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Ribboncutting for new home on Chambers Ave.



Shown at a recent ribboncutting for the latest Slavic Village Green Home on Chambers Avenue are, from left: Cleveland Council President Kevin Kelley, Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli, new lease/purchase owner Jeronda Williams and Mayor Frank Jackson.

Over 100 guests attended ribboncutting ceremonies on Chambers Avenue in Cleveland on Thursday, July 19, for the latest entry to Slavic Village Green Homes, a 37 single-family lease purchase project developed using U.S. Department of Energy's Net Zero specifications.

"We are excited to be dedicating these 37 new homes built throughout our neighborhood representing millions of dollars in investment," said Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli. "This project is providing high quality, sustainable housing and attracting new residents to our community like Jeronda Williams, who has moved here from Maple Heights."

"Thank you to all the partners and investors who made this possible," continued Brancatelli, "especially Cleveland Housing Network (CHN) for putting this project together and the Cuyahoga County Landbank, who demolished the condemned homes making the land available for this development."

GED orientation, classes offered at Bedford library

Aspire Greater Cleveland will provide free GED/HSE orientation and classes in August at the Cuyahoga County Public Library Southeast Branch, 70 Columbus Rd. in Bedford.

Interested students must attend a three-day orientation series before beginning classes. Orientations will be offered Monday, Aug 13, Tuesday, Aug. 14, and Monday, Aug. 20, from 7-8:30 p.m. Registration is required.

Classes will begin Tuesday, Aug. 21, and will be held Mondays and Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. Registration is also required for classes.

For more information or to register, call 1-833-ASPIRE2 (833-277-4732) or visit aspiregreatercleveland.org.

Cuyahoga County property reappraisal concludes *Values increased for residential, commercial properties*

Every six years the tax commissioner for the State of Ohio requires the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer to reappraise all real property in Cuyahoga County. This statutorily required reappraisal occurred between July 2017 and May 2018. Every property in Cuyahoga County, approximately 526,000 homes and commercial properties, was physically viewed and appraised.

"We have felt that the county is on a great upswing, and the county-wide reappraisal confirms our progress," said Cuyahoga County Executive Armond Budish. "I am pleased that overall our property values have significantly increased. It's a sign that our county is prospering."

The county-wide residential value has increased by 10.8 percent, county-wide commercial/industrial value has increased by 8.7 percent, and the county-wide total for all classes has increased by 10.1 percent.

Residential home values increasing locally include: Bedford, 10.1 percent; Cleveland (east), 3 percent; Cuyahoga Heights, 7.4 percent; Garfield Heights, 9.9 percent; Independence, 7 percent; Maple Heights, 7.2 percent; Valley View, 8.9 percent. Newburgh Heights saw a drop in residential home values of -0.3 percent.

"We have seen growth in the vast majority of our communities," stated Budish. "But some areas of the county are stronger than others. We will redouble our efforts to help those communities that have not kept pace."

The 2018 reappraisal proposed valuation notices are being mailed to approximately 450,000 residential and commercial taxpayers.

A residential taxpayer who disagrees with the proposed property value may informally dispute it by filing online, mailing in the property owner response form that is included with the mailers, or by attending any of the conference site locations. Commercial taxpayers are advised to mail the property owner response form to file an informal dispute. The deadline to contact the Fiscal Office is August 31, 2018.

Formal complaints can be filed through the Board of Revision's website from January 1, 2019 to March 31, 2019. Visit cuyahogacounty.us for more information.

G.H. Council Safety Committee holds meeting on incident at Bonkers, texting while driving issue

By Ellen Psenicka

Garfield Heights Council's Safety Committee, headed by Ward 7 Councilman Tom Vaughn, met on Monday, July 23, to address an incident at Bonkers bar in June and to discuss whether the city should pass a prohibition on texting while driving.

Garfield Heights police continue to investigate shots fired on June 16th in the back parking lot at Bonkers, a Turney Road bar, and owner Rick Shuba is personally offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the capture and arrest of those involved. No one was injured by the gunfire, although one car sustained damage.

