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## Arrested in Indy Chase Bank robbery Court sets bond at \$2 million for accused killer of Garfield Hts. brother, sister on E. 86th

Rolland Scales, Jr., 24, of Lorain, was arrested Monday after allegedly robbing a Chase Bank in Independence, according to FBI Special Agent Vicki Anderson.

On September 10th, around 11 a.m., Anderson said a man entered the Chase Bank at 6200 Brecksville Rd. in Independence, armed with a snub nosed black revolver and demanded \$250,000 from the teller. After throwing a black duffel bag to the teller, he demanded she fill it with money. The teller complied and the man fled out of the bank with the bag and ran southbound into the treeline.

A canvass of the neighborhood led to information about a person matching the description of the robber running along Lafayette Blvd. At about 1:30 p.m., a Broadview Heights K9 unit alerted on an area near 6600 Lafayette Blvd. The subject, later identified as Scales, emerged from the landscaping, complied with demands and was arrested, according to Anderson. A gun, believed to be stolen, and currency were recovered from the scene, she said.

"He will be charged locally by Independence PD and then will be charged federally, hopefully next week," Anderson said.

Bond has been set at \$2 million for Matthew Nicholson, 29, of Garfield Heights, accused of killing Garfield Heights brother and sister, Giselle and Manuel Lopez, Jr., according to Garfield Heights Police Chief Robert Byrne. He is being charged with two counts of aggravated murder and three counts of domestic violence.

Last Wednesday, Sept. 5, around 9:30 p.m., Nicholson is alleged to have shot and killed the teens, ages 19 and 17, after getting into a domestic dispute with his girlfriend, the teens' mother. The teens



Giselle Lopez

were found in the driveway with gunshot wounds. Manuel was taken to Marymount Hospital where he was pronounced dead, and Giselle was taken to MetroHealth Medical Center where she underwent surgery but died from her injuries.



Manuel Lopez, Jr.

SWAT was called when Nicholson refused to come out of the house and after about four hours he peacefully surrendered, according to police. Nicholson's bond was originally set at \$500,000 but was raised by the court to \$2 million, according to Byrne.

Byrne said everyone lived in the home together and believes the incident began as a domestic dispute between Nicholson and the victims' mother, America Polanco. Byrne said Polanco was also taken to Marymount Hospital to be treated for minor injuries sustained during the domestic dispute.

Nicholson worked for a security company contracted through Homeland Security, Byrne said, and that he has no criminal record. The chief also noted that his department had previous noise and neighbor complaints at the address but no record of prior domestic visits at the home.

Giselle was a graduate of Garfield Heights High School and was planning to be a nurse, according to The Plain Dealer. She was taking classes at Cuyahoga Community College and working at a Wal-Mart in Parma, according to the publication. Manuel was at senior at GHHS this year and planned to be an electrician, according to the article.

"Although the incident took place away from school grounds, it has powerfully impacted our school family to its core," said GHHS Principal Tammy Hager in a Facebook post.

Garfield Heights City Schools superintendent Terry Olszewski said, "On behalf of the Board of Education and entire Garfield Heights City Schools, we express our collective condolences and our deepest sympathies to the family of those who were abruptly taken from us all."

Giselle and Manuel are survived by their mother and father, Manuel Lopez, Sr., and an older brother, Roberto. Services were held last weekend at Slone & Co. Funeral Directors in Cleveland. They are interred at Riverside Cemetery.

## Slain teenagers remembered at Monday's G.H. Council meeting

By Ellen Psenicka

A somber opening of Garfield Heights Council took place Monday night as a moment of silence for Manuel and Giselle Lopez and their family was observed. The brother and sister died last Wednesday night and their mother injured in what police describe as a domestic violence incident on East 86th Street in the city.

Police Chief Robert Byrne commended his officers and first responders on scene for doing an outstanding job.

"About half of our officers are parents and that's not something you forget for a long time," he said, referring to the shooting deaths of the two teenagers.

Also at the meeting, Mayor Vic Collova swore in two new auxiliary police officers for the GHPD, Regina Dublin and Kenneth Shipta. Both Collova and Byrne praised the work of the auxiliary police officers, who volunteer their time to help make the city safer.

Collova announced a crackdown on the rubbish problem in the city after

repeated efforts to get residents to follow the rules which say trash cans must be returned from the curb at least 12 hours after pickup.

