, 10 a.m.

**Jones Road Chapel, 8000 Jones Rd., Cleveland**

*Easter Sunday:* Breakfast, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 3395 E. 53 St., Cleveland**

*Holy Thursday:* Bilingual Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7 p.m.; Adoration until 10 p.m. *Good Friday:* Stations of the Cross outside in Spanish, noon; Service in English,

3 p.m.; Service in Spanish, 7 p.m. *Holy Saturday:* Food blessing, 2 p.m.; Bilingual Easter Vigil, 7:30 p.m. *Easter Sunday:* Mass in English, 10 a.m.; Mass in Spanish, 12:30 p.m.

**St. Casimir Church, 8223 Sowinski Ave., Cleveland**

*Holy Thursday:* Mass of the Lord's Supper with Washing of the Feet, 7 p.m.; Solemn Procession and Adoration to follow. *Good Friday:* Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, with Veneration and Holy Communion, 7 p.m. *Holy Saturday:* Food blessings, 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m. *Easter Sunday:* Rezurekcja Mass in Polish, 7:30 a.m.; Solemn Mass, 11:30 a.m.

**St. Stanislaus, 3649 E. 65 St., Cleveland**

*Holy Thursday:* Morning prayer, 9 a.m.; Mass of the Lord's Supper with Washing of Feet, 7 p.m.; Solemn Procession and Adoration to follow until midnight. *Good Friday:* Morning prayer, 9 a.m.; Stations of the Cross in English, noon; Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, 2 p.m., church will be left open for prayer; Stations of the Cross in Polish, 6 p.m., followed by Passion Liturgy in Polish, 7 p.m. *Holy Saturday:* Morning prayer, 9 a.m.; Blessing of food, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the hour; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m. *Easter Sunday:* Resurrection Mass in Polish, 6:30 a.m.; Solemn Masses in English, 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.; Mass in Polish, 10 a.m.

**Garfield Heights:**

**The Rock Community Church, 9403 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Hts.**

*Good Friday:* Service, 7 p.m. *Easter Sunday:* Service, 10 a.m.

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**Happy Easter!**

from Garfield Heights  
Councilman Ward 6



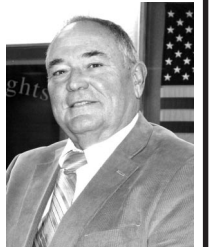
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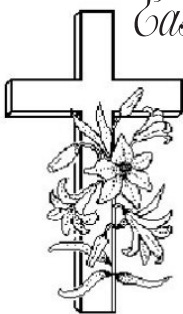
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## 'State of Schools' April 18th

The "State of the Schools" presentation, sponsored by the Southeast Region Chamber of Commerce, will be held on Wednesday, April 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Garfield Heights High School Performing Arts Center, 4900 Turney Rd.

Guest speakers giving an update of the state of schools will include Garfield Heights City Schools Superintendent Terry Olszewski, Cuyahoga Valley Career Center Superintendent Dave Mangas, and Patrick Straffen, director of Admissions and Public Relations at Trinity High School. Get updates on programs and activities happening within the school district.

Cost is \$15, and includes lunch. Registration required online at [www.southeastchamber.org](http://www.southeastchamber.org). Call 440-232-0115 with questions.

## Holy Week Services

(Continued from Page 6)

### St. Monica Church, 13623 Rockside Rd., Garfield Hts.

*Holy Thursday:* Morning Prayer, 8 a.m.; Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7 p.m. *Good Friday:* Morning Prayer, 8 a.m.; Passion of the Lord, 3 p.m.; Confessions, 4 p.m. *Holy Saturday:* Morning Prayer, 8 a.m.; Food blessing, 1 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 7:30 p.m. *Easter Sunday:* Masses 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and noon.