Shuba, of Strongsville, was at the Safety Committee meeting last week and told council he has made several changes at the bar since the incident.

He said he has hired a private security guard with experience at the Lorain jail at the bar and checks entering patrons with a metal-detecting wand for presence of a weapon. Shuba also said he is working with First Energy to get more light in the parking lot behind the bar.

Police Chief Robert Byrne said in the last six months there have been 27 calls made to his department which could be attributed to Bonkers but only seven of the incidents required reports.

In answer to a resident of East 104th Street who expressed at a previous council meeting and at the safety meeting the need for a law to prohibit texting while driving, Chief Byrne said the city is already able to cite those not "maintaining their full time and attention" while behind the wheel.

Law Director Tim Riley agreed with Byrne and said he saw no need for a law specific to driving while texting.

Convenience store B&E's in Bedford, Maple Heights

A string of breaking and entering incidents were reported to Bedford and Maple Heights police in the early morning hours last Friday, according to dispatch logs and police reports.

Bedford officers were called to Bedford Downtown Beverage on Broadway Avenue around 3:10 a.m. for an alarm drop at the front and back of the store. When police arrived they found the front door glass smashed out and cash visible on the front counter. No suspects were located.

About 20 minutes later, while still at the scene, police said the Deli-4-Less store on Northfield Road in Bedford was also broken into. Its front door glass had also been smashed out. No suspects were located.

At nearly 4 a.m. the same morning, Maple Heights PD reported a similar breaking and entering and glass breakage at Food Deal on Lee Road. A caller nearby said they saw three males wearing hooded sweatshirts and gloves running from the area.

"We are fairly certain all three are related," said Bedford PD Deputy Chief Rick Suts. "We have been working with Maple Heights PD on this," he added.

Suts said no arrests have as yet been made.


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After issuing an emergency call for blood and platelet donors in early July, the American Red Cross continues to face an emergency blood shortage. Eligible donors of all blood types are urged to give now.

As a special thank you, all those who donate blood or

platelets now through August 30th will receive a \$5 Amazon.com gift card via email. Upcoming donation opportunities include:

Independence- Thursday, Aug. 2, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Park Center Building I, 6100 Oak Tree Blvd.; Tuesday, Aug. 7, 10 a.m. to

3 p.m., 6200 Oak Tree Blvd.

Garfield Heights- Monday, Aug. 6, 1-6 p.m., Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd.

Valley View- Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2-7 p.m., Valley View Community Center, 6828 Hathaway Rd.; Wednesday, Aug. 15, noon to 6 p.m., Teamsters Local 507, 5425 Warner Rd., Unit 7.

Bedford- Monday, Aug. 13, 2-7 p.m., Ellenwood Rec Center, 124 Ellenwood Ave.

All blood types are currently needed. Donation appointments can be scheduled by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). A blood donor card or driver's license or

two other forms of identification are required at check-in.

Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood at any location.

Golden Ager's Grapevine

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NOTICE OF BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING

The Village of Newburgh Heights Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Thursday, August 16, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Village Hall Council Chambers located at 3801 Harvard Ave. Newburgh Hts., Ohio 44105.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of meeting minutes
- III. A review to extend a variance for a required dumpster at 3966 E. 42 St., Parcel #511-08-057
- IV. A review to extend a variance on a garage permit for the property located at 3858 E. 40 St., Parcel #511-03-029
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Action on proposed variances
- VII. Adjournment

Posted at Village Hall, on the Village website and in the Neighborhood News 8-1-18

WTNO meets Thursday

The Warner Turney Neighborhood Organization will meet Thursday, Aug. 2, at 7 p.m. at Community Friends Church, 4509 Warner Rd.

Plans for the Pizza Party will be finalized; 50/50 raffle. Donation of nonperishable food item for the food pantry appreciated.

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Death Notices

JOSEPH L. BITZAN, M.D. and WWII Marine Corp. veteran, passed away July 27th at the age of 92.

