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## Third man charged in 2017 Broadway gas station murder

Jahil Hardwick, a 26-year-old Cleveland resident, is the third man to be charged in connection with the aggravated murder of Elante Johnson in April 2017 at a gas station in Slavic Village, according to court records.

Two others were recently convicted of aggravated murder in the shooting, Damon Chapman, Jr., 24, and Marquez Williams, 27, both Cleveland residents.

Johnson, 21, also of Cleveland, was fatally shot at Speedy's gas station in the 6200 block of Broadway Avenue in Slavic Village on April 9, 2017, around 3 p.m. He was found lying on the ground on Morton Avenue with multiple gunshot wounds to the chest, abdomen and right forearm, hand and knee area. He was still conscious and breathing as officers administered first aid. EMS then took him to MetroHealth Medical Center where he died.

On May 29th, Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court Judge Sherrie Miday sentenced Chapman to 33 years to life and Williams to 26 years to life, to be served at Lorain Correctional Institution.

## Helen Krusinski passes away



Helen Krusinski (nee Lewanski), the owner/proprietor of Krusinski's Finest Meats in Slavic Village for over 65 years, passed away at age 90.

She was the beloved wife of the late John. Dearest mother of John (Valentina) and Claire Hach (Edward). Loving grandma, great-grandma and dear aunt of many. Her sisters are all deceased.

Helen was raised on the east side of Cleveland in the Ansel Road area, attended John Hay High School and moved to the Broadway area after her marriage to John.

Together they opened a grocery store at Heisley Avenue and East 63rd Street, which operated under several different names until it became Krusinski's Finest Meats.

Arrangements were

handled by Fortuna Funeral Home and a Mass of Christian Burial was held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Interment in St. Mary's Cemetery.

## Iron Ward Music Festival to salute 'The Sax Man'

Slavic Village's long-running summer music series returns next Monday, June 11, at 7 p.m., at Dan Kane Park, corner of East 65th and Kenyon Ave., with a performance celebrating the life of the late Maurice Reedus, Jr., Cleveland's "Sax Man," who filled the streets of downtown Cleveland for many years with live and often original music. Concerts are free and open to all residents and friends of Slavic Village.

Bruce Koscheck will bring his tenor- and alto-saxophones to entertain the audience with a smooth blend of jazz, blues and pop standards, courtesy of the Cleveland Federation of Musicians Local #4.

On Monday, the festival will also recall Helen Krusinski, longtime Slavic Village merchant and loyal Iron Ward fan, who died last week at the age of 90.

This year the festival will introduce a new feature called "News of the Week," which will take place during the traditional intermission and will review recent and upcoming events in the neighborhood and city. It'll be interactive, inviting members of the audience to share their birthdays, anniversaries, personal and organizational announcements, and ideas for making the neighborhood a better place.

This Saturday, June 9, weather permitting from 9-11 a.m., festival organizers invite supporters to come to Dan Kane Park to help spruce it up for the season opener. Volunteers are asked to bring lightweight garden tools to help in the quick cleanup.

## Garfield Heights chosen by state for medical marijuana dispensary site

Garfield Heights has been chosen by the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy as one of 56 sites in the state that will be issued a provisional dispensary license for medical marijuana, according to a press release issued by the board.

Four other sites in Cuyahoga County were awarded dispensary licenses, two in Cleveland and two in Lakewood.

The site in Garfield Heights is listed as CannaMed Therapeutics LLC, 10500 Antenucci Blvd., Suite 200.

CanniMed Therapeutics Inc. (CMED) is a Canadian-based, international plant biopharmaceutical company and a leader in the Canadian medical cannabis industry, according to its website. In addition, CMED has an active plant biotechnology research and product development program focused on the production of plant-based materials for pharmaceutical, agricultural and environmental applications.

Provisional license holders can now establish dispensaries in compliance with program rules. All provisional license holders have six months to demonstrate compliance by completing a successful on-site inspection by Board of Pharmacy agents.

Once a dispensary is awarded a certificate of operation, it can begin to sell medical marijuana to Ohio patients and caregivers in accordance with Ohio laws and rules.

## SE Kiwanis awards scholarships to CCC Key Clubbers

The Kiwanis Club of South East Cleveland held its first Key Club scholarship presentation last Wednesday, May 23, at Cleveland Central Catholic High School in Slavic Village. Key Club is a service organization for high schoolers under the Kiwanis umbrella.

