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## Night of honors at Bedford Council Garfield Hts. may adopt new

#### By Judith Goldsworth

In a holiday season of giving and celebration, it was a night of both for many individuals last week, as Bedford Mayor Stan Koci presented proclamations to a new Eagle Scout, the Bedford Eagles Club, the the Eagles for their dona-"Christmas in Bedford Falls" committee, and the Meals on Wheels program at the city council meeting.

Thomas Cashman, a member of Scout Troop 399 in Bedford, attained the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest honor awarded in the Boy Scouts of America, earlier this year and Koci said to him, "This is quite an accomplishment. Not a lot of guys do it. You're in pretty select company and we are proud of you.'

Cashman thanked Koci and praised his parents for their support, saying, "They deserve all the credit."

The Eagles Club, Aerie 2122, and the Eagles Auxiliary were also honored with a proclamation for their many generous monetary donations to the city's safety forces over 25-plus years, which Koci estimated at over \$400,000.

The Eagles' contributions have enabled the police and end on Bedford's Public fire departments to buy a Square.

motorcycle, exercise equipment, computers, protective gear and other items, bers of the city's Meals On and make renovations to Wheels program, which their facilities, Koci said.

Police Chief Marty Stemple and Fire Chief Dave Nagy both thanked tions. Nagy said the fire department was able to purchase "a very expensive piece of equipment that addresses the number one killer of firefighters in the country, cancer. You're not only touching the fire department and the city, you're touching the extended family as well, and I can't thank you enough for the ability for us to purchase that."

Koci also presented a proclamation to the "Christmas in Bedford Falls" committee, formed holiday edition of The almost 20 years ago, for their continued efforts every December to transform tions are welcome to parthe city of Bedford into a replica of its "sister city," the fictional town of Bedford Falls featured in the Jimmy Stewart holiday favorite "İt's A Wonderful

The annual "Christmas in was presented by the Southeast Region Chamber of Commerce this past week-

#### rules for dog owners; pit bulls week's meeting were memwould no longer be banned ensures that seniors and out Bedford can receive a

#### By Ellen Psenicka

Garfield Heights Council, at its meeting Monday night, passed for a second reading an ordinance amending Animals and Fowl codes and adopting a new chapter on Nuisance, Dangerous and Vicious Animals.

The current rules ban pit bulls from the city and require any person owning a dangerous or vicious dog to have not less than \$50,000 worth of liability insurance on their dog.

The new rules would require every dog owner in Garfield Heights to have at least \$50,000 worth of liability insurance on their dogs. Dog owners failing to have insurance would be guilty of a minor misde-Email to nnews1923 @aol.com no later than meanor on the first offense, Monday, Dec. 17, by 5 p.m. 4th degree misdemeanor



Brittany McCune (center), is shown being sworn in Monday night by Mayor Vic Collova as a new officer with the GHPD. Photo by Wendy Walters

on the second offense and chase fire investigative 3rd degree misdemeanor equipment. on the third and any subsequent offenses.

Those dogs that have been ruled nuisance dogs, dangerous or vicious must have members of the Zoning not less than \$100,000 Board of Appeals for the worth of liability insurance city of Garfield Heights. on them.

partment, said most homeowners insurance policies cover dogs automatically, but residents should contact their insur- Property Demolition Proance companies to verify the coverage.

The legislation, if passed on third and final reading, would be effective 30 days after passage, Jerome said.

#### Legislation passed

Ordinances and resolutions passed by council Monday night included:

•Agreement with Federal Emergency Management Agency's assistance to firefighters grant to pur-

- Ratifying the appointments of Louise Triptow, Iovce Tubbs, Pamela Wilkes and Frank Leone as
- on them.

   Ratifying the appointment of Kimberly R. Motley as a member of the Garfield Heights Planning Commission.
  - •Applying for a grant from the Cuyahoga County gram to demolish blighted properties in the city.
  - Supporting the establishment and designation of the Cuyahoga River Water Trail by the Ohio Department of Natural Re-

The next regular council meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 14, 2019, although council can meet in special session should the need arise.

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Garfield Heights police said Jaelyn Jackson, 15, of East 84th Street, was reported missing by her mother last Friday. Jaelyn did not attend Garfield Heights High School Friday, school officials told her mother, who is worried about her safety.

According to the missing juvenile report filed, Jaelyn had told her boyfriend she "was going to take the bus Jaelyn Jackson somewhere."

Anyone with information about Jaelyn's whereabouts reau at 216-475-5686.

G.H. teen still missing

### Vans stolen from Broadway Bedford Falls" celebration Boys & Girls Club last week Boys & Girls Club last week

For kids at Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland (BGCC), Club vans provide opportunities such as the chance to ney in the city's Law Devisit museums, parks, sports venues and even colleges that might otherwise be inaccessible to them.

