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Community Job Fair at Rock Church this Saturday

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.

Many businesses will be offering part-time and full-time jobs 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 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.

Wayne Dawson to attend GHHS opening of 'Dreamcoat'

The Garfield Heights High School Theatre Department will present "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at the Garfield Heights Center for the Performing Arts, 4900 Turney Rd., beginning this weekend.

Show dates are April 13, 14, 20, 21, 27 and 28, at 7 p.m.; April 22 and 29, at 3 p.m. "This Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice spectacular is celebrating its 50th year with us," said director Stephen Benjamin.

Special guest Wayne Dawson, newscaster with Fox 8 News, is scheduled to

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SE Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast this Sunday!

The Kiwanis Club of South East Cleveland will hold its annual all-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast this Sunday, April 15, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Holy Name Church's Haren Hall, 8328 Broadway Ave., in Slavic Village.

The breakfast includes pancakes and french toast with a variety of toppings, sausage links, orange juice, coffee and tea. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$4 for children under 12, and free for children age 5 and under.

Stop in for a delicious breakfast and a chance to win lots of great raffle items that include a brand new sewing machine from Globe Sewing Machine Co., Cleveland Indians tickets, and themed baskets for handymen, movie-lovers and lots more.

All proceeds of the breakfast and raffle will go to programs supporting the children of Slavic Village. For more information, call Ellen at 216-441-2141.

Garfield police searching for suspect in shooting

The Garfield Heights Police Department has issued an arrest warrant for 18-year-old Robert Jackson of Cleveland. He is wanted for attempted murder for the shooting of a 17-year-old male on April 2nd on North Parkway Avenue in Garfield Heights, according to Detective Carl Biegacki with the Garfield Heights Detective Bureau.

The 17-year-old male was shot in the chest and hand on April 2nd, around 10:15 p.m., in the 12800 block of North Parkway, according to a police report. Cleveland and Garfield Heights police arrived at the scene and spoke to the teen who said he had been with four other males and one of them shot him, then the four males fled the scene on foot, according to the report.

Cleveland police searched the area and found two spent casings in the street where the teen said the shooting occurred. The teen was taken to Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital to be treated, and Det. Biegacki said he is doing much better and will pull through.

Police later learned that the suspects involved were driving a silver Jeep prior to the shooting, and it may have been low on fuel so still could have been in the area, according to the report. Officers found the vehicle on a treelawn in the 9200 block of Miles Avenue and confirmed it had been stolen out of Cleveland.

Biegacki said Jackson is considered armed and dangerous and anyone with information about Jackson's whereabouts is urged to call Garfield Heights police at 216-475-1234.



Robert Jackson

G.H. Fire Chief Nemetz retiring; acting Chief Ken Strope appointed



Shown here is retiring Garfield Heights Fire Chief Tom Nemetz with his grandchildren. Nemetz said he looks forward to spending more time now with his family.

By Ellen Psenicka

Garfield Heights Mayor Vic Collova, at the regular meeting of council Monday night, announced the retirement of Garfield Heights Fire Chief Tom Nemetz, officially effective June 5, 2018, although with unused time off he is unofficially off the job now.

Nemetz has been with the GHFD for over 36 years, and has been a paramedic throughout his career. He was promoted to lieutenant in 1988, captain in 1997, and became chief in 2007.

He has issued this message to all residents of Garfield Heights:

"Back on September 2, 1981, I felt like I won the lottery when I was sworn in on the Garfield Heights Fire Department," Chief Nemetz wrote. "I felt very fortunate over the past 36 and a half years to be able

to work for such a great city.

"From day one I vowed to treat everyone of you like I would my own family. I made sure to watch out for your best interest and be your advocate each and every day. My main goal was to give you the best fire/paramedic service you all deserve. Now the time has come for me to retire and spend time with my five children and eight grandchildren.

"My thoughts and prayers will be with you always."

Also at Monday's council meeting, the mayor introduced acting Fire Chief Ken Strope, who will be sworn in as chief in June when Chief Nemetz' retirement becomes official.

Two firefighters were promoted to lieutenant and were sworn in at the council meeting by the mayor,

Scott Arcangeli and Scott Garman.

During the reports by directors at the meeting, Service Director Tim McLaughlin said that "the rubbish situation in this community is out of control," and gave an impassioned plea for residents to follow the city's rules for garbage pickup, including using the proper containers and putting them out and taking them back from the treelawn at the times designated by the city. Rules for garbage collection can be found on the city's website, www.garfieldhts.org, or call the Service Department for more information, 216-475-3373.

Legislation passed at Monday's meeting included passing an ordinance regarding the municipal income tax to be in compliance with the Ohio

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G.H. Fire Chief Nemetz

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Revised Code, an emergency ordinance to purchase 4500 tons of rock salt for next season and an emergency resolution appointing all nine members to the Garfield Heights Charter Review Committee for 2018: Doug Piascik, Joshua Crayton, James Grenig, Christine Spisak, Dan Baillie, James Feeney, Jason Blake, Patricia Wasilkowski and James Joyce.