CCC senior and Key Club member Ashley Hopkins was chosen as the Kiwanis scholarship winner. She plans to attend Tri-C Metro Campus in the fall and hopes to become a pediatric oncology social worker.

Also presented with a scholarship was CCC senior and Key Club member Eeralle Jones, who will attend Wilberforce University in the fall. Jones was presented with the first-



Shown above is Ashley Hopkins (center), recipient of a scholarship award from the South East Cleveland Kiwanis Club. From left are: Kiwanians Tony Brancatelli and Jerry Seppelt, who is also Kiwanis Key Club advisor; Jennifer Vasquez, CCC Key Club advisor; Ashley Hopkins; and Kiwanians Ellen Psenicka, Dave Thomas and Farai Malianga. Photos by Michael Psenicka

ever James V. Psenicka owner of The Neighborhood Memorial Scholarship, hood News, who passed given by his family to honor away on Memorial Day in the longtime publisher and 2001.



Eeralle Jones (center) was awarded the first-ever James V. Psenicka Memorial Scholarship. He is shown being congratulated by Kiwanians Ellen Psenicka, at left, and SE Kiwanis President Jerry Seppelt.



# Newburgh Hts. seeks to fill council vacancy

With the recent death of Newburgh Heights Councilman Robert E. Schipping, village officials are seeking to fill the vacancy on council for the term ending December 31, 2019.

Letters of Interest in the position along with a resume are being accepted until Friday, June 15. Interviews will be conducted in executive session at the regular council meeting on Tuesday, June 19. For more information, see the Legal Notice on Page 8 of this newspaper.

Newburgh Heights Council met in regular session on May 15, and passed the following legislation:

- Establishing a Community Reinvestment Area in the village, designating a housing officer to administer the program and creating a Community Reinvestment Housing Council and a Tax Incentive Review Council.
- Agreement with OHM Advisors to conduct a Burke Brook Neighborhood Connector Study.
- Authorizing the fiscal officer to transfer \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Fire Department Fund.
- Approved the transfer of funds to the Newburgh Heights Community Improvement Corporation to purchase property at 4011 Harvard Ave., at a cost not to exceed \$80,000.

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• Approved tree maintenance and removal by Stan's Tree Service at a cost not to exceed \$20,750.

Mayor Trevor Elkins noted at the May 15 meeting that applications for the village's Home Maintenance Grant Program will be available within the next couple of weeks.

He also said that after a number of inquiries by residents in the Duck Town area of the village, plans are being made to hire Partners Environmental to conduct an air study to investigate the white soot sticking to cars, as well as other issues. Elkins said he expects council to provide guidance on what exactly residents would like the company to investigate.

Elkins noted that the village's emergency services are continuing to evaluate its dispatch situation with Cuyahoga Heights. He said Cuyahoga Heights dispatch may be joining the bigger group which includes Independence and operates out of Brecksville.

Fire Chief Brian Higginbotham said hydrant flushing will take place in a single day on June 12, with a planned rain date of June 14. Signs will be placed alerting residents prior to the day.

# Place for moms, babies Maggie's Place relocating to St. Monica Church

Maggie's Place Ohio, which has operated the Zechariah House since 2009 in Parma, has relocated to the grounds of St. Monica Parish on Rockside Road in Garfield Heights. The new, more centralized location allows Maggie's Place to serve more mothers and babies and provide a support system.

An Open House will be held Sunday, June 10, from 2-5 p.m., at The Zechariah House, 13623 Rockside Rd., Garfield Heights. Contact Erin Hathaway to RSVP: [erinhathaway@maggiesplace.org](mailto:erinhathaway@maggiesplace.org).

Volunteers are needed to help in the day-to-day operations such as assisting with meals, house coverage, babysitting and lending a helping hand when needed. For volunteer opportunities contact Erin Hathaway. For more information contact Laura Magruder, CEO, at [lmagruder@maggiesplace.org](mailto:lmagruder@maggiesplace.org). Maggie's Place provides for the immediate physical and emotional needs of pregnant or parenting women and babies including shelter, food, clothing and a supportive community. In addition, Maggie's

Place connects them to the appropriate agencies and resources including prenatal care, health insurance, low-cost housing and education programs.

Women can join the Maggie's Place community at any point in their pregnancy and stay until the child is nine months old (and sometimes longer depending on circumstance).

Women who are parenting or placing their child with an adoptive family are welcome. They must be at least 18-years-old but the organization is not able to house women with other dependent children in their care.

