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## Ward 12 picnic is this Sunday at Dan Kane Park

Residents of Cleveland's Ward 12 are invited to a picnic this Sunday, July 15, at Dan Kane Park from noon to 4 p.m. The park is located at East 65th Street and Kenyon Avenue, just south of Broadway.

Visitors from three Cleveland neighborhoods, Slavic Village, Old Brooklyn and Tremont, can enjoy hot dogs, fried chicken, brats by local meat market Saucisson, soft drinks and ice cream. There will be free balloons for kids, 50/50 drawings, door prizes and music by DJ Dennis Althar.

Volunteers are needed and organizers ask that adults bring a side dish or dessert to share or a \$2 cash donation; children are free. The picnic will be held rain or shine. Attendees are also reminded to bring a

## Named 2018 Big Brother

Nearly a dozen years ago, Alonzo Blackwell stopped by an information table advertising the need for volunteers to join Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Cleveland. He decided to answer the call. His dedication to helping young people has earned him the Greater Cleveland branch's 2018 Big Brother of the Year Award.

Blackwell, manager of Health Information Management at MetroHealth System and husband of Maple Heights Mayor Annette Blackwell, earned the recognition based on a nomination and his extensive volunteer out-

"Alonzo has been such a dedicated Big Brother and has made it his passion to share his wisdom, leadership and life experiences with everyone he connects with personally and professionally," according to his nominator.

For nearly three years, Blackwell was paired with his current "Little," Donnell. They met when the boy was 11-years-old. Since then they have become fast friends.



Alonzo Blackwell

Donnell's mother wanted him to be mentored so that he'd have a positive African-American male role model in his life, especially as he entered a critical time involving both school and

four "Littles" since joining the program. "I am walking in my purpose, which God has allowed me to do," he says. His advice: "Never forget to give back and look out for the young people who need guidance.

In addition to being rection, Blackwell received from the Ohio Senate.

## Garfield Hts. Council news Controversial law

By Ellen Psenicka

The following legislation was passed unanimously at Monday night's meeting of Garfield Heights Council:

- tion of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the city and the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association and the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 67 (sergeants and above).
- Entering into an agreement with Lexipol, LLC for the updating and maintaining of the Garfield Heights Fire Department policies and procedures.
- Entering into an agreement with Cintas for rental uniforms and facility services.
- Entering into an agreement with System 4 for the regular cleaning of the Garfield Heights Police Department and Municipal Court.
- Adopting the tax budget of the city for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2019, and submitting it to the Cuyahoga County Budget Commission.

#### **Summer concerts**

In his report to council, Mayor Vic Collova announced the schedule for the city's Summer Concert Series, which begins this Sunday, July 15, from 6-8 p.m. inside the Civic Center, and continues for the next four Sundays

Bands participating include:

July 15 - Joe Wendel Polka Band

July 22 - Brian Papesh Band

July 29 - Eddie Baccus Band with Ron Davis

August 5 - Larry Patch Band

August 12 - Summerfest

#### Council to address texting & driving

Also during the meeting Monday night, an E. 104th Street resident urged council to consider adopting a ban on texting and driving with stiff fines for violators.

City Council President Matt Burke said he agreed with the resident that texting and driving was a serious problem and should be addressed. He said he would call meeting of either the Safety Committee and/or Legislative Committee to discuss what should be done.

## Blackwell has mentored Join the circus at Indy library

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, come to Cuyahoga Valley's very own version of the Circus Train at the Independence Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 6361 Selig Dr., on Saturday, July 14, beginning at 2 p.m.