A representative from the Cuyahoga County Veterans Service Commission also spoke at the meeting about the help available for local veterans, including help with VA claims paperwork, transportation to VA medical appointments, emergency financial assistance and more.



Shown are newly promoted Garfield Heights Fire Department lieutenants Scott Garmen, at left, and Scott Arcangeli.

"Call us and we can help or refer you to someone who can," he urged veterans.

eral homes in the Village including:

6713 Canal Rd., 8702 Fosdick Rd., 8714 Fosdick Rd. and 9724 Frances Dr. Council also authorized the mayor to make an offer and enter into an agreement to purchase a home at 8579 Murray Rd. in an amount not to exceed \$105,000 with an additional \$7200 available for relocation assistance as part of the PDMC Program.

Council also passed an ordinance establishing a new tax code for the Village because of the passage of House Bill 49. Village Clerk Carol Tomasko said it does not change the rate (2%) or anything else for residents. It mainly deals with businesses and offers them the ability to file their net profit taxes through the Ohio Business Gateway versus filing with RITA.

The Village was also authorized by council to pay for pool passes for the summer camp counselors, 50 percent of the cost of pool

passes for Village residents, and to reimburse Blue Wave swim team members for their pool passes at the end of their season at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.

Ward 12 Dems to meet Apr. 18

The 12th Ward Democratic Club will meet Wednesday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m. at Gino's, 1314 Denison Ave. in Cleveland. Candidates in the May 8th primary election will attend. Refreshments served. Everyone welcome.

Golden Ager's Grapevine

St. Stanislaus

The St. Stan's Golden Agers will meet Thursday, April 12, at 1:30 p.m. in the Social Center on Baxter Ave. in Cleveland. A light lunch, raffle and games will follow a short meeting.

Grandmother's Club

The Grandmother's Club will meet Thursday, April 19, at 11:30 a.m. at Cuyahoga Heights Village Hall, 4863 E. 71 St.

'Dreamcoat'

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attend and be a guest announcer for the show on opening night this Friday.

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Bedford Council considers bill to make landlords pay delinquent property taxes

By Judith Goldsworth

Bedford Council is considering an ordinance to amend existing legislation which would force landlords in the city to pay up on their delinquent Cuyahoga County property taxes. Council placed the ordinance on first reading at its meeting last week.

The ordinance is similar to legislation passed in other northeast Ohio communities, City Manager Mike Mallis said, explaining that it is intended to combat the problem of rental property owners dodging property taxes in the city, all while continuing to collect rent from their tenants.

The proposed legislation states, "No certificate shall be issued for any structure used... for residential occupancy... which has a certified delinquent property tax balance or other unpaid liens," unless the property owner or agent "provides documentation of being on a delinquent payment plan in good standing with Cuyahoga County."

Property owners who also have unpaid balances for nuisance abatement costs imposed by the city will not be issued rental certificates, according to the ordinance. It also states that if structures falling under these violations are occupied by a tenant, "the Building Commissioner shall provide notice to such tenant of the rejection of the application for the issuance or renewal of a certificate."

Mallis said the county was willing to help property owners who might have trouble paying on their taxes. "You might not have the money to deal with it today, but contact them and they will work with you," he said.

If passed, Bedford's new legislation would require owners of rental properties to be current on their property taxes. Council will discuss the ordinance before a vote at a future meeting.

Vehicle purchases

To replace aging and deteriorated vehicles used by various city departments, council passed several ordinances to purchase new vehicles, including amended ordinances that had been placed on first reading at a meeting last month.

Passed were two ordinances to purchase two 2018 4x4 GMC pickup trucks, both from Jay Buick GMC of Bedford, for the city's Water Department, one for \$28,115.60, the other for \$27,367.21.

Originally the trucks were to be purchased from other dealerships outside the city at a lower price, but as Mayor Stan Koci explained, "We go with our rule that [if the price is] within 10 percent, we will take a local business over an outside business. We have a certain loyalty, especially to our Auto Mile and to local businesses... whenever we can do the 10 percent difference we will go with getting a local business, so that's why we're doing this."

Another ordinance that was passed was to purchase a 2018 F-450 Ford dump truck with plow for the Service Department, at a cost of \$64,223.55 from Valley Ford Truck of Valley View.

Council passed another ordinance to buy another vehicle from Jay Buick, a 2018 4x4 GMC pickup for the Service Department, for \$30,204.66. "These are GM Fleet Bid Assist prices that we are getting," Mallis explained.

Opt-in ordinance prompted by lawsuit

Another ordinance that was passed at last week's meeting was prompted by a lawsuit between numerous municipalities in the state of Ohio and the state tax commissioner, in which the cities had challenged the constitutionality of House Bill 49 and the state's collection of the municipal net profits tax.

Law Director John Montello stated, "This is the result

of a lawsuit decided by trial court that we are required to follow the state law regarding income tax collection. We're presently involved in a lawsuit along with a number of communities and we've appealed that decision, but so far the appeal has been unsuccessful."