## AARP news

### Chapter #4164

The Garfield Heights AARP Chapter 4164 will meet Friday, June 8, at 1:30 p.m. at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. Tickets for the August 10th summer picnic will be sold, and bingo will be played after the meeting. New members always welcome.

## Charged with murdering aunt

A 16-year-old Shaker Heights boy has been charged with the murder of his aunt in Garfield Heights in Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court, according to Garfield Heights Police Department's Lt. Robert Petrick.

Petrick said that on January 8, 2018, GHPD began investigating a homicide at 11804 Crofton Rd. where the victim, Nicole Thorpe, had been killed by a single gunshot wound to her head. On Monday, her 16-year-old nephew was charged with her murder, according to Petrick.

Petrick said forensic evidence led to the teen's arrest. His trial date has not yet been set.

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- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- ½ tsp. dried thyme
- ½ tsp. dried oregano
- ¼ tsp. dried rosemary
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper, to taste
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 2 Tbsp. chopped fresh parsley leaves

In a medium bowl, whisk together balsamic vinegar, lemon juice, olive oil, Dijon, brown sugar, Worcestershire, garlic, thyme, oregano and rosemary; season chicken with salt and pepper, to taste. Reserve ¼ cup and set aside.

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and cook, flipping once and basting with reserved ¼ cup marinade until cooked through, about 5-6 minutes on each side. Serve immediately, garnished with parsley, if desired.

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- 4 bell peppers, thinly sliced
- 2 large onions, thinly sliced
- ¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- Chopped fresh parsley, for garnish

Heat grill to high. Cut four sheets of foil about 12" long. Grill sausages until charred, three minutes per side, then divide among foil. Top with peppers and onions and drizzle each with one tablespoon olive oil, then season with salt and pepper. Fold foil packets crosswise over the sausage and peppers mixture to completely cover the food. Roll top and bottom edges to seal closed. Grill until peppers and onions are tender and sausage is cooked, 13 to 15 minutes. Garnish with parsley and serve.

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- Freshly ground black pepper
- 8 wooden skewers

Preheat oven to 400°. On eight wooden skewers, thread cherry tomatoes, bell peppers, mushrooms, pepperoni and basil.

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The latest giveaway is four tickets to see Brian "Head" Welch live, the lead guitarist of KoRn, a multi-platinum band, on Saturday, June 23, at 7 p.m. at the Garfield Heights Performing Arts Center, 4900 Turney Rd. The lead minister of Momentum Church will interview Welch on music, addiction and faith. Deadline to enter drawing is Monday, June 18.

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!

## ODNR reminds Ohioans to be safe this summer

With summer beginning in the Buckeye State, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) wants to remind all outdoor enthusiasts to be safe while enjoying outdoor recreational activities this summer in Ohio.

### On the path:

- Stay on the trail when hiking. It is critical for visitors to remain on the trail while hiking to ensure their safety and protect native species. Visitors should not climb rocks or lean over waterfalls or cliffs. Stay on the trail. Learn which state parks offer hiking trails at parks. Visit [ohiodnr.gov/hiking](http://ohiodnr.gov/hiking).

- Bring water and a high-energy snack. If temperatures are expected to be high be sure to have plenty of water to stay hydrated while hiking. A good snack will help keep hikers energized, especially during longer hikes.

- Dress in layers. Wearing different layers will allow hikers to be comfortable as the temperature fluctuates throughout the day.

- Wear sturdy shoes. Hikers should wear shoes that protect their feet and are appropriate and comfortable for long hikes.

- When hiking alone, check in with others about leaving and returning. Cellphones may not have good reception on the trails so hikers should tell others where

they will be hiking and when they expect to return.

- Plan ahead. Shorter hikes may be ideal opportunities to see different birds or animals so bring a camera, a pair of binoculars and field guides to make your hike even more enjoyable.

### Local hikes

On June 9th, hikers can travel along the canal and Cuyahoga River to the overlook, starting at the Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation's CanalWay Center, 4524 E. 49 St. in Cuyahoga Heights. Stop along the way to discuss who used the valley both now and in the past. The 3-mile paved hike is scheduled from 1-3 p.m.

National Father-Daughter Take a Walk Day is July 7th. Beginning at Bedford Reservation's Hemlock Creek Picnic Area, hikers can explore the nature trails along Tinker's Creek while learning about animal fathers and participating in outdoor activities to enhance father-daughter time together. Walk scheduled from 2-3:30 p.m.