### Ss. Peter & Paul, 4750 Turney Rd., Garfield Hts.

*Holy Thursday:* Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Therese

Church, 7 p.m.; Night Prayer, 10 p.m. at St. Therese. *Good Friday:* Celebration of the Passion of the Lord, 7 p.m. *Holy Saturday:* Food blessing, 2 p.m.; Easter Vigil Mass, 8 p.m. *Easter Sunday:* Masses, 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

### St. Therese Church, 5276 E. 105 St., Garfield Hts.

*Holy Thursday:* Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7 p.m.; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament immediately follows Mass; Night Prayer, 10 p.m. *Good Friday:* Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3 p.m. *Holy Saturday:* Food blessing, 1 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 8 p.m. at Ss. Peter and Paul Church. *Easter Sunday:* Masses, 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

### Independence:

#### Concordia Lutheran Church, 6705 Brecksville Rd., Independence

*Maundy Thursday:* Service with Holy Communion, 7:30 p.m. *Good Friday:* Meditations, 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. *Easter Sunday:* Early Easter Service, 7:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

### Maple Heights:

#### Lutheran Church of the Covenant (LCC), 19000 Libby Rd., Maple Hts.

*Maundy Thursday:* Service, 7 p.m., at Lutheran Church of the Master (LCM), 860 Northfield Rd., Bedford. *Good Friday:* Service, 7 p.m., at LCC. *Easter Sunday:* Sunrise Vigil at LCC, 6:30 a.m.; Easter Eucharist Service at LCC, 9 a.m.

#### St. Martin of Tours, 14600 Turney Rd., Maple Hts.

*Holy Thursday:* Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7 p.m., followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10

p.m.; Night prayer, 10 p.m. *Good Friday:* Morning Prayer, 8 a.m.; Midday Prayer, 10:30 a.m., followed by Stations of the Cross; Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Night Prayer, 8:30 p.m. *Holy Saturday:* Morning Prayer, 8 a.m.; Midday Prayer, 11 a.m.; Food blessing, 1 p.m.; Scripture readings, 8:45 p.m.; Easter Vigil, 9 p.m. *Easter Sunday:* Masses 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Food blessing, noon.

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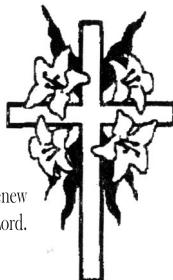
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## Two injured in Maple Heights house fire

Two adults were injured in a house fire in Maple Heights over the weekend, according to Maple Heights Fire Department Captain Daniel Syphen.

Firefighters were called to the 16800 block of Broad-

way Ave. on Saturday, March 24, around 5 a.m., for a house fire. Three adults and one child were evacuated from the home. One of the adults was taken to Bedford Hospital to be treated for minor injuries and a second adult was taken to MetroHealth Medical Center with serious injuries, according to Syphen.

Assisting fire departments included Garfield Heights, Bedford Heights, Valley View, Warrensville Heights, North Randall and Orange.

Syphen said damages totalled between \$50,000-\$60,000. The cause of the fire is still undetermined; state fire marshalls continue to investigate.



**A home in the 16800 block of Broadway Ave. in Maple Heights caught fire over the weekend. Two adults were taken to area hospitals to be treated for injuries. A third adult and child were not injured.**  
Photo courtesy of Maple Heights Firefighter Rick Parker.

## Cuyahoga County increasing programs for at-risk area youth

Cuyahoga County has stepped up programming to help at-risk youth do better in school, stay out of trouble and prepare for careers. Through the Family and Children First Council, the county has increased funding for two key programs: Out of School Time (OST) and Closing the Achievement Gap (CTAG). Funding for OST has increased from \$1.3 million to \$1.6 million, and funding for CTAG has increased from \$401,200 to \$444,523.

The Family and Children First Council supports a targeted CTAG Initiative for at risk high school-aged youth in the Maple Heights and Garfield Heights school districts, among others.

CTAG partners with students who need extra guidance to reach future goals. The program helps increase school attendance and academic achievement, promotes students to their next grade level and through to graduation, and reduces negative behaviors. A total of 241 students in the 9th through 12th grades were enrolled during the 2016-17 academic year.

OST is a proven strategy for keeping kids out of trouble, improving school performance and preparing youth for careers and stable adulthood.

After-school and summer programs immerse over 3,000 youths of all ages in positive activities like tutoring and educational enrichment, arts and culture exposure, recreation, career exploration and college readiness.

"Our goal is to ensure every student stays in school and has the support needed to graduate high school ready for post-secondary completion and career success," said Cuyahoga County Executive Armond Budish.

"Out of School Time and Closing the Achievement Gap are two programs providing the support and resources needed to our region's youth to assist in achieving this goal," he said.

### CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO

#### List of Meetings for April 2018

Monday, April 2, 2018	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 3, 2018	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - TBD, Regular Meeting - TBD
Monday, April 9, 2018	Wards 3 & 5 - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 11, 2018	Southeast Area Law Enforcement (SEALE) Board of Trustees Meeting (if needed) Work Session - 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting - 12:00 p.m.
Monday, April 16, 2018	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 17, 2018	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - TBD
Monday, April 23, 2018	Wards 2 & 6 - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 24, 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,  
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For agendas please go to [www.bedfordoh.gov](http://www.bedfordoh.gov)  
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Please note that there is a Physical Agility Test component, and a Certificate confirming the same which must be obtained from Cuyahoga Community College dated any time after May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Please call CCC (216)987-5429 or (216) 987-5060 to register for agility exam.

Cost for the exam will be \$40.00 cash or money order and will be accepted at the time of registration.

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Applications and requirements can be downloaded from City of Strongsville website at [www.strongsville.org](http://www.strongsville.org), Human Resources Tab; or picked up at Strongsville City Municipal Offices at 16099 Foltz Parkway, Strongsville, Ohio, 44149. Applications, with all the testing requirements, will be available **beginning Monday, April 2, 2018**. You must be at least nineteen (19) years of age on or prior to May 5, 2018. Completed applications along with the required \$25.00 fee and all other required documents **must be returned in person no later than Friday, April 27, 2018 by 4:30 p.m.**

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By Amber Weisbarth

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

## GARFIELD HEIGHTS

### Felonious Assault

A witness to a car accident called police on March 16th, around 4 p.m., and said one of the victims of the crash had also been stabbed. He said he saw two vehicles chasing each other and it appeared to be a "road rage situation."

Officers arrived on I-480 eastbound near the Granger Rd. exit and spoke to the witness who originally called police. He said he watched as a Kia and a Camry struck each other on the highway on the Valley View Bridge and both vehicles pulled over. He then watched the Camry back into the Kia intentionally, then saw a man get out of the Camry and a man and woman get out of the Kia. He said the men got into a physical fight and he

watched the man from the Camry punch the man from the Kia in the stomach then flee in his vehicle. The man from the Kia had actually been stabbed and the woman took him to Marymount Hospital.

Officers went to Marymount Hospital and spoke to the victim, 27, of Cleveland, who said he had been the passenger of the Kia, gave a description of the man who stabbed him and said he wanted to press charges. The driver of the Kia, a 23-year-old Cleveland woman at Marymount with the victim, said her passenger waved to the man driving the Camry so the Camry would pass them on the highway. The Camry got in front of her but began "brake checking" her, causing her to hit the back of the Camry twice. She attempted to drive away from the Camry but the driver switched lanes and struck her Kia. Both vehicles then pulled over, and she confirmed the witness's version of events.

While police were at the scene still speaking to witnesses, the driver of the Camry, 54, of Cleveland, arrived back at the scene. He was arrested and taken to City Jail. He requested he be taken to Marymount Hospital to be treated for injuries sustained during the fight; officers complied.

Police said the stabbing victim was taken to MetroHealth Medical Center by LifeFlight for surgery. The 54-year-old driver of the Camry was held for investigation of felonious assault and assault. His traffic citations were forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

### Stolen Auto Found

On March 25th, around 10 p.m., an officer pulled over a vehicle as it sped into a driveway on Sladden Ave. The truck had been entered into LEADS as stolen through Maple Heights PD. The driver and front seat passenger immediately got out of the car and hid in front of it while police ordered them at gunpoint to show themselves. They refused and jumped over a fence and fled the scene.

Two adults and a juvenile were still in the backseat of the vehicle and were uncooperative with police.

Police searched the area for the males with negative results. Inside the car, police found two air pistols that were collected as evidence. The owner of the car arrived at the scene to collect the vehicle. Theft charges are pending through the Youth Bureau.

## MAPLE HEIGHTS

### Robbery

• An employee of Boost Mobile in the 14100 block of Granger Rd. told police he was robbed at gunpoint by two males on March 21st, around 4 p.m. He said the males stole money and two cell phones and fled on foot into Milo Ave. The Garfield Heights K9 Unit arrived and followed tracks on Milo to a backyard on Maple Ave. where witnesses said they saw two males jump into a vehicle there and drive away.

• An employee of the T-Mobile store in the 5400 block of Northfield Rd. called police on March 21st, just before 8 p.m., while a man was robbing the store. The employee said the suspect said he had a gun but the employee never saw one. The suspect stole money from the cash register and fled. Officers arrived at the scene and saw the man running behind businesses. He was arrested behind the I Can School and taken to jail. While doing a search at the jail, police found a baggie of white powder and pills in his back pocket.

