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## Independence joins Strike Force to fight opioid epidemic

Independence Council met last Tuesday, Sept. 11, and passed an ordinance entering into a memorandum of understanding with the Cleveland Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force Strike Force to address drug trafficking and drug-related crime.

This Strike Force encompasses the Northern Ohio Law Enforcement Task Force which brings together agents from the FBI, IRS, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the DEA, along with police from the city of Cleveland, suburbs and Cuyahoga County.

Independence Mayor Anthony Togliatti said this agreement makes the Northern Ohio Strike Force a reality and assigns the city of Independence as the fiduciary and a member of the Strike Force.

"By acting as the fiduciary to both this newly created Northern Ohio Strike Force, and the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Agency, the city of Independence is truly leading the charge in fighting the opioid epidemic in Northern Ohio," Togliatti said.

Among other legislation passed last Tuesday was the following:

- An ordinance creating informal procedures required for entering into contracts or purchasing goods and services not in excess of the amount requiring public bidding (\$7500).

- Entering into a permit agreement with Mcmetro Access Transmission Ser-

vices Corp. for use of the city conduit.

- Authorizing payment to Walter H. Drane Company for professional codification services in connection with editing, updating and distribution of replacement pages for the city's codified ordinances.

- Retention of Dempsey Surveying Company to provide general surveying services to the Engineering Department.

- Amending an ordinance to authorize a \$4,913 increase in the amount of funds requested for the replacement of eight sports lighting poles in Elmwood Park.

- Accepting bids for snow plowing services for municipal lots and senior citizens/disabled persons/active military residents for the 2018-2019 snow season.

- Accepting the base bid of Signal Service Company for the traffic signal and street lighting improvements project.

- A resolution in support of Prostate Cancer Awareness Month and encouraging all male residents to schedule their annual screening.

## Indy 'State of City' set for October 5th

City of Independence Mayor Anthony Togliatti will host the annual State of the City Address and Luncheon on Friday, Oct. 5. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. The event is free to attend for all residents of Independence.

To RSVP, call the Community Services Department at 216-524-7373 by Friday, Sept. 28.

## Found dead outside church

An unidentified woman was found dead outside Broadway Christian Church, 5920 Engle Rd., near Broadway Avenue in Cleveland on Monday evening, according to Cleveland Police Detective Reginald Lanton.

On September 17th, around 7:45 p.m., officers responded to the church for a call about a foul odor/dead body. The victim was located in the rear yard of the building under stairs with head trauma, according to Lanton. A maintenance worker found the victim after complaints of odor.

"No suspect information is available at this time," said Lanton. The medical examiner will determine the official cause of death.

"No arrests have been made. This matter will be further investigated," said Lanton.

## Elderly woman dead, daughter injured in home invasion on Gertrude Avenue; vigil tonight

Police are investigating the death of Eucebia Garcia, 94, and the assault on her daughter, Marina, during a violent home invasion and robbery on Gertrude Avenue in Cleveland's Slavic Village neighborhood earlier this week, according to Cleveland Police Sgt. Jennifer Ciaccia.

A vigil for the slain woman will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the 6200 block of Gertrude, according to reports by WOIO Channel 19 news.

Eucebia Garcia and her daughter were from Honduras and were staying in Slavic Village visiting family, according to media outlets.

Around 1:45 a.m. Monday, Sept. 17, officers were dispatched to a home in the 6200 block of Gertrude for two elderly females who had been beaten during a home invasion. Officers and EMS arrived and both victims were transported to MetroHealth Medical Center for treatment. Marina Garcia, 74, the victim's daughter, is still at Metro with head trauma injuries, according to Ciaccia.

Eucebia Garcia's son, Marco Tabora Garcia, said in a public Facebook post that he will miss his mother's phone calls and said, "Your jokes, your laughter and your way of seeing life, thank you for having educated me your way. Mother Mia, you will always live in my heart."

At the scene it was learned that the suspect had entered the home through a window where he confronted both women who were sleeping in a bedroom, Ciaccia said. The suspect physically assaulted both women and then took property from the home. He was described as a tall, thin black male, approximately 25 years old.

"My sympathies go out to the Garcia family and my trust goes out to the Cleveland Police Department to solve this crime and bring this criminal to justice," said Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli.

"You certainly are punching your ticket to hell by assaulting a senior citizen immigrant. Our neighborhood will not be defined by this criminal act but rather by the resolve of the residents who call our community home," he continued.