He said all residents will receive a letter October 15th stating the rules on garbage collection, and after that first-time offenders will receive a warning. Residents who continue to ignore the rules will be ticketed and fined up to \$150 per incident.

Service Director Tim McLaughlin encouraged residents to attend the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District's Open House and Clean Water Fest this Saturday, Sept. 15, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 4747 E. 49th St., Cuyahoga Heights, and to take advantage of the Hazardous Waste Roundup going on now at the Service Garage, 13600 McCracken Blvd., and the personal shredding service the city is offering on Saturday, Sept. 22, from 9 a.m. to noon, also at the Service Garage.

The following was among legislation passed at Monday night's council meeting:

• Declaring the opioid

epidemic and its effects to be a public nuisance and to allow the city to recover costs associated with it by joining in a lawsuit against drug manufacturers and distributors.

• Entering into a cooperation agreement with the city of Cleveland for the submission of an Ohio Public Works Commission Grant application for the Johnston Parkway Reconstruction Project and executing all applications, agreements and/or contracts that may be required by the OPWC in order to secure the grant funds requested.

The legislation notes that Johnston Parkway traverses through Garfield Heights

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## Tracy Smith fired as Maple Heights finance director

By Judith Goldsworth

Maple Heights Mayor Annette Blackwell has announced the termination of Tracy Smith as the city's finance director following Smith's indictment by the Mahoning County Grand Jury earlier this summer on felony charges.

Smith, 50, of Canfield, Ohio, who was hired as Maple Heights finance director in April 2017, was fired on Friday, Aug. 3, 2018, four months after she was arrested on charges of insurance fraud, tampering with evidence

and false alarm, and about six weeks after she was indicted on the charges in June 2018, Blackwell stated.

Initially, Smith was placed on administrative leave with pay, beginning Thursday, July 19, 2018, because of the felony criminal charges pending against her, Blackwell stated.

Mahoning County Common Pleas Court records in the case of State of Ohio v. Tracy M. Smith, Case No.

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## Tracy Smith fired

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2018-CR 00636, show that Smith was indicted on one charge each of tampering with evidence (third degree felony), and insurance fraud (fourth degree felony). Smith was also indicted on one count of false alarm, a first degree misdemeanor, according to the court records.

Blackwell confirmed that she and other city officials were first made aware of the felony charges against Smith on July 19 by Detective Joshua Wells of the Canfield Police Department.

Smith resided in Canfield, a community about 10 miles southwest of Youngstown, for the duration of her employment with Maple Heights.

At the time Smith was hired in 2017, the charges of insurance fraud and tampering with evidence were not pending against her and did not appear on her background check, Blackwell stated.

The grand jury indicted Smith on the felony charges on Thursday, June 21, 2018, and Smith retained an attorney and pled not guilty to the charges, Blackwell said.

Smith's attorney is listed in Mahoning County Court records as James E. Lanzo of Youngstown. A request to Lanzo offering either himself or Smith the chance to respond and/or comment on the indictment and her firing was not answered.

Following Smith's administrative leave, Blackwell and other city officials gathered information on the charges against her from the Canfield Police Department and reviewed the police reports and court records. During the course of Maple Heights' investigation, Blackwell said, it was discovered that in February 2017, two months prior to her being hired by the city, Smith

reported to Canfield police that her residence had been burglarized.

"After a lengthy investigation by Canfield police into the alleged burglary, detectives found several inconsistencies which led them to suspect that Smith had not been truthful in February 2017 when she reported the burglary," Blackwell stated.

"The incident reports show that on April 16, 2018, after being confronted by the Canfield detectives, Smith provided a written statement to Canfield police detectives confessing that she had lied about her Canfield residence being burglarized on February 2, 2017, and was arrested," Blackwell said. "Smith had submitted a fraudulent claim to her insurance carrier for damage to her home and for property stolen from her home," Blackwell explained.

The mayor went on to say that "at no time" before Blackwell herself was contacted by Canfield police on July 19, did Smith disclose to Blackwell, to Law Director Frank Consolo or to the city's law department, that in April 2018, she had been arrested and was facing felony criminal charges.

Blackwell said that on July 19, Consolo advised Smith to have her attorney contact him "as soon as possible, to discuss this matter further."