## Open House to show off improvements at Maple Heights Senior Center

Maple Heights Senior Center, 15901 Libby Rd., has undergone a facelift, the first in 35 years, and is holding an Open House next Wednesday, June 13, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. to let everyone come and see the newly completed first floor improvements.

Mayor Annette Blackwell invites residents and friends of Maple Heights to stop by for refreshments and a short program at 6:30 p.m.

Refurbishing includes new dining room carpeting, wood finish laminate flooring, lounge room furniture and new flat screen televisions. The mayor said that after negotiating with Cuyahoga County, the city was able to fund renovations without the use of any city funds.

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# Community Police reports

By Amber Weisbarth

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

## CLEVELAND

### Breaking & Entering

The owner of a shop at 7945 Broadway Ave. told police someone broke in and stole three radios and three saw blades between 12:50 a.m. and 6 a.m. May 31st.

### Drug Paraphernalia

On May 31st, around 7:40 p.m., police were dispatched to a vacant home in the 5900 block of Hosmer Ave. for a report of two males being inside. Officers arrived and found a bike laying near the back door and heard movement in the house, then ordered two males out. Both males complied and came out with their hands raised. One of the males, 36, of Cleveland, admitted he had a crack pipe in his pocket, which police confiscated. He checked clean for warrants and was told he would be a named suspect in a drug paraphernalia police report. The second male, age and residence unknown, had a county warrant for escape dated January 30, 2018 and was taken to County Jail.

## GARFIELD HEIGHTS

### Arson

Police arrested a 14-year-old boy for arson on June 3rd. Police and fire officials were called to a home in the 4700 block of Beechgrove around 3:30 p.m. and spoke to the resident, who said the 14-year-old boy used to live at the residence. She said that when she came home she saw the teen trying to get inside. When questioned, the teen claimed he had been dropped off at the house by his uncle and when he looked inside saw a mattress on fire. He told the resident he was trying to get inside to put the fire out. The woman then attempted to put the fire out with her garden hose.

Police checked the teen's ID through LEADS and found he was entered as a missing/runaway juvenile with GHPD. He also had a warrant through the Juvenile Detention Center. The teen was arrested and taken to City Jail; arson charges are pending through the Youth Bureau.

### Assault

A Maple Heights resident said he ordered food and a beverage from the Taco Bell on Turney Rd. on May 28th, around 8:40 p.m., and when he returned home he took a sip of his drink and immediately felt a burning sensation in his throat. He then smelled the drink, which had a strong odor of a common household cleaning solution. He then went to the Garfield Heights

Police Station with the drink. An officer agreed it smelled like cleaning solution and told the man an officer would follow up at Taco Bell when manpower allowed.

Around 11 p.m. that evening an officer went to Taco Bell and spoke to someone who identified himself as a manager. The manager told the officer he was not allowed in the store. The officer still questioned the manager about the incident to which he said, "Cashier pours the drink and gives it to the customer. Anything else?" Police asked the manager if this could have happened accidentally or intentionally and the manager said, "That's all I know. Bye bye now," and walked away. The victim was told to follow up with the Garfield Heights Law Department.

### Felonious Assault

Police were called to the area of Turney and Hathaway on May 28th, around 11:40 p.m., for a report of gunshots. Witnesses said a man in a black jacket fired two shots then fled through the woods nearby. Witnesses also said a red Kia Soul may have been involved.

When police arrived they found a red Kia Soul parked in a driveway on Sunset and saw a man in a black jacket talking to a female driver. When the man saw police he ran into the house and came back outside a short time later "all sweaty." He was identified as a 19-year-old

resident of the home on Sunset. Police were given consent to search the home for a firearm but did not find one. The 19-year-old told police he threw the gun in the woods when he was running back to his home but police were unable to find it. Officers did find two spent casings on Hathaway Rd. just west of Turney where witnesses said the shooting occurred.

Witnesses told police the man had been driving the Kia and the female had been the passenger. The female had gotten out of the car and the pair began arguing. Witnesses said the man fired two rounds towards the back of the vehicle where the female had been standing then fled on foot.

Police arrested the 19-year-old; he was charged with felonious assault, tampering with evidence and discharging a firearm in city limits.

### Fleeing

On May 30th, around 9:35 p.m., police saw a motorcycle travelling on Garfield Blvd. from Turney Rd. in violation of a few minor traffic and license plate laws. Officers were following the motorcycle as it turned onto Warner Rd. and travelled at various speeds up to 65 miles per hour.