He was the loving son of Joseph F. (deceased) and Emma (nee Skoch), (deceased); beloved husband of the late Ursula (nee Dresp); dear father of James Bitzan (Min), Joseph Bitzan



(Wendy), Barbara Bitzan and Madeline Bitzan-Powell (Robert); loving grandfather of Jennifer, Katherine, Deborah and Shannon; great-grandfather of Madison; brother of the following deceased: Mary Ann, Lawrence and Francis L. Bitzan.

He was a graduate of St. Ignatius High School and the University of St. Louis Medical School. He was a renowned surgeon and diplomat of the American Board of Surgery and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Bitzan was a former Chief of Staff at St. Alexis Hospital. He was actively involved in the community of Independence and served on the Planning Commission.

Arrangements were handled by Fortuna Funeral Home

and a Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Michael Church in Independence. Interment at All Saints Cemetery.

Those wishing to make donations may do so in his memory to St. Ignatius High School.

THOMAS J. EMLING, 89, of Bedford, passed away peacefully on July 27th.

Beloved husband for 26 years of Mary (nee Cross) and preceded in death by his first wife of 34 years, Velma (nee Stulak); loving father of Larry Emling (Sharon), Pam Trunk (Lee), Ken Emling (Maria) and Sharry Zeman (Michael); loving grandfather of Keith (Vanessa), Garrett, Phillip (Audrey), Lee, Kyle, Anna, Christopher, Matthew, Michael Jr., Zachary and Chase; cherished son of the late Martin and Martha (nee Pischulla); dearest brother of Theresa, Carl (deceased), Rita (deceased) and Pauline (deceased); and dear uncle and friend to many.


In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions in his name to the American Heart Association, 1375 E. 9th St., Suite 600, Cleveland, OH 44114.

Arrangements were handled by Ferfolia Funeral Home and a Mass of Christian Burial was held at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church. Interment at All Saints Cemetery.

EMMA M. WELICH (nee Herbers), 85, of Maple Heights, passed away on July 21st.

She was the beloved wife of the late Benedict S.; loving mother of Benedict J. (Rosemary) and Paul M. (Joanne); dear grandmother of Ben Michael, Matthew, Steven (Carrie), Paul (fiancee, Valerie Shoemaker), and Lauren Welich-Holtman (Robert).

Arrangements were handled by Ferfolia Funeral Home and a Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Monica Catholic Church in Garfield Heights. Interment in Calvary Cemetery.

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PUBLIC HEARING
A Public Hearing will be held on **Monday, August 13, 2018**, at 6:30 p.m., before the **Maple Heights Planning and Zoning Commission** at the Maple Heights City Hall Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio, to consider the following applications:
2018-PZ-08 An application from David Pelligra of David Pelligra and Architects, Inc. on behalf of Charter Communications requesting approval to increase the existing parking lot size to add an additional eighteen (18) parking spaces in an Office/Industrial (O/I) Zoning District located at 14300 Industrial Avenue South, Maple Heights, Ohio.
2018-PZ-09 An appeal from Robert N. Pelunis, Esq. on behalf of Benedetto Scaglione and Grenny Properties regarding the Certificate of Occupancy dated July 18, 2018 issued for 14800 Granger Road, Maple Heights, Ohio, located in a Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District limiting the number of vehicles parked overnight on the premises to four (4) vehicles.
All persons and/or their representatives desiring to be heard are invited to attend. The applications and all supporting materials may be viewed in the Maple Heights Building Department, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio. Please call the Clerk's Office at least one week before the meeting at 216-587-9000 to arrange for handicap assistance to the second floor if necessary.
Leonette Cicirella
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Freedom Awards presented by American Nationalities Movement

This year's 57th annual Captive Nations Dinner, sponsored by the American Nationalities Movement, was held recently at Wal-Tam's Holy Spirit Hall on West 54th Street.

Retired Judge Ralph Perk, Jr., president, opened the event with a reminder

that the captive nations, and our own, will only remain free if we remain vigilant in selecting our leaders.