Last Tuesday evening, December 4th, two BGCC vans were stolen from a temporary parking spot across from the Broadway Club, 6114 Broadway Ave. in Slavic Village. The vans have not been found and police have no suspects, according to a press release last week by Ken Wood, communications director at BGCC.

BGCC President and CEO Ron Soeder said replacing the vans will take money away from the operations that provide safe, fun places for kids after school each day. He said it will cost an estimated \$22,500 to replace each van at a time when the Clubs are trying to remain in the black. Insurance will not pay any of the replacement cost because the vans had only liability coverage.

Anyone with information about the stolen vans should contact the Cleveland Division of Police at 216-621-1234. Anyone wishing to donate to the Clubs' transporis urged to contact the Garfield Heights Detective Bu-tation fund can do so by visiting https:// donate.clevekids.org/van.

#### Garfield Hts. may adopt

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#### **Administrative Reports**

Police Chief Robert Byrne welcomed Brittany McCune as a new hire for GHPD after she was sworn in at Monday night's council meeting by Mayor Vic Collova. She has been a full time officer with the John Carroll University Police Department for the last three years.

Byrne also announced that Patrolman/K-9 handler Patrick Hace has resigned and that his K-9 officer, Rosco, will be retired. Also retiring, after 30 years with the department, is Patrolman Philip Dickens. His last day will be December 13th.

The chief also noted that retiring Patrolman Alan Nero's last day on the job will be December 23rd, after 291/2 years with the department.

Parks & Recreation Director Robert Dobies invited everyone to come out this Sunday for the annual Skate with Santa from 3 to 5:15 p.m. at the Dan Kostel Recreation Center, 5411 Turney Rd. The \$5.00 special event admission includes rental skates.

and will continue through January 10th.

Economic Development Director Noreen Kuban announced that the next "Help for Homeowners" with property tax concerns, sponsored by Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland, will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 19, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. Call 216-205-4468 for reservations.

## Two males arrested in **Lansing Ave. shooting**

Cleveland police have arrested two males in connection to the shooting of an 18-year-old girl on Lansing Avenue in Slavic Village and allegedly robbing another woman at gunpoint in a separate incident, according to a Cleveland police report.

Brandon Adkins, 18, and Charles Trowbridge, 19, are facing aggravated robbery, felonious assault and firearms charges in Cuyahoga County Court, according to

Cleveland police were dispatched to the 7000 block of He also said futsal (indoor soccer) signups have begun Lansing Ave. on November 27th, around 9:30 p.m., and

found the victim, Shania Brooks, laying on the sidewalk with a gunshot wound to the neck/chin area. She was being treated by EMS at the scene and was taken to MetroHealth Medical Center for further treatment.

At the time of the report, a physician said Brooks was in critical and unstable condition. Further updates on her condition have not been made public.

At the scene, police spoke to a witness who said he heard a gunshof, looked out the window and saw something on the sidewalk, so he crossed the street and saw Brooks on the ground, according to the report, and gave her aid until paramedics arrived. He also reported seeing a red, 4-door vehicle stopped a few feet away from Brooks which then sped off towards East 71st

Cleveland First District officers identified and arrested Adkins and Trowbridge in connection to a separate robbery of a woman in Cleveland and learned of their alleged involvement in the shooting of Brooks on Lansing Avenue, according to a police report.

Adkins and Trowbridge have pled not guilty to their charges and are being held on \$100,000 bond, according to Cuyahoga County Court records.

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#### Night of honors at Bedford

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Meals on Wheels representatives stated that the program served almost 21,000 meals this year, to an average of 86 people per day. The federal government provides some of the funding through the Older Americans Act, and the city is also in partnership with the neighboring Maple Heights Senior Center and the Benjamin Rose organization.

Also at the meeting the city gave Meals on Wheels members a check for \$1000, which was raised through Bedford employees contributing to a "dress down day" fund, and the Bedford Fire Department gave \$500 to the program.

#### **Applies for grants**

City Manager Mike Mallis said that Jennifer Kuzma of the Economic Development office submitted two grant requests on behalf of the Bedford Community Development Corporation to Cuyahoga County for a total of \$100,000, which if approved would be used towards more reading for further discussion by council. attractive and consistent signage throughout the city.

The grants, if approved, would be used towards improving historic district signage, parking and directional signage and gateway signs, Mallis said.

#### Legislation passed

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Council passed an ordinance approving the city's 2019 budget of \$37,234,836, which will provide for operations of Bedford's administration and departments, expenses and expenditures for next year.

appropriations for expenditures for this year to finish out 2018.