Just as a GHPD lieutenant told officers to terminate

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# Death Notices



**JOANN R. SVIHLIK** (nee Kazak), 65, of Garfield Heights and of Kelleys Island, passed away suddenly on Friday, May 25. Her husband, **DENNIS J. SVIHLIK**, passed away on Sunday, May 27.

She was the loving mother of D.J. Svihlik (Laura), Chris Svihlik (Lara), and Greg Svihlik (Rachael); dear grandma of Benjamin, Katie, Claire, and Johnny; cherished sister of Jim Kazak (Marion, deceased), the late John Kazak (Elaine), and the late Joe Kazak (Judy).

JoAnn loved fishing with her beloved husband Dennis of 41 years. She was an avid Cleveland Indians fan. JoAnn was the backbone of her family and enjoyed being a grandma. She loved to cook traditional family recipes. Holidays with family were JoAnn's most cherished times. Collecting shark's teeth at Myrtle Beach and enjoying Kelleys Island sunsets were some of her happiest moments.

A woman of strong faith, JoAnn will be dearly missed by all who knew her giving spirit.

In 2000, after more than 30 years of service, Dennis retired from the Parma Police Department. He loved hunting, fishing, and making others laugh. He was a devoted father, grandpa and husband. Dennis loved Myrtle Beach family vacations and Kelleys Island sunsets with JoAnn. He will be dearly missed by all who knew his strength.

Arrangements were handled by Busch Funeral Home, and a Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Therese Catholic Church. Interment in Kelleys Island Cemetery.

**KATHLEEN J. "KATHY" CRIMALDI** (nee Andrasak), 64, of Valley View, passed away on May 30th.

She was the beloved wife of Christopher A. "Chris," Sr.; loving mother of Christopher A., Jr. (Beth Septer); dearest grandmother of Isaiah, Roman, and grandma to be to a darling little girl; daughter of the late Eleanor and Victor Andrasak; daughter-in-law of the late Mary Ann and Anthony Crimaldi; dear sister of Victor, Connie Zdanowicz (late David), Mark, and Debbie Seichko (Paul); aunt of many.

Arrangements were handled by Ferfolia Funeral Home and a Mass of Christian Burial to celebrate Kathy's life was held at St. Barnabas Catholic Church. Interment in All Saints Cemetery.



**CAROLE S. BUCKLEY** (nee Shirley), 81, of Garfield Heights, passed away May 29th.

She was the beloved wife of the late Kenneth; loving mother of Thomas (Mary Alice), Karen, Timothy (Janet), Bonnie Pelecky (Wayne), Kenneth R. (Robyn), and Lora McClaine

(Brandan); cherished grandmother of 16 and great-grandmother of four; dearest sister of Kenneth Shirley (deceased), Richard Shirley (deceased), Roberta Widlits (Bill) and Colleen Kissel (Scott); dear aunt and great-aunt of many.

Services were handled by Golubski Deliberato Funeral Home. Interment in Hillcrest Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Cleveland, ATT: Katie Mang (Carole's Team), 23215 Commerce Park Dr., Beachwood, OH 44122, www.alz.org/cleveland. Online condolences may be submitted at www.GDFH.net.

## St. Stan's golden agers meet

The St. Stan's Golden Agers will meet Thursday, June 14, at 11:30 a.m. at the Social Center on Baxter Ave. A light lunch, raffle and games will follow a short meeting.

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Shown left to right are new firefighters Shane McNeilly and Ronald Large, Fire Chief Kenneth R. Strope, Jr., Mayor Vic Collova, new Fire Captain Thomas Nemeth and new Fire Lieutenant David Cost.

## Fire chief, new firefighters sworn in, 2 promoted at Garfield council meeting

By Ellen Psenicka

Garfield Heights Council chambers looked more like a firefighters family reunion at the May 29th council meeting as fire officials and their families were on hand to see Acting Fire Chief Kenneth Strope, Jr. installed as chief, two new firefighters sworn in to the department and two others promoted.

Only two pieces of legislation were on the agenda and subsequently passed, one authorizing the mayor to apply for the Natureworks Grant from the Ohio Department of

Natural Resources, and the other to apply for grant funding from the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Ohio Traffic Safety Office.

In his report to council, Mayor Vic Collova thanked scouts from Troop 137 for cleaning up the area around the Veterans Memorial outside the Civic Center for the Memorial Day observances.

And he had harsh words for residents/landlords who don't cut their grass.

"We now have 860 vacant lots to cut this summer, and we charge \$200 a cut. I'm

thinking of raising it to \$500," he said. "If you don't care how Garfield Heights looks, please leave because we don't want you."