Finance Director Frank Gambosi added, "We have to abide by passing their legislation and adding that to our ordinance that allows them to collect our taxes. Otherwise, we would be in for a situation where we wouldn't have a tax ability... At this point, I ask council to approve this... and we will continue our efforts towards appeals in regards to this matter."

Other legislation

Council passed an ordinance to approve a contract with the city's firefighters, Local 1683, with the terms in effect retroactive to January 2018.

Mallis said the firefighters contract was similar to legislation passed at a previous meeting for a contract with the city's police. "Ultimately we came to an agreement that was very fair on both sides. We've addressed things such as health care provisions... smoking clauses in there similar to the police and adjusting longevity and some other items... I think it's a fair deal and a good deal on both sides."

Also passed was legislation to declare a structure at 401 W. Glendale a nuisance and ordering that it be condemned due to "dangerous, unsafe and insanitary" conditions; a two-year contract with AC Lawncare & Landscaping for tree lawn and lot maintenance in the city on an as-needed basis; and to accept three parcels of land obtained through the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Program (Land Bank) for the city's use.

Council approved a motion to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation regarding Third Sun Solar LLC, representing owner Dick Marcellino of Motorcars Acura/Volvo Arm Performance Group LLC, 18123 Rockside Rd., on a proposal to install a rooftop mount, 411-panel, solar photovoltaic electric energy system.

Also approved was a motion to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation regarding a conceptual approval of Mazda of Bedford/Qua Inc., of Bedford, on a proposal to build an auto dealership for new and used auto sales and service, at part of the Meadowbrook Shopping Center at Rockside and Northfield Roads.

"This is the first step in getting the new dealership up there at Rockside and Northfield, and starting the reclaiming of all that property and making it useful again," Koci said.

Council denied a motion to accept a Board of Zoning Appeals recommendation regarding Byron Greene, 660 Columbus Rd., who was approved by the Planning Commission and council to build a 30' by 40' pole barn garage, and was seeking relief from the codified ordinances for a height regulation variance.

Announcements

City residents who need help on their taxes can visit the city's Tax Department this Saturday, April 14, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. for assistance.

The city's chipper service is expected to start up again this month, and residents who have debris that needs to get picked up can contact the city's service department.

A Shred Day will be held from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, May 19, in the City Hall parking lot for residents.

The Ohio Department of Transportation has informed the city that repairs and maintenance of the Northfield Road Bridge is now the city's responsibility, and since Bedford had neither the resources nor the manpower, Mallis said he would continue trying to appeal that decision.

Koci addressed comments made on a Facebook page dealing with issues in Bedford from residents who were concerned that an American flag on Public Square appeared to be at half mast. He explained that due to trees near the flagpole, the flag was lowered about 10 feet to avoid it becoming snagged and damaged by branches.

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Maple Hts. Council approves Beverly water main replacement project

By Judith Goldsworth

A water main replacement project for Beverly Avenue, in the Warrensville Center-Libby Road area of the city, was approved by Maple Heights Council at its meeting last week.

A resolution authorizing Mayor Annette Blackwell to enter into a contract with S.E.T. Inc. to replace the water main on the street, from Mayville Avenue to Auburn Avenue, was okayed at a cost of \$295,598.56.

In March of last year City Engineer Ed Hren applied to the Cleveland Division of Water to fund the water main replacement project, under the Suburban Water Main Renewal program. The city was then awarded \$492,734 from the water department, and in July council passed a resolution for Hren to begin preparing plans and specs and to go out for bids.

Last month, the seven bids submitted to the city were opened and Hren determined that S.E.T. had submitted the lowest and best bid.

Hren said the earliest start date for the project would be April, 2018, and the project would be completed in 90 days. Because of the close proximity of Beverly Avenue to Milkovich Middle School, Hren will coordinate the project start date with the contractor to work around the Maple Heights City School District schedule.

Council also passed a resolution authorizing Maple Heights officials to sell the city's Vac-Con (vacuum)

truck to Best Equipment for \$100,000.

Officials have recommended that the city sell the truck "because it is obsolete and not needed for any public purpose, and placed the Vac-Con truck for sale on the public bid site, eGov.com, without receiving any successful bids."

Best Equipment wanted to buy the truck for the \$100,000 purchase price, "plus providing the city with \$20,000 worth of equipment which can be utilized on the city's street sweeper, including new brushes and vacuum attachments," according to the legislation.

Grass cutting, rental regs addressed

Two ordinances concerning property owners in the city were on the agenda at last week's meeting, one concerning notice to cut weeds and grass six inches or higher, the other regarding renewal of rental registrations and tenant licenses.

Council passed the grass cutting ordinance, which reduces the time period for abating the nuisance, from five days to two days. Property owners will receive a written notice from the city for the first violation in a calendar year, and subsequent violations "need no further notice" to get the grass cut within the two-day time period.

"The notice shall conspicuously state that failure to comply will result in the city causing the work to be done, and the costs to be assessed against the property,"

the legislation states.

Placed on first reading was the registration/license ordinance, which would amend existing legislation that currently requires landlords to renew rental registrations and tenant rental licenses upon a change in tenant and ownership of the property.