Faded images of the past tell tales of lion tamers, ringmasters and acrobats travelling through Peninsula. Costumed characters from the Cuyahoga Valley National Park will take attendees back to the days of the ognized by the organiza- traveling circus. Get a look at this former small-town tradition. Sponsored by the Friends of the Indepenspecial commendation dence Library. Registration required by calling 216-

# director bill in M.H. •Two emergency ordinances authorizing the execu- on second reading

#### By Judith Goldsworth

Placed on second reading at the Maple Heights Council meeting last week were two pieces of legislation to enact charter changes concerning the position of law director that may be on the Tuesday, November 6 ballot, if passed on third and final reading in the coming

One of the charter changes proposes the elimination of the mayor's sole power to appoint and remove those serving in the post; the other mandates that candidates must have at least five years' experience in municipal

According to the city's current ordinances, the mayor has sole power to "appoint and remove or suspend" whomever is serving as law director in the city.

Legislation on the proposed charter changes states, The Director of Law shall be appointed annually by the Mayor with the approval of Council, and may be removed only by affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of Council at any time during that period, provided that such removal shall not impair any contract rights which the Director of Law may possess."

Current ordinances stipulate that the individual chosen to serve as law director must be an attorney admitted to practice in the state of Ohio, and must have been an actively practicing, full time attorney for five years or

The other proposed charter amendment states that candidates must have five years or more experience in municipal law, and the municipal law requirement may only be waived by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of council.

Placing the ordinances on second reading will allow council to discuss them in depth before consideration at a future meeting. The legislation states that both of them have to be passed by Friday, September 7, for appearance on the November 6 ballot.

#### Lee Road repairs

Lee Road South is expected to be repaired soon, as council passed legislation last week accepting a \$150,000 grant from Cuyahoga County to fund the improvement

The resolution authorizes city officials to begin preparing plans and specifications and to advertise for bids for the Lee Road South repair project. Mayor Annette Blackwell and City Engineer Ed Hren filed for the Community Development Block Grant for the project

The county recommended that Maple Heights be awarded the \$150,000 grant.

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## **Bedford Council ok's** \$410K for street improvement projects

#### By Judith Goldsworth

Several streets in the city of Bedford will receive a much needed facelift this summer. Council passed an ordinance at its meeting last week to approve a \$410,000 contract with Ronyak Paving for the 2018 Street Improvement Program.

Streets to be repaved include Eldred, Gould and Wandle, all from Southwick to Grand; the entirety of Mitchell, Wheelock and Powers; the section of Lee Road South located in Bedford; roads located in the Bedford Cemetery; and crack sealing on Columbus and Rockside roads, city officials stated.

The Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works will reimburse the city \$25,000 for the crack sealing part of the project.

City Manager Mike Mallis stated that some of the roads had not been repaved in almost 30 years and

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increase last year for helping to raise the much needed funding for the project.

The work will be done as soon as possible, Mallis said. "And then we'll be back at it next year, and it'll be year after year. It'll take us a little while to get caught up."

He said crews will also be going out to determine which sidewalks in the city need repairs and this work will begin this year as well.

A sinkhole located in the vicinity of the Sunoco gas station at Northfield and Union streets will be fixed, after council approved legislation to accept a proposal from Northeast Ohio Trench for the repairs, at a cost of \$21,905.

#### **Septic service**

Council passed legislation for the city to accept a proposal from Walt Kucharski Septic Service Inc. for sludge removal at the wastewater treatment plant at a cost of \$37,950, to complete improvements to the plant's digester.

"There was an issue with the mixing system which is installed in our large digester," Mallis said. "The manufacturer and the installer will come in and make the necessary repairs, at their cost, and actually upgrade the mixing system in that digester.

#### Cell phone legislation passed

In recognition of an Ohio House bill that will go into



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credited voters' passage of a .75 percent income tax effect on July 31, council passed an ordinance enacting a new chapter, "Use of Public Ways for Small Cell Wireless Facilities and Wireless Support Structures," which will provide standards for construction, installation and operation of facilities for wireless phones in the city, to "preserve the character of the city, including neighborhoods, downtown and historic districts.'

> Fees for applications will be \$250 each, adjusted by 10 percent every five years, and annual fees for each facility will also be \$250 each, also adjusted by 10 percent every five years, according to the legislation.