Parks & Recreation Director Bob Dobies said the swimming pool will open this Saturday, June 9, for the season. Daily pool hours will be 1-7 p.m. (weather permitting). Registration for Red Cross Learn to Swim classes will begin on Monday, June 18, for lessons that begin in July. He said signups for baseball are still being taken, with Bedford and Garfield Heights both having two teams each.

## Brian 'Head' Welch of KoRn to speak in G.H.



Brian "Head" Welch, lead guitarist of KoRn, will be interviewed at the Garfield Heights Performing Arts Center, 4900 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights, on Saturday, June 23, at 7 p.m.

Welch is also the frontman of Love and Death and has won multiple Grammys and MTV music awards. The lead minister at Momentum Christian Church will conduct the interview. Welch will discuss music, addiction and faith.

Doors open at 6 p.m. General admission tickets, \$5. Free parking. To register visit [momentum.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/130433](http://momentum.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/130433).

## CHHS 'TOP TWO' GRADS

Welch will do a second live interview (with different content) on Sunday, June 24, at 10:30 a.m. at Momentum Christian Church, Garfield Heights Campus, Maple Leaf School, 5764 Turney Rd. The Sunday interview is also a church service but everyone is welcome free of charge.

The interview will also be streamed live at 10:30 a.m. and on demand all day at [www.MoChurch.tv](http://www.MoChurch.tv).



Cuyahoga Heights High School has named its valedictorian and salutatorian in the graduating class of 2018. Shown above (left) is valedictorian Alexis Martin of Walton Hills. She is graduating with a 4.38 GPA and plans to attend The University of Notre Dame for pre-med or pre-law. At right is salutatorian Eric Holler of Valley View. He is graduating with a 4.36 GPA and plans to attend The University of Dayton and study electrical engineering. Congratulations to all graduating seniors at CHHS!

## Central Catholic names co-valedictorians

Cleveland Central Catholic High School has named Tatu Wadesisi and Darryl Bacon as its co-valedictorians of the graduating class of 2018. The seniors graduated on Sunday, June 3, at Stefanski Stadium.

Wadesisi plans to major in mathematics, engineering or pre-law at either the University of Notre Dame or Case Western Reserve University. Bacon plans to major in sports medicine and business management at Kent State University.

The co-valedictorians were part of the school's top six "Senior Standouts." Other seniors graduating with top honors include Marlon Robertson, the first in his family to attend college, planning to major in pre-med at Kent State University; Daphne Myers, majoring in medical technology at either the Uni-

versity of Toledo or Baldwin-Wallace University before heading to medical school; Keije Brown, to major in digital arts at either Bowling Green State University or Texas Christian University; and Mallory Wilks, to major in photography at the Cleveland Institute of Art.



Cleveland Central Catholic High School honored its co-valedictorians Tatu Wadesisi (left) and Darryl Bacon (right) at a graduation ceremony at Stefanski Stadium on June 3rd.

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## Mr. Wiggles returned home

Mr. Wiggles, a toy poodle owned by a Garfield Heights couple and snatched from their front yard last Friday, has been returned home, according to a Fox 8 Cleveland report. The Martin Luther King Blvd. residents said the dog had been outside around 9:10 p.m. Friday near the curb facing Thornhurst. The wife told police that her

husband saw a silver car pull up along the curb and stop near the dog. A "young" person got out of the car, picked up Mr. Wiggles, then got back into the car, which fled the area north on MLK, according to the police report.

Fox 8 reported the story Monday. Fox 8 said that Mr. Wiggles' snatchers saw the story on the news and felt bad, so returned the dog to his home about 3 p.m. yesterday. The homeowner had promised, according to Fox 8, that if Mr. Wiggles was returned home there would be no questions asked - and none were.



**Village of Newburgh Heights, Ohio**  
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**Vacant Council Position –**  
**Term Expiring 12/31/2019**

Letters of interest with resumes and references are being taken for the vacant Village Council position. Said Council position is for a term ending 12/31/2019.

Qualifications: Interested individuals must reside in the Village of Newburgh Heights for at least one (1) year prior to the date of appointment to Village Council, be a registered voter, not hold other employment which prohibits service as an elected/appointed official, not have been convicted of any felony offense or have any interest in any contract with the Village. Interested individuals must agree to a criminal background check.