Under the proposed ordinance, Councilwoman Sharri Thomas has recommended that the renewals and payment of fees be on an annual basis, even if there has been no change in ownership or tenancy from the previous payment. The renewals and licenses would not be transferable, meaning that a new owner would have to pay the fees, even if the previous owner had already paid the fees for that calendar year.

Other legislation passed

A resolution designating April 2018 as "World Autism Month" in the city was passed by council at last week's meeting. It was noted in the legislation that autism is "the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States, affecting more than three million people, is an urgent public health crisis that demands a national response."

An estimated 38,858 children with autism reside in the state of Ohio alone, according to information provided by the city. Maple Heights was participating in the observance of Autism Awareness Month and World Autism Awareness Day "in the hope that it will lead to a better understanding of this disorder."

Also passed was a resolution designating April 2018 as "Fair Housing Month" in the city, as April 11, 2018 marked the 50th anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act of the Civil Rights Act of 1968.

Maple Heights has adopted its own Fair Housing chapter within its codified ordinances, prohibiting discrimination in housing, the legislation states, and will begin a year-long commemoration of the Fair Housing Act, calling upon officials and residents to recognize the celebration of this milestone throughout the year.

Council also passed legislation to change the regular meeting schedule of its meetings, normally held twice a month, to one meeting a month during the summer. Meetings will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6, Thursday, July 5, and Wednesday, August 1, at the Maple Heights Senior Center, 15901 Libby Rd.

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Alternative school administrator accused of sexual misconduct

Courtney Alfred, an administrator at a Bedford alternative school, is being accused of having an inappropriate relationship with a student, according to Bedford Police Chief Rick Suts.



Courtney Alfred

The complainant is alleging that he had a sexual affair with Alfred, 39, of Northfield, that began when he was 17, during the 2016-17 school year, according to Suts.

"He had text messages that he claimed were from her discussing sexual encounters. He also had a clip of a white female and a black male engaged in sexual intercourse. He tells us it is him having sex with her," said Suts.

Suts said the female in the video had a tattoo on her back and police obtained a search warrant to look at the tattoo. Suts said it matched the tattoo from the video clip. Alfred was arrested March 28th and is being charged with sexual battery, according to court records.

around the country host volunteer cleanups to honor Earth Day. Find one in your area or organize your own: gather some friends, some sturdy garbage bags and pairs of work gloves, and head out to a park or the shore of a local waterway for a cleanup.

2. Enjoy nature. Get outside and enjoy nature. Even if you aren't an experienced hiker, there are plenty of tools to make getting outdoors easy, such as wearable tech, which can support your adventure. One option is Casio's ProTrek PRW3510Y-8, which has triple sensor technology, including a compass, thermometer, altimeter and barometer, allowing you to track your surroundings as you explore them. Featuring Tough Solar Power, it can be charged by sunlight or florescent light, making it an eco-friendly choice.

3. Plant a tree. Trees provide shade and food for people and a habitat for birds and other wildlife. What's more, they produce oxygen for people to inhale, as well as sequester CO2. Trees also reduce polluting runoff by intercepting water. In short, we need trees! Celebrate Earth Day by planting one. Each year, you can watch it mature and grow.

4. Reduce waste. The land and ocean have become saturated with plastics and other trash. Get into the habit of reducing waste by recycling and reusing items as much as possible. Take a look at the footprint you create with your plastic consumption and find ways to improve your habits. Bring a reusable bag to the grocery store. Buying a drink? Don't use a straw. Getting take-out? Ask the restaurant to hold the plastic silverware.

5. Update your technologies. Outdated tech often contains harmful elements that can hurt the environment, such as lead paint or mercury. Check out newer models that meet international standards like The Minamata Convention on Mercury. For example, Casio Lampfree Projectors combine a laser, a fluorescent element and LED light to deliver a hybrid light source that lasts up to 20,000 hours while sustaining a high brightness.

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This Earth Day, celebrate a healthy planet with environmental stewardship at-home and in your community. (StatePoint)

AARP Chapter 4164 to meet

Garfield Heights AARP Chapter 4164 will meet Friday, April 13, at 1:30 p.m. at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. Bingo will be played after the meeting. New members welcome.



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Death Notices

GENEVIEVE P. JEFFRIES (nee Enberg), 96, of Garfield Heights, passed away April 8th.



She was the beloved wife of the late Alfred; loving mother of Jerry (deceased) (Louise), Dolores Goe (Sonny), Terry (Debra) and Gregory (Denise); devoted grandmother and great-grandmother of many; dear sister of Mae Zaremsky, Janora Disman, Sally Mickey, Dolores DiGrandi and the following deceased: Jack, Dorothy Brown, Ruth Mitchell and Otto; cherished aunt and great-aunt of many.

Friends may call at Golubski Deliberato Funeral Home, 4747 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights, at the corner of Garfield Blvd., for visitation on Monday, April 23, from 4-8 p.m. Funeral service and interment private. Online condolences may be submitted at www.GDFH.net.