This event honored four individuals who contributed to their nationality and to the goals of the movement - freedom and self-

determination for people of every country. The organization began over 50 years ago with the goal to free the nations and their people from the "Iron Curtain" of the Soviet Union.

This year the singing of the National Anthem was led by Eugenia Stolarczyk, a leader in the Polish-American community. Following dinner, resident actor Terry Smith (acting buff.com) presented a recreation of John F. Kennedy's January 20, 1961 inaugural address which featured the famous phrase, "And so, my fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country."

Receiving the Freedom Award for 2018 were:

Hach Quang Pham of the Vietnamese community who served in the South Vietnamese regular army, came to America in 1975, and became a lieutenant on the Cleveland Clinic Police Force. He was also co-founder of the Vietnamese Community Association and of the Vietnamese Bud-

dhist Association of Cleveland.

Victor Thomas, leader of St. E Premte Albanian Orthodox Church and a leader in assisting the families of the Kosovo crisis of Albanian descent to settle in Cleveland.

John J. Thomas, a retired Cleveland police officer, for assisting in the settlement of the Kosovo crisis and for his leadership in his Albanian church.

Jim Renacci, 16th District congressman, for his economic achievements in providing jobs through his numerous private businesses and for his leadership in government locally and in Washington on the House Ways and Means Committee and the House Budget Committee, and for his support and leadership in his ethnic heritage as an American of Italian/Slovak descent.

Past president Irene Mor-

row and current president Perk assisted in the presentation of each Freedom Award. Proclamations were presented by Gia Hoa Ryan from Cleveland Councilwoman Donna Brady, among others.

Before the festivities ended, Judge Perk reminded all that, "Freedom is but one generation away without continued vigilance and specific education of our children."

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa

The 79th Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, in observance of the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will take place at the Shrine at 12215 Granger Road, Garfield Heights on Sunday, August 19th, 2018. Mass and Blessing of Flowers will take place at 10:30 AM. Please park in the Trinity High School parking lot. In case of rain, Mass will be celebrated at the Marymount Convent Chapel.

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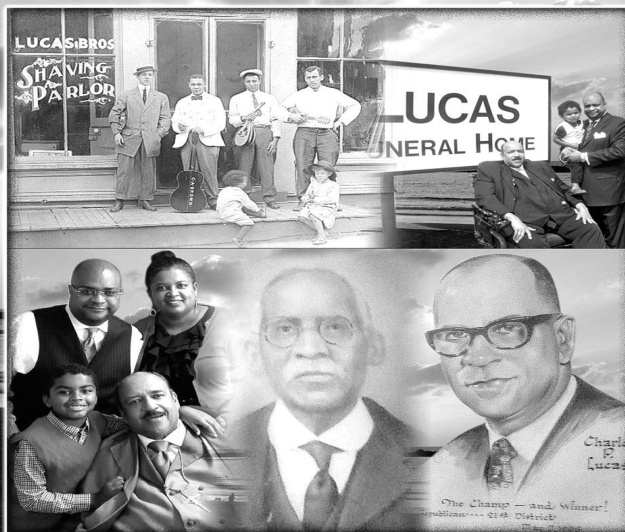
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Community police reports

By Amber Weisbarth

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

GARFIELD HEIGHTS

Assist Fire Dept.

The pastor of a church on Garfield Blvd. told police someone set the trash inside the church's dumpster on fire on July 20th, around 10:30 a.m. The dumpster was located in the church parking lot and all of its lids and doors were damaged by the fire.

Breaking & Entering

Police were dispatched to the Boulevard Convenient store on Garfield Blvd. on July 23rd, around 3:25 a.m., after a neighbor called and said he heard two loud noises then the store's alarm sounding. When police arrived they found the front door window smashed out and the office window smashed and the area ransacked.

Police were able to watch security camera footage which showed two males break through the door and go immediately to the office area, where they ransacked drawers but did not take anything.

Police and detectives were able to obtain fibers on the front door from one of the males' sweatshirts as well as blood that had been found on the shards of glass. Northfield Village's K-9 unit was called to the scene and tracked a scent to the 4700 block of E. 90th St. before

losing the trail. The Detective Bureau continues to investigate.