An ordinance for a five-year extension of the lease with option to purchase agreement for MRLM, which occupies city-owned property at 600 Solon Rd., was

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approved by council. Mallis said MRLM, a landscaping company, has been occupying the property for the past

Mallis said that through an agreement between the city and MRLM, the company takes Bedford's leaves and compost. "It has saved the city between \$12,000 and \$15,000 every year," he said. MRLM has also agreed to cover the property taxes for the site, Mallis said.

Also passed was an ordinance to establish pay ranges for city employees, adding additional part-time positions, Mallis said. The new legislation will give more flexibility in hiring, including part-time positions in the recreation department.

Council passed a resolution to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Tinkers Creek Watershed Partners to fulfill a permit with the Ohio EPA authorizing discharge of stormwater in Bedford and defining the role of the TCWP in assisting the city to obtain a storm water discharge permit.

An ordinance to amend a contract with GDP Group for engineering services for the city was placed on second

#### Announcements

The annual Bedford "Shop With A Cop" program will be held this Saturday, Dec. 15, during which needy youngsters will get a chance to go Christmas shopping for their families and themselves with members of the Bedford police and other area departments. Mallis thanked Xellia, the pharmaceutical company located in the former Ben Venue facility, for their "significant contribution" towards the event.

The annual "Lights Out For Hunger" will be held on Council also passed an ordinance to make additional Wednesday, Dec. 19. Residents are encouraged to turn off their holiday lighting displays for that evening and donate what they would have spent on their electric bills to the Southeast Clergy food pantry.

> Barbara McDaniel was named "Citizen of the Year" by the Community Council for 2018, city officials stated.









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#### **Valley View Council notes**

The Village of Valley View Council met last Tuesday, Dec. 4, and passed the following legislation:

•An ordinance appointing Brian Sala as a part-time member of the Valley View Fire Department. Fire Chief Ken Papesh said Sala is new in fire service, was recently hired in Newburgh Heights and is currently going through their training program.

An ordinance appointing Sean Cottrell as a part-time member of the Valley View Fire Department was placed on third reading. Papesh said Cottrell is currently a fulltime lieutenant firefighter in Cleveland Heights.

- •An ordinance appointing A & S Animal Control Service to provide dog warden services for the Village of Valley View beginning January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020. The dog warden servce will be directed by the police department.
- An ordinance waiving the residency requirement for Police Chief David Niro in the Village of Valley View. Law Director Dave Lambros said cases in the Ohio Supreme Court have declared residency requirements unconstitutional.





## Fourth suspect arrested in connection Anyone with information concerning any wanted futo deaths of Bedford father, daughter

Demarcus Sheeley, 24, who were found in a car that was crime was wanted for a homicide set on fire in an East Cleveby the East Cleveland Po- land field in October. lice Department, according to a press release received last Friday from the U.S. Marshals Service.

Sheeley is the fourth sus-Paul Bradley and his ment on his charges.

Last Friday, U.S. Marshals daughter Paris were tor-

Members of the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive rately in November. Task Force arrested Sheeley in Akron, according to the press release. Paris Bradley of Bedford. partment pending arraign-

in northern Ohio arrested tured and killed before they in connection with this are Ronald

U.S. Marshal Pete Elliott stated, "We won't ever stop looking for violent fugitives pectarrested in connection Sheeley was taken to the like Sheeley. No matter with the deaths of Paul and East Cleveland Police De- where they run to we will track them down and bring them to justice."

Anyone with information gitive can contact the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force at 1-866-4WANTED (1-866-492-6833).

Those with information Newberry, Kodii Gibson can also anonymously text and Quentin Palmer, all of in a tip by texting the keywhom were arrested sepaword "WANTED" and the tip to TIP411 (847411), or can send a web tip at www.usmarshals.gov/district/oh-n/index.html. Reward money is available and tipsters may remain anonymous.

#### Block watch

#### G.H. Ward 7

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch will meet Thursday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m. in the St. Augustine Room of St. Benedict School, 13633 Rockside

Attendees are asked to bring a side dish or goodies to share during this Christmas party meeting. Nikki Majka, 216-310-

#### V.V. police offer 'Safe Zone' to protect online buyers, sellers

The Valley View Police Department has set up a designated safe transaction area in the police department parking lot, located at 6899 Hathaway Rd., for the public to safely exchange items being purchased through online classified sites.

The parking lot, directly in front of the department's main doors, was chosen because it is well lit and under surveillance from cameras at the police station. During business hours, the location is easily visible to employees and police. The department's main lobby is also open to the public during business hours to make safe exchanges.