HELEN A. CALA (nee Harris), 90, of Bedford, passed away on April 8th.

She was the beloved wife of Charles; loving mother of Sandra Weber (Richard), Charlene Devoy (Mike), and Leo (Joyce); grandmother of nine; great-grandmother of 14; great-great-grandmother of one; dear sister of Nick Harris (deceased) (Stella), and Tessie Lewis (Alex, deceased).

Arrangements were handled by Ferfolia Funeral Home, interment in All Saints Cemetery.

ANTHONY C. MALEE, 80, of Maple Heights, passed away on April 3rd.

He was the beloved husband of the late Caroline (nee Zimmerman); loving father of Mary Garaja (John), and Alice Wyatt (Andrew); cherished grandfather of Jeremy, Amanda, Alex and Andrew; dear brother of the late John, Joe, Richard, Gene, Tom, Bernie, Alice and Florence.

Arrangements were handled by Ferfolia Funeral Home.

WILLIAM "BILL" STARCHER, JR., 73, of Bedford, passed away on April 2nd.

He was the beloved partner of Jackie; loving father of Debra, Cathy Fees (David); treasured grandfather of Brandon, Shelby, Wayne, Jr., Haylee, Alexa and John; dear son of the late William and Amie; adored brother of Chuck (the late Carol) and the late Lucille; caring

uncle of Ron (Gina) and Rick (Janie); great-uncle and friend of many.

Billy was a proud Vietnam Special Forces Army veteran. Arrangements were handled by Ferfolia Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made in his name to a charity of your choice.

Donations sought for Literacy Through the Arts program

Literacy Through the Arts, in collaboration with Women of Faith, will host a Rummage Sale, with hotdogs and homemade bakery also for sale, to help raise funds for the Literacy Through the Arts six-week summer arts and education program and after-school tutoring program for children.

The sale will be held on Friday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, May 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Jones Road Chapel, 8000 Jones Rd., Cleveland.

The community is asked to help by donating money, gently used and salable items or donating food or bakery to the kitchen for the Rummage Sale event. Checks can be made payable to Jones Road Family Development and sent to Jones Road Chapel. To schedule a donation drop-off appointment email bernice381@att.net or bring donations to Jones Road Chapel on Sundays between noon and 1 p.m.

Both programs serve around 200 children. They provide jobs for over 20 teenagers to serve as counselors and tutors and have hired some of the best teachers in the city of Cleveland. Sites of the programs include Jones Road Chapel, Fullerton School, Cleveland Central Catholic and the Boys and Girls Club.

Poll workers wanted for May 8th primary election

The Board of Elections is now hiring election officials (poll workers) to assist voters on Election Day. Election Officials can earn up to \$200.

People who are interested in being an election official are being asked to apply as soon as possible to allow time for processing and training. Applicants may apply on-line at www.443VOTE.com or call the Election Officials Department at 216-443-3277 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

Election officials provide a variety of services on Election Day. They are needed to check-in voters, issue ballots and offer assistance to people who may have questions about casting their ballots.

Local students send cards of encouragement to Florida school shooting survivors



Chardae Brown

February 14th school shooting, asked students all over the country for hand-written cards via Facebook. These words of encouragement were placed on the desks of students on their first day back to class.

Eighth grade students at Holy Name Elementary School in Slavic Village, like Chardae Brown, recently sent hand-written notes of encouragement to students at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. Diane Rogers, a teacher at the Florida high school where students and staff are mourning the loss of 17 people killed during the

Local Community Gardens meetings set this month

Spring has sprung and it's time to start planning for the gardening season in these local neighborhoods:

Maple Heights

Join the Maple Heights Community Garden planning meeting on Thursday, April 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the Lutheran Church of the Covenant, 19000 Libby Rd. (enter from the back parking lot).

Garden plots are available for spring planting! For more information call 216-475-4711.

Garfield Heights

Garfield Heights offers residents the opportunity to garden at one of three community locations.

Gardeners can attend one of two Community Garden meetings scheduled for 6 p.m., Monday, April 23, or 6 p.m., Monday, April 30, at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd.

For information about the Community Garden program or the upcoming meetings, call Karyn Anandel at 216-475-5384 or e-mail her at kandel@garfieldhts.org.

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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.

Win two tickets to the Thursday, April 12, fundraising event "Food, Drinks and Wine Glass Clinks" at 689 Broadway Ave., Bedford, at 5 p.m., to benefit The Treehouse, a new nonprofit center that provides developmental play groups for all children. Deadline to enter is today at 5 p.m.

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!

CHHS Students of the Month



Anna Umphrey **Andrew Rakityan** **Casi Greenfield** **David Stankiewicz**

Cuyahoga Heights High School has named the Students of the Month for March. They are: Anna Umphrey (9th grade); Andrew Rakityan (10th grade); Casi Greenfield (11th grade); David Stankiewicz (12th grade).

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

Adults not being charged in Cleveland 'kidnapping' case; teens charged with RSP

The Cuyahoga County and City Prosecutor's offices have decided no felony or misdemeanor charges will be filed against the three adults involved in the Cleveland "kidnapping" case last month, according to Fox 8 News.