The annual compensation of said Council position is seven thousand two hundred dollars and twelve cents. (\$7,200.12)

Procedures for submitting a Letter of Interest with Resume are as follows: Place in a sealed envelope marked "Council Position" addressed to Steve Moran, Council Pro-Tempore, c/o Village of Newburgh Heights, 3801 Harvard Avenue, Newburgh Heights, OH 44105.

Letters will only be received via US Postal service or dropped off at the Mayor's Office, Village Hall, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9am and 4pm. All qualifying letters of interest must be received by Friday, June 15th, 2018 at 4pm EST. All submissions that do not include both a letter of interest and a resume (which must include a valid mailing address and contact phone number) will automatically be disqualified. All submissions received must have the Village's official Date Received stamped on the envelope to certify compliance with the submission deadline.

Interviews will be conducted in executive session at the regular Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 19th, 2018 at 6pm EST at which time Village Council has the authority to select a candidate to fill the vacancy. Qualifying, interested individuals that fail to attend the interview will automatically be disqualified from consideration.


By order of the Council of the Village of Newburgh Heights, Ohio.

Cathleen Nagorski  
Fiscal Officer

N.N. June 6 & June 13, 2018


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Any person who wishes to attend and requires special accommodations under the American Disabilities Act, please contact Village Hall at 216-641-4650 no later than 72 hours prior to the public hearing.

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## Toastmasters Club to move back to M.H. library

The Top of the Town Advanced Toastmasters Club will relocate back to its original venue, the Maple Heights Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 5225 Library Ln., sometime this summer once conference rooms are done being renovated.

The club meets every second and fourth Friday of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and currently meets at the Warrensville Heights branch library, 4415 Northfield Rd.

Toastmasters provides a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills by regularly giving speeches, gaining feedback, leading teams and guiding others to achieve their goals in a supportive atmosphere.

Everyone is welcome to these free meetings. Contact Greg Danko for more information at 216-310-1977 or gkdanko@yahoo.com.

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By order of the Council of the City of Maple Heights, sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Agent, at Maple Heights City Hall, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio 44137, until 12:00 Noon, local time, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2018 for the "MAPLE HEIGHTS SALT STORAGE FACILITY #2" in the City of Maple Heights, Ohio, NO FAXED COPIES ACCEPTED.

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

An optional Pre-bid Conference will be held at 10:00 A.M. local time on the 18th day of June, 2018 in the Council Chambers of the Maple Heights City Hall for all interested parties. Information will be disseminated concerning proper completion of bid package documents.

Each bidder is required to furnish with its proposal, a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in accordance with Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. Bid security furnished in Bond form, shall be issued by a Surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety. Each bid must be made upon the Proposal Form provided in the set of specifications and must be accompanied by a bank check or cashier's check drawn on a solvent bank in Cuyahoga County in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount bid, or a bid bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the amount bid, as a guarantee that if said bid is accepted, a contract will be entered into and a Surety Bond satisfactory to said City in an amount equal to 100% of the total bid will be furnished. Checks shall be made payable to the City of Maple Heights, Ohio.

Each Proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. Each bidder must submit evidence of its experiences on projects of similar size and complexity.

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

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Cuyahoga County and the City of Maple Heights, Ohio, as determined by the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, Wage and Hour Division, (614) 644-2239.

In evaluating the lowest and best bidder for this project Council shall give consideration to the bidder's ability to meet or exceed the date of completion as described in the contract documents.

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

Bids are to be submitted in accordance with the plans and specifications on file in the office of the Purchasing Agent. Sealed bids must be marked, "MAPLE HEIGHTS SALT STORAGE FACILITY #2"

Tracy Smith  
Finance Director  
Maple Heights, Ohio

PUBLISHED: Neighborhood News  
June 6, 2018  
June 13, 2018



## City of Maple Heights Announces Special Meeting for the Business Community

Maple Heights, OH – On Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, Maple Heights Mayor, Annette Blackwell will host a comprehensive planning session focusing on the City's Small Business Partnership Program at the Maple Heights Senior Center located at 15901 Libby Road, Maple Heights, Ohio 44137. All companies classified as small businesses are encouraged to attend.

"Since announcing this performance grant program, we have had an outpouring of businesses contacting my office expressing their interest", commented Mayor Blackwell. "I am planning this city-wide meeting in order to assist our business community with the application process".

The Small Business Partnership Planning Meeting will begin at 5:30pm and interested business owners will get a detailed look at the program, learn how to apply and get their questions answered. Grant applications are received on a first come-first served basis and will be reviewed monthly.