Members of the Homicide Unit and the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office responded to the scene for investigation. No arrests have as yet been made.



Shown above is Eucebia Garcia (at left) with her son Marco A Tabora Garcia in happier times. The 94-year-old woman visiting from Honduras was killed during a home invasion on Gertude Avenue on Monday.

**First Day of  
Autumn is  
this Saturday,  
September  
22nd**

## Voter Registration Day event at Stella Walsh Sept. 25th

On Tuesday, Sept. 25, from 4:30 to 7 p.m., there will be a free fun event at Stella Walsh Recreation Center, 7245 Broadway Ave., Cleveland, to highlight National Voter Registration Day. Eligible residents will be able to register to vote so they can have their voices heard in the

midterm election taking place on Tuesday, Nov. 6. The event is free to the public and will include free snacks and programming: Yoga from 5:30-6:30 p.m., and Step Aerobics from 6:30-7:30 p.m. For more info: 216-429-1182, ext. 132.

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**PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT**

ORDINANCE NO.: 58-2018  
SPONSORED BY: MAYOR VIC COLLOVA

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 8 OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS CITY CHARTER RELATIVE TO REDISTRICTING BOUNDARIES FOR WARDS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF SAID AMENDMENT TO THE ELECTORATE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

WHEREAS, Section 52 of the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights permits this Council to submit proposed Charter amendments to the electors of the City upon a Council vote of two-thirds in favor of said change, and

WHEREAS, an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of Council members present shall result in this amendment to be presented to the electors of the City on the November 6, 2018, General Election.

WHEREAS, the 2018 City of Garfield Heights Charter Review Committee has studied the Garfield Heights Charter and has recommended to Council the amendment of Section 8 of the Charter to specify the time requirement for redistricting wards, and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to provide for said amendment. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by this Council of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio that:

SECTION 1. Section 8 of the Garfield Heights Charter shall be amended to read as follows:

Upon the adoption of this Charter by the electors of the City of Garfield Heights and at least sixty (60) days prior to the filing date of nominating petitions for the terms beginning on January 1, 1958, the present City Council shall divide the City into seven (7) wards which shall be as nearly equal in population as is possible, each ward to be composed of contiguous and compact territory bounded by natural boundaries or street lines. In the event Council shall not have fixed the division of wards herein prescribed, the Director of Public Service shall cause such division to be made at least thirty (30) days prior to the filing date herein provided. If and when any territory is annexed to the City, the Council shall by ordinance declare it a part of the adjacent ward or wards.

The Council is hereby given the authority to make future re-divisions of the City into seven (7) wards which shall be as nearly equal in population as is possible, each ward to be composed of contiguous and compact territory bounded by natural boundaries or street lines. Council shall redivide wards after each decennial United States census based upon the information contained in said census.

SECTION 2. The question of amendment of Section 8 of the City of Garfield Heights Charter shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electorate of the City of Garfield Heights at an election to be held November 6, 2018 during the regular hours of voting permitted as prescribed by law, where a majority affirmative vote is required for passage.

SECTION 3. The Law Director be and he is hereby directed to transmit by certified mail a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, c/o the Director's Office, located at 2925 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115 and/or to hand-deliver the same to the Issues Department located On the Third Floor of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections and obtain a written and dated receipt therefore and he is further directed to make the necessary arrangements with the Board of Elections, Cuyahoga County, for giving notice of the proposed amendment of the municipal Charter and for compliance with other regulations including but not limited to appropriate ballot language in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure for the best interest of the citizens of Garfield Heights and for the further reason that publication requirements of Ohio law pertaining to Charter amendments necessitates passage without undue delay, therefore this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

**Cuyahoga Hts. Council notes**

The Village of Cuyahoga Heights Council met last Wednesday, Sept. 12, and passed several pieces of routine legislation and the following:

- A resolution transferring monies from the General Fund to the Sewer User Charge Fund to pay the residential sewer bills of homeowners.
- A resolution authorizing the AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company plan to offer certain deferred compensation services to village employees.
- A resolution authorizing

the village to enter into an amended contract to purchase property located at 4585 E. 71 St.

A letter was also received by council from the Cuyahoga Heights High School Class of 2019 thanking them for allowing the students to work the concession stand at the centennial celebration as a class fundraiser.

Mage's hilarious audience-interactive show will feature funny props, age appropriate comedy and unexplainable magic. More info, 216-447-0160.