It was reported that the adults put three 14-year-olds into the trunk of their car and took them to Cleveland's Fourth District Police headquarters after the teens allegedly stole a vehicle from one of the adults who pursued them. The theft occurred at a gas station in Garfield Heights.

The teens involved in the alleged theft of the vehicle will face receiving stolen property charges through the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court, according to Fox 8 News.

G.H. Rec Center celebrates 50th annual Ice Show

The Dan Kostel Recreation Center in Garfield Heights held its 50th Annual Ice Show titled "Fifty Years of Fabulous" on Saturday and Sunday, April 7 and 8.

Congratulations to this year's Mayor's Trophy Award winner Makenzie Gray, and winner of the 2018 Betty Bosell Outstanding Skater Award Taylor Olszko.

Skaters from the tiniest tots to high school seniors, alumni skaters and the Goldenettes Adult Syncho team all participated in the show, as well as Garfield Heights resident, National medalist and 2018 Olympic tryout Katie McBeath.

The atmosphere at the recreation center was one big celebration. There were over 300 people in the crowd at both shows and so many alumni dusted off their skates and performed on the ice.

Former Head Skating Professional Betty Bosell is credited with starting the figure skating program in Garfield Heights in 1968. Trends have changed considerably over the past 50 years, but the Rec continues to carry on the legacy Miss Betty started. One thing that hasn't changed is the passion for ice skating that current Head Skating Professional Holly Gray possesses.

Holly began as a tot in the Garfield Heights program, and she and her staff continue to coordinate a program that is among the best in Northeast Ohio, one that influences the lives of numerous children. Holly is also active in her adult life with skating, competing and touring with the Goldenettes Synchro Team, winning numerous awards and trophies while single handedly raising her three children, Makenzie, Jay and Bo.

Congratulations to Holly, whose daughter Makenzie was the proud recipient of this year's Mayor's Trophy Award. Holly (nee Migchelbrink) was the proud recipient in 1989!

Makenzie ("Kenzie") is an eighth grade honor student in the Brecksville Public Schools. She has been skating since she was 18 months old and this was the seventh ice show she's participated in. When not on the ice, Kenzie enjoys reading, hanging out with friends and family, drawing and running. Her goal is to pass all of her USFSA tests for skating by the time she is a senior in high school.



The Dan Kostel Recreation Center in Garfield Heights celebrated its 50th annual ice show last weekend. Shown above, from left, is Pam Olszko, daughter Taylor Olszko (Betty Bosell Outstanding Skater winner), Holly Gray, and daughter Makenzie Gray (2018 Mayor's Trophy winner).

Congratulations also to Rec Center skating instructor Pam Olszko (Makowski) whose daughter, Taylor, was awarded the Outstanding Skater Award. Pam was one of the city's first Mayor's Trophy recipients back in 1982! Taylor was also awarded the Mayor's Trophy in 2014.

Taylor is now 14 years old and started skating at age three. She is currently a freshman at Nordonia High School. When not skating, Taylor is involved in cheerleading and plays fast pitch softball. Taylor is coached by Sally Tasca and dreams of someday skating with "Disney on Ice" and in the Olympics.

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Enjoy these spring-time recipes!

The following recipes from foodnetwork.com use spring-time veggies in delicious ways and still bring comfort on chilly April days! We'd love to publish your recipes, too. Email them to nnews1923@aol.com.

Tilapia with Green Beans

2 Tbsp. all-purpose flour
2 tsp. chopped fresh oregano, plus more for garnish
2 Tbsp. chopped fresh parsley
Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
4 6-oz. tilapia fillets
4 Tbsp. unsalted butter
½ pound thin green beans or haricots verts
1 clove garlic, chopped
1 cup grape or cherry tomatoes, halved
Juice of 1 lemon

Combine the flour, oregano and parsley in a shallow dish. Season with salt and pepper. Place a large skillet over medium-high heat. Dredge the fish in the flour mixture, shaking off the excess. Melt 3 tablespoons butter in the skillet, then add 2 fillets and cook until golden brown on the bottom, about 4 minutes. Flip and cook through, 1 to 2 more minutes. Transfer to a plate and keep warm. Repeat with the remaining 2 fillets. Add the green beans and garlic to the skillet and cook about 2 minutes. Season with salt and pepper, then add the tomatoes and cook until just

softened, about 1 more minute. Stir in the lemon juice and ¼ cup water, then cover and cook until the beans are tender, about 3 more minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in the remaining 1 tablespoon butter until just melted. Divide the fish and vegetables among plates. Garnish with oregano.

Pasta Primavera

Kosher salt
12 oz. fusilli or other corkscrew pasta
½ pound sugar snap peas, halved lengthwise, or broccoli florets (or a combination)
2 carrots, shredded
1 yellow bell pepper, cut into thin strips
¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for drizzling
4 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved
¼ to ½ tsp. red pepper flakes
½ cup roughly chopped fresh mint
½ cup grated parmesan cheese
4 oz. goat cheese, crumbled

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the fusilli and cook as the label directs. Add the sugar snap peas and/or broccoli, carrots and bell pepper to the boiling water during the last 2 minutes of cooking. Reserve ½ cup cooking water, then drain the pasta and vegetables and return to the pot.