> Law Director John Montello stated, "The state legislature is trying to take control of those small cell wireless facilities and wireless support structures, but they are allowing facilities to enact guidelines and laws to protect their interests. This is our attempt to ensure we'll return some home rule over the use of small cell wireless facilities and wireless support structures... This gives the city more control over your construction of these

> Mayor Stan Koci explained that the average size for small cell equipment is 28 cubic feet, the size of a refrigerator, which will hang on poles all over the city. He said that's why it is important to regulate them.

#### Other legislation passed

Council passed an ordinance to adjust the 2018 budget. Finance Director Frank Gambosi explained that due to Bedford joining the Chagrin Valley Dispatch Center, the city would be saving about \$65,000. There will also be transfer of \$150,000 in funds in response to the loss of revenue caused by the closing of US Bank's mortgage facility in the city this month, Gambosi said.

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## New column to point out local 'Good, Bad, and just plain Ugly'

doingit-sharing with read- we haven't come up with ers on their Op-Ed pages anything that qualifies yet, the great things and not so but it won't be long. great things going on in their communities - and now The Neighborhood News is getting on board.

In the coming weeks, this newspaper, in its editorial capacity, will point out the "Good, Bad, and just plain the communities it serves.

#### Sample:

Good: The repaving of Turney Road in Garfield Heights is nearly complete after all these years and is a pleasure to look at and drive along. Congrats to local officials on a job well

**Bad:** Police continue to investigate the hit-and-run death of 15-year-old David Bourne, Jr., as he was walking along 6800 Union Ave., on Wednesday, June 13, in Slavic Village. If you saw anything which could be helpful, call Cleveland Police or Crimestoppers.

Just Plain Ugly: Living

Lots of newspapers are the dream here in Utopia, Readers can

**Sad:** Home town boy Stipe Miocic lost the UFC heavyweight title Saturday night to Daniel Cormier. But Yahoo Sports reports Stipe wants a rematch with Cormier before the new champ rides off into the Ugly" things going on in sunset. We're all behind News will make it worth you, Stipe!

## participate

We'd also like to hear from our readers if they have good, bad, or just plain ugly" things they'd like to report. Suggestions Keep it short!

And The Neighborhood your while. All those read-salt storage facility in 2017.

ers whose suggestions we publish will receive a free classified ad to use by the end of the year.

### Controversial

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#### New salt facility

Council passed a resolution for Blackwell to enter into a contract with Caves Road Construction Co., at can be emailed to: a cost of \$202,972.30, to nnews 1923 @aol.com. build a second new salt storage facility at the Dunham Road Service Center.

Caves built the first new

pollutants into storm sewa new facility will reduce ning January 1, 2019. the potential amount of salt Ohio EPA's permit requirements to provide effective storm water management, according to the legislation.

The earliest start date for the project is Monday, July 16, with a completion time frame of 75 days, Hren stated.

Also passed by council was

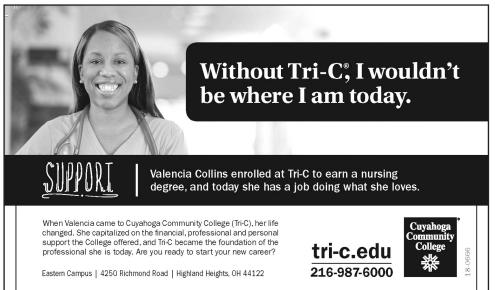
Storage of salt can release an ordinance adopting the Alternative Tax Budget ers that can end up in the Information for the city, state's waterways. Building for the fiscal year begin-

The tax budget informareleased and also fulfill the tion will be submitted to the Budget Commission of Cuyahoga County and enable the county to certify tax rates to the city by September 1, 2018 as required by state law.