**Fish fry at St. Andrew's**

St. Andrew Eastern Orthodox Church, 16029 Maple Park Dr., Maple Heights, will be serving fish fry dinners from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 21. For more information or carryouts, call 216-475-9365.

**Magic show at Indy library**

A Family Magic Show with Michael Mage will be held at the Independence Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 6361 Selig Dr., on Saturday, Sept. 22, at 2 p.m.

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**PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT**

ORDINANCE NO.: 56-2018  
SPONSORED BY: MAYOR VIC COLLOVA

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 32 OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS CITY CHARTER RELATIVE TO RESIDENCY QUALIFICATIONS OF MAYORAL CANDIDATES, AND PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF SAID AMENDMENT TO THE ELECTORATE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

WHEREAS, Section 52 of the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights permits this Council to submit proposed Charter amendments to the electors of the City upon a Council vote of two-thirds in favor of said change, and

WHEREAS, an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of Council members present shall result in this amendment to be presented to the electors of the City on the November 6, 2018, General Election.

WHEREAS, the 2018 City of Garfield Heights Charter Review Committee has studied the Garfield Heights Charter and has recommended to Council the amendment of Section 32 of the Charter to specify residency qualifications for mayoral candidates, and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to provide for said amendment. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by this Council of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio that:

SECTION 1. Section 32 of the Garfield Heights Charter shall be amended to read as follows:

The Mayor shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the City. He shall be elected for a term of four (4) years, and serve until his successor is elected and qualified.

The term of office of the Mayor elected in November, 1985, shall end at midnight of November 30, 1989. Commencing with the General Election in November, 1989, and for each succeeding term thereafter, the term of office of the Mayor shall commence on December 1st of said General Election and shall end four (4) years later at midnight of November 30th following the General Election in that year.

The Mayor shall be an elector of the City and shall have resided in the City continuously for a period of at least five (5) years immediately preceding his election, and shall not hold any other public office or public employment except that of Notary Public or a member of the State Militia, or the Reserve Corps of the United States or a member of various Boards and Commissions with the approval of Council, and shall not be interested in the profits or emoluments of any contract, job, work or service with or for the Municipality. The Mayor shall have his office at the City Hall and shall devote his entire time and effort during business hours, and such other times as may be necessary, to the business of the City. If the Mayor shall cease to possess any of these qualifications or shall be convicted of crime involving moral turpitude, his office shall immediately become vacant.

SECTION 2. The question of amendment of Section 32 of the City of Garfield Heights Charter shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electorate of the City of Garfield Heights at an election to be held November 6, 2018 during the regular hours of voting permitted as prescribed by law, where a majority affirmative vote is required for passage.

SECTION 3. The Law Director be and he is hereby directed to transmit by certified mail a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, c/o the Director's Office, located at 2925 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115 and/or to hand-deliver the same to the Issues Department located on the Third Floor of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections and obtain a written and dated receipt therefore and he is further directed to make the necessary arrangements with the Board of Elections, Cuyahoga County, for giving notice of the proposed amendment of the municipal Charter and for compliance with other regulations including but not limited to appropriate ballot language in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure for the best interest of the citizens of Garfield Heights and for the further reason that publication requirements of Ohio law pertaining to Charter amendments necessitates passage without undue delay, therefore this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

**PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT**

ORDINANCE NO.: 53-2018  
SPONSORED BY: MAYOR VIC COLLOVA

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13 OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS CITY CHARTER PROHIBITING FIRST TERM COUNCIL MEMBERS FROM HOLDING THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT PRO TEM, AND PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF SAID AMENDMENT TO THE ELECTORATE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

WHEREAS, Section 52 of the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights permits this Council to submit proposed Charter amendments to the electors of the City upon a Council vote of two-thirds in favor of said change, and

WHEREAS, an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of Council members present shall result in this amendment to be presented to the electors of the City on the November 6, 2018, General Election, and

WHEREAS, the 2018 City of Garfield Heights Charter Review Committee has studied the Garfield Heights Charter and has recommended to Council the amendment of Section 13 of the Charter to prohibit first term council members from holding the office of President Pro Tem of Council, and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to provide for said amendment. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by this Council of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio that:

SECTION 1. Section 13 of the Garfield Heights Charter shall be amended to read as follows:

At its organization meeting, Council shall elect a President Pro Tem from among its members who shall preside in the absence of the President of Council and retain his/her rights, powers and duties as a council member, including the right to vote on all issues. No council member shall be elected President Pro Tem until that member has completed one full term in office. In the event no member of Council has completed one full term in office at the time the President Pro Tem is to be elected, all members of Council shall be eligible to be elected.