The mayor emphasized that Smith's attorney has never contacted the law department or herself to explain Smith's indictment, her confession or arrest. Whether or not Lanzo was representing Smith at this point in the investigation could not be confirmed. Accordingly, Blackwell terminated Smith's employment on August 3.

Blackwell said that she has been assured by representatives of Ohio State Auditor Dave Yost's office, who have been overseeing Maple Heights' Finance Department since February 2015, when the city was placed on Fiscal Emergency status, "that they are unaware of any fraudulent or improper conduct engaged in by Smith."

Carl Macey, CPA was recently named the city's assistant finance director by Blackwell, and has now been confirmed as the city's interim finance director.

Smith's case has been assigned to Mahoning County Common Pleas Judge Lou A. D'Apolito, according to court records. The case is continued to a pretrial on Tuesday, Oct. 2, the docket states.

## Slain teenagers

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and Cleveland, and the portion between McCracken Road and Velma Avenue has deteriorated and is in need of major reconstruction.

- Authorizing MRDP, LLC to construct a billboard on Parcel Number 545-11-037.

- Adopting Chapter 771, Medical Marijuana Operations, in the codified ordinances of the city to establish limitations on medical marijuana operations within the city.

Because two businesses located in Garfield Heights have been awarded medical marijuana operations by the state of Ohio, one a dispensary and one a processing facility, the city adopted Chapter 771 "to establish reasonable and uniform regulations to ensure all medical marijuana operations within the city are performed in a manner that promotes the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Garfield Heights," the legislation stipulates.

- Declaring the month of September to be Prostate Cancer Awareness Month throughout the city.

- Purchasing three Ford police utility vehicles from Lebanon Ford in the 2019 fiscal year.

The city has been advised that beginning in 2020, Ford Motor Company will no longer produce the current vehicles being sold as police sedans and police utility vehicles. The police sedans will no longer be manufactured and the utility vehicles will be manufactured solely as hybrid utility vehicles.

Lebanon Ford and other dealers are currently accepting letters of intent to purchase 2019 police vehicles to guarantee local municipalities the option to purchase new vehicles before the Ford factories begin producing the 2020 vehicles in early 2019.

In the event the city does decide to purchase the vehicles in 2019, an ordinance will be brought before council for approval.

The next regular council meeting is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 24.

## Garfield Hts. Woman's Club luncheon to honor female first responders

The Garfield Heights Woman's Club is holding its annual Salad Luncheon on Saturday, Oct. 6, and will be honoring female first responders living or working in Garfield Heights, representing police, fire, nurses and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

"Safety is so important," said club president Debra Sarnowski. "We never thank these people enough for putting their lives on the line to protect and keep us safe."

Honored will be police officers Berri Cramer and Charlene Bruno; firefighter Jennifer McConville; CERT nurses Marcie Massingill and Suzette Nalepa; retiring CERT director Sheila Roman.

Salad luncheon tickets are \$15 and the event is open to the public. Tickets are available by calling Joan at 216-587-7018.

## Lupus support group meets

The Lupus Foundation of America, Greater Ohio Chapter, will hold its monthly Maple Heights Lupus Support Group meeting on Saturday, Sept. 15, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at South Pointe Hospital, 4th floor conference room, 2000 Harvard Rd. in Warrensville Heights.

The support group is an open, small-group environment which encourages discussion among lupus patients and their families. [www.LupusGreaterOhio.org](http://www.LupusGreaterOhio.org).

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## Bedford to apply for \$1 million grant for Broadway project

By Judith Goldsworth

At its meeting last week, Bedford Council approved a resolution to apply for a \$1 million grant from Cuyahoga County, with the goal of dramatically improving streets, curbs, utilities and other components of the Broadway Avenue corridor in the city.

The city is applying for Issue 2 funds hoping that if the county okays the application it will go towards a nearly \$2 million road resurfacing, waterline replacement, curbing and electrical upgrade project proposed for next year, City Manager Mike Mallis stated.

"The early numbers are that this project is going to be around \$1.9 million, with the city looking to contribute no more than a million dollars in matching funds for the grant," Mallis said.

He explained, "What we're looking to do is replace a water line which will start at Powers all the way down Broadway, continue down Union, up to Northfield Road. That water line was put in some areas in the 1920s, the others from the 1930s. It desperately needs to get repaired."