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New this year, the Market is accepting Ohio Direct Cards (ODĆ). Shoppers will receive \$1 in Produce Perks for every \$1 spent using your ODC.

The market is held in the parking lot behind the church rain or shine. In addition to locally grown vegetables and fruit, there will be plants, fresh baked goods, jams and jellies, prepared foods and ready-to-eat items as well as crafts, books and more for sale. Shoppers can also enjoy a grilled sausage and can of pop for \$1.

For general market questions, or to become a vendor, call the church at 216-662-0370.

## Sugar Artists to meet

The monthly meeting of the NorthCoast Sugar Artists will be held on Monday, July 16, at 6:45 p.m. at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd.

Theme for the meeting will be "Annual Picnic/Family Reunion" - Red, white and blue... the American Dream comes true! All are welcome.

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## **Bedford Council ok's**

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Also passed was legislation to adopt the Bedford Law Enforcement Trust Fund Internal Control Expenditure Policy to conform with Ohio Revised Code. This was passed to address expenditures related to the purchase of a police K-9 officer, which assists the police department in drug enforcement and other duties, Mallis stated.

A resolution requesting the Cuyahoga County Auditor's Office to advance the city its tax revenues from 2018 was approved, as were ordinances to declare 129 Greencroft Avenue a nuisance, and to condemn a property at 188 Greencroft.

Council approved a motion to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation for Charles Miller, an architect who is representing Gus Kafantaris, owner of Chris' Restaurant, 84 Broadway Ave., on a proposal to construct a 96 square-foot addition on the south end of the building to enclose a new walk-in cooler.

#### **LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT**

By order of the Council of the City of Maple Heights, sealed bids will be received by the Finance Director at City Hall, 5353 Lee Road, until 12:00 Noon, local time, on the 27th day of July, 2018 for the "Lee Road South Improvement Project" 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.

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 equa to ten percent (10%) of the amount bid, or a bid bond also in the amount of ten percent (10%) 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.

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

The Lee Road South Improvement Project is partially funded by the Cuyahoga County Department of Development's Block Grant Program A bidder/contractor will be deemed committed to the Department of Labor's goals and timetables for the Cleveland, Ohio area as specified in the Notice of Requirements for Affirmative Action to ensure Equal Employment Opportunity Order 11246 by submitting a properly signed bid. Each bidder must insure that all employees and applicants for the employment are not discriminated against because of their race, creed, color, sex or national origin.

A copy of the Bid Specification package for the Lee Road South Improvement Project will be available for review by all potential bidders at the offices of the Cuyahoga County Department of Development located at 2079 East Ninth Street; Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Small Business Enterprises (SBE's) are encouraged to participate on this project. The goal for SBE participation is 35% of total contract award for this project

A Pre-bid Conference for the Lee Road South Improvement Project will be held at 10:00 A.M. local time on the 23th day July, 2018 in the second floor Council Chambers of the Maple Heights City Hall, 5353 Lee Road, for all interested parties. Information will be disseminated concerning proper completion of bid package documents

The owner intends and requires that this project be completed no later

The right is reserved to accept any bidder, to reject any or all bids, and to vaive 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, "Lee Road South Improvement Project".

> Tracy Smith Finance Director Maple Heights, Ohio

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#### **Announcements**

Mallis commended city council and the administration for their work on a deal to sell the city's landfill property in Walton Hills, after a lease agreement had fallen through. The city was able to find a buyer for the property at a cost of \$600,000, he said.

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## Community police reports

By Amber Weisbarth

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

#### GARFIELD HTS.

#### Aggravated Robbery

A Richmond Heights woman said she was stopped at a stop sign on Bartlam Ave. at Cooper Ct. on July 7th, around 5:35 p.m., when a man approached her driver's side window and asked to use her cell phone. The woman gave the man her phone before noticing what appeared to be a handgun in his shorts. She said he and three other males then fled northbound on Hillside Ave. with her cell phone. She tried to follow the men who crossed over Cranwood Park Blvd. but they went into a wooded area. The woman was unable to track her cell phone and officers searched the area with negative results.