SECTION 2. The question of amendment of Section 3 of the City of Garfield Heights Charter shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electorate of the City of Garfield Heights at an election to be held November 6, 2018 during the regular hours of voting permitted as prescribed by law, where a majority affirmative vote is required for passage.

SECTION 3. The Law Director be and he is hereby directed to transmit by certified mail a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, c/o the Director's Office, located at 2925 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115 and/or to hand-deliver the same to the Issues Department located on the Third Floor of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections and obtain a written and dated receipt therefore and he is further directed to make the necessary arrangements with the Board of Elections, Cuyahoga County, for giving notice of the proposed amendment of the municipal Charter and for compliance with other regulations including but not limited to appropriate ballot language in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure for the best interest of the citizens of Garfield Heights and for the further reason that publication requirements of Ohio law pertaining to Charter amendments necessitates passage without undue delay, therefore this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

# Community police reports

By Amber Weisbarth

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

## GARFIELD HTS.

### Assist Departments

On September 3rd, around 9:20 a.m., police were dispatched to Park Dr. to assist the Cleveland Metroparks Rangers with reports that someone was threatening to stab people with a knife. It was initially reported as a male, but when police arrived they found a woman holding a large steak knife making overhead stabbing motions while walking across the street to a parking lot.

After officers' demands, the woman dropped the knife but she refused to get on the ground. As an officer approached her, she lunged at the officer and she was tackled to the ground near where the knife lay. Another officer deployed a Taser which struck the woman in the back and she was arrested and identified as a 36-year-old Cleveland woman. She was taken first to Marymount Hospital to be treated and was later turned over to Metropark rangers for charges.

## CLEVELAND

### Aggravated Robbery

A 36-year-old Cleveland man told police he was

walking on E. 71st St. on September 14th, around 3:50 a.m., when he saw a gold, newer-model sedan occupied by four males back into a driveway in the 3800 block of E. 71st St. The victim said that when he passed by the car, the four males got out, pointed a gun to the back of his head and told him to get on the ground and "shut up." He said the males started going through his pockets and took his backpack, then got back into the car and fled southbound on E. 71st. The victim was unable to give a

description of the suspects. Police searched the area but did not locate the men.

## BEDFORD

### Breaking & Entering

Police spoke to the manager of Hudec Dental, 22301 Rockside Rd., who said sometime between 4:30 p.m. August 31st and 6:50 a.m. September 1st, someone threw a brick through the side window of the business, got inside the building and stole over \$3700 in cash and customer checks.

Rd. in Maple Heights, and is open on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., now through October 6th. While you're there, ask about CSAs and qualify for a match of up to \$20 worth of produce.

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 For information, contact Ruth Pollack at (216) 475-1103 or email: [rpollack@garfieldheights.org](mailto:rpollack@garfieldheights.org).  
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**Obituary**

**MICHAEL "WEEZER" PATRICK WIECZOREK**, 68, of Cleveland, was born to the late Elizabeth "Betty" and John Wieczorek. He died on September 6th with his daughter, Elizabeth, by his side.

Michael was married to Christine Regula. He was the dear nephew of the late Ron and Annie Kingsmill. He leaves behind his cousins Laurie (Kern) Kingsmill and Chuck Kingsmill, good friend of Carl "Z" and his

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wife Charlene, and his beloved pets, Tommy II, Chevy and Novella.

He was a graduate of Benedictine High School and long time Brother and Journeyman of Local 44 Roofers and Waterproofers. Michael loved Cleveland sports, gardening, camping in Andover and fixing anything.

Family and friends are welcome to attend his celebration of life on Saturday, September 22, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Bican Bros. Funeral Home, 5215 Fleet Ave., Cleveland.

**Blood donor opportunity**

The American Red Cross urges eligible donors to give blood at the following local blood drive:

**Independence:** Wednesday, Sept. 26, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at 6200 Oak Tree Blvd.

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.




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## Valley View council notes

The Village of Valley View Council met last Tuesday, Sept. 11, after taking a break in August.

At the meeting, members of council passed an ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Attorney General to undertake ambulance billings. Currently the Village hires a company to collect outstanding ambulance billings.

An ordinance allowing the mayor to enter into an agreement for the Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program was also passed. "This is the largest grant we have ever received and it will affect 14 homes," said Mayor Jerry Piasecki.