Additionally, if the grant is approved, it would include "resurfacing all of Broadway, and we're looking to partner with Cuyahoga County, which would resurface Union in 2019 as well," he said.

Mallis said that Dominion had a plan to replace the gas line in the area, which would also take place in 2019, and the final improvement included in the grant would be curb restoration and replacement in the Historic District.

### Parking fines ordinance changed

Council passed an ordinance to amend the city's existing parking ordinances, which means that tickets issued for parking in prohibited areas and on lawns may be waived within 72 hours by paying a \$25 fine. If the fine is not paid within 72 hours, the fine will be increased to \$50.

Additional fines of up to \$150 and costs "will be imposed if court action is necessary," according to the

legislation, which also states that the fine for handicapped parking violations is \$250.

"Typically, we used to give 10 days to pay the fine for individuals who got a parking ticket," Mallis said. "This does not include handicapped or overnight parking."

He said there has been an excessive amount of parking violations recorded in the city. "I think this is a way to put a little bit more teeth in it, as far as requiring them to pay in a more timely manner, and if they don't, it'll significantly increase," Mallis explained.

### Water, sewer rates

Placed on first reading were two ordinances that would slightly increase water and sewer rates in the city, beginning in 2019. If passed at a future meeting, the minimum monthly water charge would increase from \$28.44 to \$28.47. The minimum monthly sewer charge would increase from \$22.44 to \$24.46.

An ordinance to amend previous legislation, entitled "rate reduction for senior citizens and the permanently disabled," establishing the minimum monthly sewer rate at \$17.12, effective January 1, 2019, was also placed on first reading.

Another ordinance to provide a 30 percent discount in water and sewer base rates to the city's senior citizens and the permanently disabled with a maximum combined household income of less than \$33,224 as of 2017, was passed. This legislation needed to be passed to accommodate the homeowner application process for 2019, which had to be completed by the end of this month, Finance Director Frank Gambosi stated.

## Local road closure updates

The Ohio Department of Transportation has released the following lane closures and restrictions listed below:

• **East 49th Street/Washington Park Blvd./Harvard Avenue resurfacing, Newburgh Heights-** Through October, E. 49th Street/Washington Park Blvd. between Fleet and Harvard aves. will be reduced to one lane in each direction to perform resurfacing operations. Work will take place Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Starting this week crews will restrict traffic on Harvard Avenue between E. 42nd Street and E. 55th Street through October for resurfacing operations.

• **Transportation Boulevard, Garfield Heights-** Weather permitting overnight Thursday, Sept. 13, crews will close Transportation Blvd. over I-480 from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. for bridge deck pouring operations. Traffic on Transportation Blvd. north of the bridge can still access I-480 west and traffic south of the bridge can still access I-480 east.

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# Death Notices

**MICHAEL MILKOVICH**, 96, of Maple Heights, passed away September 3rd. He was preceded in death by his wife Barbara (nee Weiler) and is reunited with her now.



His innovative coaching style, techniques and training in the sport of high school wrestling helped forge rivalries among neighboring schools, raise the bar for other programs to compete and increased fan and parental participation at wrestling matches. Through wrestling, he put Maple Heights, a blue collar community of 5.1 square miles, on the map of Ohio and the nation. He touched the lives of the many kids that he coached and instilled in them the virtues of class and character.

He is most proud of his four sons, Mike, Jr. (Jill), Dan, Tom, Pat (Carol), and two daughters Cathy DiEgidio (Lee) and Beth (Gene), 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Mike was the brother of Mary, John,

Nick and Dorothy and the late Helen, Martha and Paul.

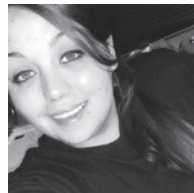
His passion was fishing, whether it was at his cottage in Canada or his winter home in the Florida Keys. He was a U.S. Army WWII veteran. He also enjoyed dabbling in the stock market. His lasting legacy, however, was winning a United States Supreme Court decision regarding the First Amendment (Milkovich v. The Lorain Journal).

"Big Mike" loved his community, family, made many friendships, cultivated a few enemies, but mostly he loved being in and seeing a "good fight," be it a fish or foe. One of his more memorable mantras was, "If the only thing in life that I have taught you is a wrestling move, then I have failed you as a coach."

He was a father to many, a nationally renowned wrestling coach, a mentor and adversary, but most importantly he was loved by many and was a great man who will be missed greatly.