Police and fire personnel were dispatched to a vacant Detective Bureau was called to continue the investigation. home in the 4900 block of E. 107th St. on July 4th, around 10:40 p.m., due to a small fire on the porch of the home. When police arrived they saw someone trying to extinguish the flames with a garden hose. An officer was department arrived shortly after. Police said a large pile of spent fireworks were pushed up against the porch wall

#### **Breaking & Entering**

The manager of the T-Mobile store on Rockside Rd. told police she arrived at work on July 2nd, around 9:30 a.m., and noticed the alarm had been disarmed but all the doors were locked and there was no damage. She then went into the office area and noticed the light was on in the office. When she went inside, she discovered two safes had been opened and 27 iPhones and cash had been stolen.

Police watched surveillance footage with the manager; she was able to identify one of the males in the footage, but second male in the video could not be identified. Police could not be sure which individual was responsible for the theft. The Detective Bureau is continuing the investigation.

• The general manage of the Steak and Shake restaurant on Vista Way told police he arrived at work around 5:40 a.m. on July 2nd and noticed a door on the side of the building had been propped open. Inside the store, he found a safe that had been opened and emptied of about

Security camera footage from July 2nd, around 4:20 a.m., showed someone go through the open side door, go to the safe and empty its contents into a duffel bag. The

#### **Felonious Assault**

On July 8th, around 8:50 p.m., police were dispatched to the Open Pantry on E. 131st St. for a felonious assault able to put the flames out with an extinguisher and the fire and found a 22-year-old Cleveland man laying in the parking lot with a gunshot wound to his upper leg. He was stabilized and evaluated at the scene, then taken to where the fire had been. Neighbors said they had not seen Metro Health Medical Center for further treatment. Garfield anyone on the porch and did not know who lit the fire. Heights detectives continue to investigate the shooting.

#### Theft of Motor Vehicle

An employee of Tiny Town Academy on Garfield Blvd. told police a company van had been stolen between 2 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on July 5th. Police entered the vehicle's information into LEADS.

#### **BEDFORD**

#### **Breaking & Entering**

Between 6:30 p.m. July 5th and 6 a.m. July 6th, someone entered the Oakwood Enrichment School at 1000 Broadway Ave. and stole a Playstation gaming system and two controllers. Police watched security camera footage and saw a man enter the daycare through a window multiple times, leaving with the stolen items.

#### **CLEVELAND**

#### **Felonious Assault**

A 24-year-old Cleveland man said he was walking along Gertrude Ave. on July 5th, around 3:30 a.m., and cut through a nearby field. He said a silver vehicle slowed down next to him, and without saying a word, the passenger of the vehicle "opened fire" on him and he heard approximately three shots. The victim said he jumped to the ground and felt a pain in his arm and realized he had been shot. He then ran to a home on E. 52nd St. and police were called. He said he did not get a good look at the driver or passenger and said he had no idea why someone would shoot at him. He was taken to MetroHealth Medical Center for treatment.

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Chinese and 50/50 raffles will be held. All are welcome.

### **AARP** news

#### **Chapter #4164**

day, July 13, at 1:30 p.m. at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd.

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## Blood donor opportunities 'Meet the author' at G.H. library

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24, from 7-8:30 p.m.

White is a local artist, teacher, illustrator and author of the children's book "Red Tail Dreamer." Created in tribute to the author's late grandfather and the ac-The St. Stan's Golden complishments of the Agers will meet Thursday, Tuskegee Airmen, the in-July 12, at 11:30 a.m. in the spirational and visual short story tells the tale of a young **Valley View:** Monday, enue in Slavic Village. A boy daydreaming about be-July 16, 2-7 p.m., Valley light lunch, raffle and games coming one of the legend-View Community Center, will follow a short meeting. ary pilots.

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