"Since taking office in 2016, promoting our city as a place where businesses can thrive has been a main goal for me, and this program is one of the ways we are fulfilling that promise", added Mayor Blackwell. "Together, with the help of City Council and my administrative team, we remain dedicated to ensuring the success of our business community.

**About the Program**

Earlier this year, the city of Maple Heights was awarded a \$150,000 Municipal County Small Business Initiative Grant from Cuyahoga County in partnership with the Small Business Administration (SBA). The grant will be used to help fund the city's Small Business Partnership Program which provides assistance to small business startups and expansions in the city. Out of the 22 inner-ring cities that were asked to submit an application, only 4 cities were granted the award.

Applicants for funding will include small businesses and manufacturers, ethnic businesses, startups and economically disadvantaged businesses. Activities eligible for funding are property acquisition, new construction, signage, renovations and purchase of machinery and equipment. Program parameters and criteria for the program as well as applications can be downloaded from the City's website.

For more information on these and other city programs, please contact the Mayor's Office at 216.587.9011 or visit the city's website at [www.citymapleheights.com](http://www.citymapleheights.com).

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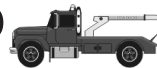
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## Community police reports

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the pursuit, the cyclist went north on the southbound, one-way section of roadway coming from the Broadway and Miles Avenue intersection, lost control and hit a vehicle head-on at about 30 miles per hour. The motorcyclist, who was not wearing a helmet, was thrown from the motorcycle and struck the car's front windshield head on and landed on his back in nearby shrubs. The man was identified as a 35-year-old Broadview Heights resident and was taken into custody. Police said he had a large laceration on his forehead but did not complain of any other injuries. He was treated at the scene then taken to MetroHealth Medical Center for further treatment and assessment. Police said the man was wearing a backpack at the time of the crash which contained a laptop computer and a small plastic baggie containing two grams of marijuana.

The man was charged with reckless operation, improper display of plates, turn signals, riding with no helmet, possession of marijuana and no motorcycle endorsement. A warrant was issued for fleeing and eluding pending his release from the hospital.

## Theft

On May 28th, around 8:40 p.m., a witness told police she saw two juvenile males steal a 36-inch TV from the laundromat at 5609 Turney Rd. She said she saw a group of seven juveniles walking near the store. She said two of them went in, unhooked the TV from a high shelf and fled on foot onto Shady Oak Blvd. The owner of the business could not immediately be reached.

The next day police spoke to the owner who confirmed the TV had been stolen and police were able to watch security camera footage which showed two males stealing the TV. While on patrol in the area of E. 122nd St. and Darlington Ave. later that day, an officer saw a male matching the photo from the security camera footage. The juvenile was questioned and openly admitted he had stolen the TV and said it was in a house on Willard Ave.

The boy refused to go with police to the house, which police had identified, so they allowed him to go to the home himself and attempt to get the TV while police waited down the street. The juvenile went to the backyard of a home in the 122nd block of Willard then fled from police. Charges are pending through the Youth Bureau.

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# GHPD promotes officers



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Sergeant Dale Merchant was sworn in as a patrolman with GHPD on July 6, 1994, was promoted to sergeant on February 8, 2016, and was promoted to lieutenant last week. He is also the handler of K9 Arlo.

Patrolman Marc Smith was sworn in as a patrolman on May 30, 2002, and was promoted to sergeant last week. He is the handler of K9 Jax.

# Cleveland-Bratislava program at Garfield Heights Library

Fr. Damian Ference, director of human formation and assistant professor of philosophy at Borromeo Seminary, will speak at the Cleveland-Bratislava Sister Cities meeting on Monday, June 11, which begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Garfield Heights Library, 5409 Turney Rd.

Fr. Damian will speak about what led him to the priesthood and the Slovak influences on his life, the priesthood, his current position at Borromeo Seminary and his upcoming studies at the University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome.

The program is free and open to all. For more information call 216-228-8179.

# Bedford HS top graduates



Bedford High School has named its top three graduates in the class of 2018.

They are shown above, from left: Tamara Jeffries, planning to major in psychology at Case Western Reserve University; Malina Mitchell, planning to major in Japanese and minor in international relations at the University of Mount Union; and Kaitlyn Walker, planning to major in biology at Kent State University.

Seniors at Bedford High School graduated on June 1st. Congrats, grads!

# Trinity loses in baseball semi-finals

The Trinity High School baseball team had a great season but was defeated by Fort Loramie 2-1 in the Division IV state semifinals last week.

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