Council also passed a resolution designating Paul Dey as the project manager and

person responsible for implementing the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program on behalf of the Village of Valley View.

An ordinance authorizing the Village to pay a change order in an amount not to exceed \$20,524.71 for the home at 6713 Canal Rd. and \$2,738.45 for the home at 8702 Fosdick Rd. was also among legislation passed at the meeting. The ordinance is part of the Pre-disaster Mitigation Competitive Program in the Village.

Members of council authorized the Village to pay for flu shots for seniors and full-time and permanent part-time employees of the Village at a cost not to exceed \$10,000. Village Clerk Carol Tomasko said this is a service the Village has

provided for the past 10-15 years.

Council also allowed the police department to trade in their current weapons and upgrade at zero cost to the Village. They will be able to purchase new holsters and lights for the new weapons at a cost of \$5,990.75.

The Recreation Department will also receive \$15,000 for the boys and girls basketball season.

Councilman Brad Borowy said two new tests are needed for entry level police and fire. He said there is no deputy chief and the department is one sergeant short. Mayor Piasecki said he has been in discussions about the composition of the Police Department with Police Chief David Niro.

Borowy motioned to establish a promotion exam

for sergeant in the Police Department, which was passed by council.

New business from council included Councilman Borowy stating work has been done in previous years at the Kaliszewski property on Chadbourne Rd., but the property is sinking and the sidewalk is buckling.

City Engineer Todd Sciano said that the Village tried to bid the work in June but there were no bids received. He said the Village is going to combine this with several other small jobs and that proposals are now out.

## Rash of car break-ins in Garfield Hts.

A total of 14 theft from auto and auto criminal

damaging reports were filed by Garfield Heights residents between September 12th and September 14th.

Residents in the following neighborhoods filed reports on September 12th: 12300 and 12500 blocks of Park Knoll Ave.; 10400 and 10500 blocks of Grace Ave.; 5100 and 5200 blocks E. 114th St.

On September 13th and 14th, residents in these neighborhoods filed car break-in reports: 5300 block E. 134th St.; 12400 block Garland Ave.; 12800 block Willard Ave.; 13100 block Darlington Ave.; 13900 block Bangor Ave.; 10000 block Park Heights Ave.; 10700 block South Highland Ave.

Garfield Heights Police Chief Robert Byrne commented, "I would recom-

mend to residents that all valuables be removed from their vehicles particularly during the overnights hours. I would also recommend that, if possible, vehicles be parked in locked garages."

He said residents should contact police immediately if anyone is seen trespassing in the area of their home or yard or a neighbor's yard. "Please do not confront the individual; rather, get a description and stay on the line with the dispatcher to direct responding officers," he said.

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- The Cleveland Cavaliers are looking to add a senior entertainment group to perform 5-6 routines on the court at Cavaliers home games throughout the season.

Two representatives from the Cleveland Cavaliers Dance and Entertainment Team will be at the Senior Center on Monday, Sept. 24, at 12:30 p.m. for a free dance class. Attend the class and see if the entertainment team may be something you're interested in.

- The Senior Center will host an Oktoberfest Party on Thursday, Oct. 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It's free and open to seniors ages 55

and over in Cuyahoga County. Transportation to the event will be provided for Garfield Heights residents.

Enjoy games, a bratwurst lunch, entertainment and prizes. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. RSVP is required by September 26th.

For more information or to RSVP call the Senior Center at 216-475-3244.

## Wins 'Miss Woodside' pageant

Bedford's assisted living community, Woodside Senior Living, hosted its first annual Miss Woodside Pageant on Friday, Sept. 7, and named Merliss Roberson the pageant winner. Staff members had a difficult task choosing one woman from among the 12 outstanding contestants.

Ms. Roberson is a retired secretary originally from Pine Bluff, Arkansas. She charmed the audience with her poise and beautiful smile. Her life interests have included sky diving, ice skating and parasailing.

She credits her mother with

teaching her the importance of attending church and how to act like a lady. When asked what she wishes for future generations, Ms.



Merliss Roberson

Roberson replied, "Gun control, wisdom and peace."

## Block watch

G.H. Ward 7

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch will meet next Thursday, Sept. 27, at 7 p.m. at St. Monica Church's pavilion off Rockside Rd. Non-perishable items for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry appreciated. All are welcome. Nikki Majka, 216-310-6514.

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