Meanwhile, heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the garlic and cook until just golden, about 30 seconds. Add the tomatoes, red pepper flakes and 1 teaspoon salt; cook until the tomatoes begin to wilt, about 2 minutes. Stir in ¼ cup of the reserved cooking water. Pour the tomato mixture over the pasta and vegetables. Add the mint, parmesan and half the goat cheese and toss to combine. Season with salt.

Divide the pasta among bowls. Top with the remaining goat cheese and drizzle with olive oil.

CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS NOTICE OF CIVIL SERVICE CADET POLICE OFFICER EXAMINATION SALARY: \$46,965.40 (\$62,887.72 after 2 years)

The Maple Heights Civil Service Commission will conduct a written examination for this position on **May 8th, 2018 at the Maple Heights High School located at 1 Mustang Way, Maple Heights, Ohio, 44137 in the Cafeteria.** Applicants may arrive at 6 p.m. and the testing will begin at 7 p.m.

Applications will be available at the Maple Heights City Hall, Human Resources at 5353 Lee Rd., Maple Hts., OH 44137 from 9:00-4:00 P.M. and at the Police Station, 5353 Lee Rd., 24/7.

Completed applications must be returned to Human Resources by Friday, May 4th, 2018 at 4:00 P.M. Applicants must be at least **20 years of age by the date of exam** and be 21 years of age by the date of their appointment. Applicants must be a **High School graduate** or have a GED equivalent. For I.D. purposes, applicants must have a valid Ohio Driver's License to enter the testing site. Also a copy of Form DD214 (Long Form) is necessary to obtain Veteran's credit if applicable. All applications must be fully completed with the required four documents and hand delivered to the Department of Human Resources by **May 4th, 2018** and will be date/time stamped. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. General information Sheets, with additional requirements & extra credits are available at no cost. A \$20.00 NON-REFUNDABLE CASH FEE IS REQUIRED FOR EACH APPLICATION. FEE IS WAIVED WITH PROOF OF RESIDENCY. By Order of the Maple Heights Civil Service Commission: Linda Smith-Peterson, Chairwoman. EOE

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April 11, 2018



Village of Newburgh Heights
Building Department
3801 Harvard Ave.
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NOTICE FOR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

The Village of Newburgh Hts. Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 6:30pm. The meeting will be held at Village Hall, Council Chambers, located at 3801 Harvard Avenue in the Village of Newburgh Heights, Ohio.

- I. Public Hearing for the purpose of re-zoning the following parcels: 511-12-033 (4201 Harvard Avenue), 511-12-010 (4209 Harvard Avenue), 511-12-029 (4401 Harvard Avenue), 511-12-030 (4303 Harvard Avenue), 511-12-032 (4209 Harvard Avenue), and 511-12-033 (4201 Harvard Avenue) from "Commercial" to "Mixed-Use District,"
- II. Review or Approve Site Plan for the proposed development at: 511-12-033 (4201 Harvard Avenue), 511-12-010 (4209 Harvard Avenue), 511-12-029 (4401 Harvard Avenue), 511-12-030 (4303 Harvard), 511-12-032 (4209 Harvard Avenue), and 511-12-033 (4201 Harvard Avenue),
- III. Action regarding site plan and re-zoning

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Community police reports

By Amber Weisbarth

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

CLEVELAND

An employee of the Boost Mobile store at 6630 Broadway Ave. told police a man came into the store on April 7th, around 2:55 p.m., pulled out a gun and demanded money from the cash register.

The employee said the man came behind the counter, pointed the gun at the register and told him to give him the money. He then said, "Sorry, desperate times call for desperate measures." The man then pointed the gun at the employee, led him to a back room and demanded cell phones be put into his bag. The suspect then walked out of the store in an unknown direction.

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Drug Abuse

On April 6th, around 3:50 a.m., police saw a vehicle travelling on Broadway Ave., and after running its registration, learned the owner of the vehicle had an expired driver's license. The officer pulled the car over at Henry Street and spoke to the driver and passenger, a woman and man, who were uncooperative with police

and gave false names and Social Security numbers, leaving police unable to properly identify them.

After being warned that she would be arrested for obstructing official business, the woman again gave officers a false name and she was arrested. As she was being handcuffed, she finally gave police her real name, and officers learned she had several open suspensions. The passenger was also eventually identified and officers learned he had active warrants with Strongsville PD and the Adult Parole Authority. He was also arrested.

Inside the car, police found a drug "kit" containing 10 syringes, a burnt spoon with drug residue and a substance police believed to be crack cocaine.

The woman, 34, of Cleveland, was charged with driving under suspension, possession of drugs and drug abuse instruments and resisting arrest, among others, and was held on an \$8500 bond. The passenger, 36, of Lakewood, was charged with obstruction of official business and held on a \$3500 bond.