Arrangements were handled by Ferfolia Funeral Home where funeral services were held. Interment in Crown Hill Cemetery.

**CHARLIE RAYE MCKENZIE**, 25, of Cleveland, passed away unexpectedly September 3rd.



She was the cherished mother of Dominic; loving daughter of Mary Murphy (Beckie) and the late Ricky McKenzie; dear sister of Brittany Murphy; granddaughter to James and Shelia Murphy; dear niece of Eddie (Tina), Lisa (late Keith), Charlene (James) and Christal. Cousin and friend to many.

Services were held at Bican Bros. Funeral Home in Cleveland.

**JEAN CAMERATTA** (nee Kures), 80, of Maple Heights, passed away on September 1st.

She was the beloved wife of John; loving mother of Linda (Joe), and John (Alease); cherished grandmother

of Kristyn (Brooks), Melissa (Greg), Jacilyn (Chas), John, Carmen, and Sam; great-grandmother of Grace, Graeme, and Holden; dear daughter of the late Andrew Kures and Mary (nee Filistovich); sister of Sophie Lashtka, Walter, Sam, John (Jan), and Pete (all deceased).

Arrangements were handled by Ferfolia Funeral Home and a Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church. Interment in All Saints Cemetery.

**NORMAN BANIEWICZ**, 90, of Maple Heights, passed away August 1st.


Mr. Baniewicz was a retired firefighter for the city of Maple Heights, a United States Army veteran and a friend of many.

Arrangements were handled by Ferfolia Funeral Home, where memorial services were held.

## 9/11 MEMORIAL CEREMONY IN G.H.



Members of the Garfield Heights Fire Department are shown above raising a flag during the Garfield Heights 9/11 Memorial Ceremony yesterday morning. The ceremony was to be held outdoors at the Garfield Heights 9-11 Memorial "Never Forget" at the Civic Center on Turney Road but was taken inside due to inclement weather. Photo by Michael Psenicka



A sincere "Thank You" to Mr. Trevor Elkins, Mayor of Newburgh Heights and the Fire Department of Newburgh Heights. Seniors, Homemakers, Root Social Club and all the Friends of Bob Smolinski. A special "Thank You" to Al, Jan, Jack, Carol, Renee and the Fortuna Family. Your prayers, thoughts and gifts were very appreciated by June and family. Bob will truly be missed.

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## Letter to the Editor

### Remembering emergency services

Once again another year has passed since the unbelievable acts of evil on 9/11. Also once again we wanted to say thank you in some small way to our police and fire (first responders) in Garfield Heights. We reached out to Giant Eagle and they provided refreshments which were delivered to our fire and police departments on Tuesday, 9/11/18. Thanks again to store manager Vince and all the awesome people of Giant Eagle.

Sincerely,  
John P. Smith  
Garfield Heights resident

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**Community awareness meeting**

The Garfield Heights Ward 6 Community Awareness meeting will be held Monday, Sept. 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd.

Join Ward 6 Councilman Matt Burke, Mayor Vic Collova and other city leaders to discuss issues going on in Garfield Heights. A representative from ODOT will also attend to answer questions about the I-480 bridge construction and other projects.

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## Maple Hts. to hire 3 more firefighters/paramedics thanks to SAFER grant

By Judith Goldsworth

Maple Heights has been awarded a grant of nearly \$1 million over three years from the Staffing For Adequate Fire And Emergency Response (SAFER) organization, which will allow the city to hire three additional firefighter/paramedics, according to legislation passed by council at its meeting last week.

Mayor Annette Blackwell and Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas will accept the fiscal year 2017 SAFER grant in the amount of \$969,165 over 36 months. As a condition of receiving the award, the city will contribute \$371,511 over that same time period, the resolution states.

The grant will be used to hire three fire department members for the period from February 2, 2019, through February 1, 2022.

Council approved another piece of legislation towards funding the fire department at last week's meeting, authorizing Blackwell and Kavaliunas to accept a 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) in the amount of \$160,165 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to be used for operations and safety equipment. Of this grant, \$145,605 will come from federal funds, and 10 percent of that, or \$14,560, will come from Maple Heights.

Council also passed three resolutions approving contracts for construction projects throughout the city, including \$30,704 to Pro Construction for improvements at the Lee-Libby "pocket park;" \$398,744.66 to Fabrizi Trucking for waterline replacement on Brunswick Avenue; and \$314,157 to Terrace Construction for sanitary sewer replacement on and Milan and Hardin drives.