### Theft

A man said his Jeep Grand Cherokee had been stolen between 8 p.m. March 24th and 7:30 a.m. March 25th from the 15800 block of Grant Ave. Dispatch later learned Cleveland police found the vehicle on Terrace Rd. around 3 a.m. It had crashed into a building and was found with three bullet holes and no keys. The ignition was not damaged due to the car having a push-button start. The owner of the car was told it had been found.

### Weapons Incident

A customer leaving the Shell gas station at 5300 Warrensville Center Rd. told police there were shots fired in the parking lot between two customers on March 20th, around 5 p.m. An employee of the gas station confirmed the dispute in the lot and that shots had been fired. The employee said one of the suspects left in a black vehicle westbound on Libby Rd. and the male that fired the gun left on foot on Warrensville Center Rd. Police searched the area with negative results. Local hospitals did not report anyone with gunshot injuries.

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Elections elsewhere in the country have seen higher than normal turnout this year. In similar primary elections 23 percent turnout would be considered normal. "I am projecting 30 percent voter turnout with close to 80,000 people voting early or by mail, and 180,000 voters are expected on Election Day for a total of 260,000 ballots cast," said Pat McDonald, director of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections.

The Primary winners will advance to the November General Election. "I want to remind people that your vote matters and to stand up and be counted in the most exciting mid-term primary election in over a decade," said McDonald.

There are 213 candidates running for 71 offices and judicial seats with 37 contested races. "Both major parties are holding contested races for governor, and the Republicans have a contested race for the U.S. Senate. These important ballot decisions could and should drive more voters to the polls, even those who tend to sit out primaries," said McDonald.

In addition, there is a

statewide issue that would change the method Ohio lawmakers use to determine political boundaries and nearly a thousand Democrats are running for County Central Committee seats.

Voters are encouraged to submit their vote by mail ballot applications as soon as possible. To request a ballot application visit: [www.443vote.com](http://www.443vote.com), or call 216-443-VOTE (8683). They are also available at all public libraries. The Board will begin mailing ballots to voters on April 10th.

The Board of Elections, located at 2925 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, will be open for early voting on the following dates and times:

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Voter registration and change of address deadline for the May 8th Primary Election is Monday, April 9th, at 9 p.m.

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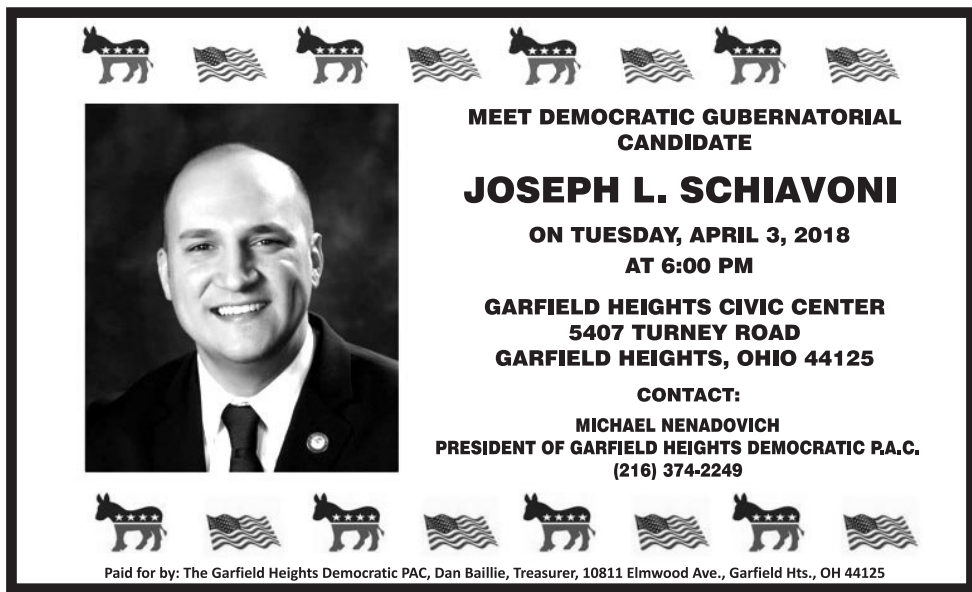
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