Shots Fired

A man called police around 3:20 a.m. on April 8th and said someone had shot at and damaged his vehicle while he was leaving the parking lot at Futures Bar on Turney Rd.

He and a front seat passenger said they were pulling out of the lot around 3 a.m. when they heard two gunshots that hit their rental car. They were not injured. Police then found one bullet hole in the bottom of the driver's side door and the front left tire was flat. Inside the car police found one spent casing. No evidence was found at the bar. The pair said they did not know who shot at them and said they had no problems with anyone while at the bar. Police continue to investigate.

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Disturbance

On April 7th, around 7:10 p.m., an employee of Villa on Libby Rd. called police and said two males were fighting with a security guard and trying to take his gun. The employee described the suspects to dispatch and said they were leaving the scene on foot towards Home Depot. When police arrived in the area they saw the suspects walking at Libby and Prayner roads and arrested them. One of the males was bleeding from the face and was taken to an area hospital to be treated. Dispatch notes said one of the males was also in possession of marijuana and was cited.

Gunshots

On March 31st, around 2:50 p.m., a resident called police saying 4-5 gunshots were heard near the old school in the Raymond St. vicinity. The caller said at least three males had been involved and one of them was wearing red pants. Dispatch relayed to police that the suspects were running eastbound and hopping fences from Homewood and Camden rds. In the 5200 block of Camden Rd. police arrested a male wearing red pants. A loaded handgun was also found on Camden Rd.

Weapon Involved Incident

A man called police on April 3rd, around 4:10 p.m., and said he had just been shot in the arm while on Stockton Ave. and the suspects fled on foot. A resident of the 19200 block also called police and said a bullet went through her home. The Garfield Heights K9 Unit was called to track the suspects but dispatch notes did not indicate whether or not any arrests were made.

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Judges Perk, Pianka to be inducted into International Hall of Fame

Retired Judge Ralph Perk, Jr. and the late Judge Raymond Pianka will be inducted into the Cleveland International Hall of Fame in a dinner ceremony in the Grand Ballroom of the Marriott at Key Center downtown on April 17th.

Ralph Perk, Jr., of Czech and Italian heritage, was born during World War II in Cleveland, Ohio as the eldest son to Lucy (Gagliardi) and Mayor Emeritus Ralph Perk.



Judge Perk

Perk started his public service career in November 1967 as the youngest elected Cleveland city councilman at that time. He was re-elected four times and served five terms from the area now known as Slavic Village. In 1983, he was elected to the Cleveland Board of Education and reelected in 1987. He served as president of the board in 1985 and 1989.

In early 1991, Perk was appointed to the Cleveland Municipal Court by then Governor George V. Voinovich. Judge Perk retained his judicial seat in the 1991 election and was reelected in 1997. He served 13 years as judge and retired in January 2004.

He is a member of many nationality organizations while currently serving as president of the American Nationalities Movement since 2011.

Judge Perk will be inducted by Councilwoman Mary Rose Oakar.

"Dla chcacego nic trudnego" is Polish for "Where there's a will, there's a way." Judge Raymond L. Pianka, of Polish heritage, often quoted this Polish phrase when explaining how he was able to accomplish so much for the people of his Cleveland neighborhood, other city neighborhoods, as well as his city.

Pianka was always about public service. The author Alex Kotlowitz described him as "humble, a student of history, courageous, empathetic, filled with a (sometimes corny) sense of humor and directed by the belief that life ought to be fair."

Pianka first ran for Cleveland City Council in 1985 because he felt that his west side neighborhood wasn't getting the service it needed. Pianka was a long-shot candidate running against a well-known incumbent, but he ended up winning the race.

As a councilman he championed neighborhood development and sought innovative ways to help the community. He also worked to strengthen the city's building and housing codes and increased funding for building inspections.

Pianka was first elected to the Cleveland Housing Court in 1995. As judge, Pianka implemented numerous innovative programs to help people comply with Cleveland's building, housing, and health codes. These programs included requiring negligent landowners to pay neighbors for the blight their properties caused and imposing daily fines on landowners who didn't show up in his courtroom for housing code violations.

Often when homeowners who might be on the cusp of foreclosure or struggling to pay health care bills or needing a job, ended up in front of him, Judge Pianka just wanted to know what got them there — and what he and the city could do to help get them back on their feet. He and his court staff worked with the homeowner to get the violations corrected as well as get stabilized in other areas.

Pianka will be inducted by Ward 12 Councilman Anthony Brancatelli.

These hometown heroes are among four others being inducted, including Sister Alicia Alvarado (of Puerto Rican heritage), Sheila Murphy Crawford (of Irish heritage), Dr. Atul Mehta (of Indian heritage) and Abdullah (Abby) Mina (of Lebanese heritage).



Judge Pianka

Woman's Club meets today

The Garfield Heights Woman's Club will meet today, Wednesday, April 11, at 6:30 p.m. at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd., for its general meeting and games. Refreshments will be served. New members are welcome. Call President Debra Sarnowski for more information at 216-587-0083.

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