Regarding the "pocket park," the resolution noted that the city had been awarded a Cuyahoga County Competitive Municipal Supplemental Grant in the amount of \$50,000 through the county's department of development, which must be used by December 31, 2018, towards repairs to the curb, sidewalk and structures at the northeast corner of the Lee-Libby intersection.

City Engineer Ed Hren stated in correspondence to city officials that Pro Construction representative

Delbert Jordan indicated that the work would be scheduled to start in mid-September, pending approval by council.

As for the Brunswick project from E. 141 to E. 146 sts., the city was awarded \$443,040 from the Cleveland Water Department's Suburban Water Main Renewal Program, with construction expected to begin as soon as possible and completed within 60 days, Hren said.

For the Milan-Hardin project, from Erwin to Bellview sts., the city received 56 percent of the construction costs, or \$153,544.65, from the Ohio Public Works Commission and the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District. The earliest start date for this project is January 2, 2019, with completion indicated within 60 days, Hren stated.

Also passed were the following: an agreement with CHN Housing Partners to lease a room at \$250 a month for a year in the Maple Heights Senior Center to open a Home Energy Assistance Program office; a resolution urging Gov. John Kasich and state legislators to invest a projected \$147

million budget surplus in municipalities; resolutions to request tax advances from the county auditor, and also to accept amounts and rates as determined by the county fiscal officer; and a resolution designating September 2018 as "National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month" in the city.

## Golden Ager's Grapevine

The St. Stan's Golden Agers will meet Thursday, Sept. 13, at 1:30 p.m. in the Social Center on Baxter Ave. A light lunch, raffle and games will follow a short meeting.

## Indy to host public meeting

Residents of Independence wishing to obtain more information regarding three proposed charter amendments which will appear on the ballot on Tuesday, Nov. 6, are welcome to attend a public information meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 19, at 7 p.m. in the White Oak Room at the Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Dr.

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For more details contact Sandra Buckner at 216-456-0914 or sbuckner@universitysettlement.net. No prior manufacturing experience necessary.

Program sponsored by Tri-C, Broadway P-16 and MAGNET.

Cass Kuhl will discuss the relationship of Civil War officers involved in the Battle of Little Bighorn at the Independence Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 6361 Selig Dr., on Thursday, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m.

Kuhl will also discuss the politics and intrigue leading to this tragic event. Registration is required by calling 216-447-0160.

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Our Own Homegrown

## APPLES

All Local

Romaine  
Green Onions  
Tomatoes • Zucchini


**Hours: Sun.-Mon. 10-4; Tues.-Fri. 9-7; Sat. 9-6**

## RYBKA LAW OFFICE

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## Alzheimer's Support Group

Caregiving for a person with dementia can be challenging and frustrating at times.

Please join us as we support each other on our journey.





Please join us on the last Thursday of the month.  
6-7pm  
200 lounge  
Please RSVP 440-439-8666  
19455 Rockside Rd Bedford, Ohio

## Fall Recycling Program



Garfield Heights  
Service Garage

13600 McCracken Blvd.



### Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Monday, Sept. 10, 2018 - Friday, Sept. 14, 2018  
7:30am - 3:00pm

Monday, Sept. 17, 2018 - Friday, Sept. 21, 2018  
7:30am - 3:00pm

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection Free Document Shredding

Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018  
9am - Noon



Residents only.  
No commercial disposal.  
For details, call 216-475-3373.



## Village of Newburgh Heights Building Dept.

3801 Harvard Ave., Newburgh Heights, Ohio 44105

### NOTICE FOR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

The Village of Newburgh Heights Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at Village Hall Council Chambers located at 3801 Harvard Avenue in the Village of Newburgh Heights, Ohio.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order.
- II. Approval of minutes.
- III. Review or approve site plan for proposed development of in-fill lots located at 511-11-030 (4017 E. 42 St.) and 511-05-016 (3788 Washington Park Blvd.).
- IV. Review or approve site plan for the proposed development of in-fill lot located at 511-11-029 (4019 E. 42 St.).
- V. Review or approve site plans for future development of in-fill lots.
- VI. Public comments.
- VII. Action on site plans submissions.
- VIII. Adjournment.

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