Felonious Assault

On July 28th, around 11:45 p.m., police were dispatched to the E. 131st St. and Rexwood area and found a man sitting in the driver's seat of a silver Kia with a gunshot wound to the center of his stomach. Police said he was conscious and gasping for air leaving him unable to speak. He was taken to MetroHealth Medical Center for treatment. Police also said an infant was in the back seat. Officers were able to contact the victim's mother and the child was released to her.

At the scene, police spoke to a man who said he was standing in the parking lot of Open Pantry nearby on E. 131st St. when he saw the Kia driving slowly and go up onto the curb, then strike a utility pole. He said he heard what sounded like a child crying and when he went up to the car, found the driver had been shot. The witness said he found the victim's cell phone and called 911. Police were able to identify the man as a 52-year-old Garfield Heights resident by checking LEADS and DMV records. Inside the vehicle, police collected two .40 caliber shell casings, one copper jacketed bullet, a cell phone and a prescription pill bottle. Detectives continue to investigate.

CLEVELAND

Homicide Investigation

On June 12th, around 4:45 p.m., police responded to the 6800 block of E. 69th St. for a male shot and found a 53-year-old man, Calvin Hamm, Jr., in the front yard bleeding from his chest. The suspect, a 48-year-old male, was standing next to the victim and was arrested.

Hamm was taken to MetroHealth Medical Center and died from his injuries on July 6th. His death was ruled

a homicide by the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner on July 23rd and the investigation is now being handled by the Homicide Unit.

The suspect was indicted on felonious assault charges but new charges may stem from the investigation.

Shooting

Police said a 26-year-old man was shot in the leg at Malibu Joe's bar on E. 71st St. in the early morning hours of July 28th. He was taken to MetroHealth Medical Center by private vehicle. Published reports said the man was from Maple Heights. More information was not available as of press time.

Covenant Farmers' Market open Saturdays

The Farmers' Market at Lutheran Church of the Covenant, 19000 Libby Rd. in Maple Heights, is now open on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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M.H. Council to address cell bills, changes in law director appointment rules tonight

By Judith Goldsworth

Maple Heights Council met Monday night but failed to vote on two pieces of legislation it had placed on first reading the week before, the first regarding use of public properties and rights of way for small cell wireless facilities and wireless support structures in the city, and the second to enact new design standards and guidelines for small cell equipment.

Both ordinances, which would have given the city more control over the installation and appearance of cell phone equipment, would have had to be passed by Monday night to avoid being superseded by Ohio House Bill 478, which went into effect yesterday.

Maple Heights Law Director Frank Consolo stated that several telecommunications companies had proposed legislation seeking to amend Ohio Revised Code, which eliminates the rights of municipalities to regulate small cell facilities and related equipment on public properties and rights of way; also, the proposal gives cell phone service providers "nearly unrestricted access to any municipal structure that can support a wireless antenna... and prohibit municipalities from recovering their costs in many cases."

Consolo told The Neighborhood News that if the city does pass the cell legislation, which will be on the agenda at tonight's council meeting, it will override the state law now in effect, but will not be retroactive.

"I do hope it will eventually get passed," Consolo said.

Several communities had filed a lawsuit claiming the initial proposal was "unconstitutional" because it violated the home rule amendment to the Ohio Constitution, Consolo stated.

He further explained that the state responded to the litigation by allowing municipalities to establish their own design guidelines and regulations.

Council Clerk Leonette

Cicirella confirmed yesterday afternoon that both pieces of legislation were on the agenda for council's regular August meeting, to be held tonight at 7 p.m. at the Maple Heights Senior Center, 15901 Libby Road.

Also on the agenda at tonight's meeting will be two pieces of legislation to put proposed charter changes on the November ballot, Cicirella stated.

One proposal states that council must approve the mayor's appointment or removal of whoever is serving in the position of Law Director.

The other states that anyone appointed to the position must have at least five years experience in municipal law.

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