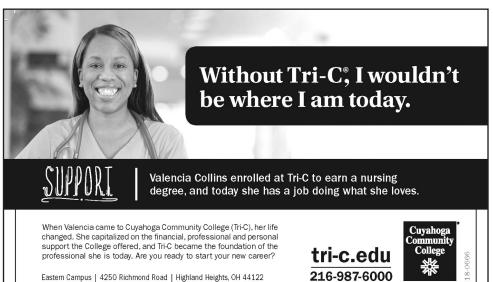
Garfield Heights Police Chief Robert Byrne said that although there is not a designated area in his city, residents should feel free to use the department's parking lot for such exchanges, located at 5555 Turney Rd.

Other local police departments that can be used by the public to make online exchanges, even though there is not a designated "safe" area, include:

- Bedford Police Department lot and main lobby, 165
- Cleveland Police Fourth District Headquarters parking lot, 9333 Kinsman Rd.
- Independence Police Department lot and main lobby open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 6800 Brecksville Rd.
- Maple Heights Police Department main lobby, 5373

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# **Death Notices**

STELLA T. NARUCKI (nee Zelechowski), 93, of Garfield Heights, passed away December 6th.

She was the beloved wife of the late Walter; loving sister of many deceased brothers and sisters, including Eva Manko and Stanley Zele; cherished aunt of many; dear sweetheart of Robert W. Linhart, Sr. (deceased); trusted friend.

Stella was a dedicated wife and partner who cared for many family members throughout the years. She loved her dogs, flower gardens and dancing. An independent woman, she worked hard to achieve her goals, working in the women's clothing industry for many years as a valued employee of Bobbi Brooks.

Arrangements were handled by Latek & Rybicki, A Golden Rule Funeral Home.

CHARLES L. SMITH, 78, of Garfield Heights, passed away November 26th.

He was the beloved husband of Amelia (nee Glover); loving father of Jesse (Jamie), Andrew, James (Kathy) and Pam; cherished grandfather of Lexi, Kylie and Jason, and great-grandfather of Nolan; dear brother of Joann, Dolores, Dallas (Beverly), Donna and the following deceased: Francis, Floyd, Roseann, Sandy and lerton School is near Theresa; dearest brother-in-law and uncle of many.

Mr. Smith was a United States Navy veteran.

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#### Brancatelli urges new school on E. 75th be named A.B. Hart

campaigning to name the torian and Harvard pronew K-8 school being built fessor. on East 75th Street in Slavic Village "A.B. Hart." The new school will replace the current Fullerton School early next year.

formal adoption of the recommendation to name school's name. Brancatelli is urging students, parents and community members to take a moment to respond to the poll online via a link on the school's website: clevelandMetro Schools.org/SchoolPoll.

You can also pick up paper ballots at Slavic Village Development at 5620 Broadway Ave., on the 2nd

The school to replace Fulcompletion on East 75th. This was the location of the former A.B. Hart Middle School that was open from 1932 to 2010. It was demolished in 2013. Albert Bushnell Hartwas a gradu-

cilman Tony Brancatelli is Schools and a noted his-

Since Fullerton Elemen-Fullerton Avenue and the new school is being built on the historic location of the The Cleveland Metropoli- former A.B. Hart school, I tan School District has ini- urge our community parttiated a short poll on the ners to vote to support the

the new school A.B. Hart," Brancatelli said.

He urges A.B. Hart school name supporters to get as Cleveland Ward 12 Coun- ate of Cleveland Public much participation in the poll as possible. Polling closes on December 15th.

> To provide additional feedback, call 216-838-MetroSchools.org

#### 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. tary will no longer be on 0405 or send an email to on Friday, Dec 14. For more Leo.Serrano@Cleveland information or carryouts. call 216-475-9365.

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United Methodist congre- 16, at 10:30 a.m. at the gation invites the commu-church, 4977 Turney Rd., nity to its Advent Worship



#### Grandmother's Club

The Grandmother's Club will meet on Thursday, Dec. 20, at 11:30 a.m. at Cuyahoga Heights Village Hall, 4863 E. 71 St.

The Garfield Heights Service this Sunday, Dec. Garfield Heights.

> During Advent, the church's worship is based upon the newly published "Faithful - Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph," by Adam Hamilton. Rev. Daniel Drew studies the texts with groups during the week the week's lesson.

> All are welcome. For more information call 216-641-4919 or email ghumchurch @sbcglobal.net.

## GHUMC Advent study Tips sought in Bedford arson; reward offered

The Division of State Fire Marshal's Fire and Explosion Investigation Bureau is seeking tips from the public regarding an intentionally set fire that destroyed a ment. vacant home at 719 Northfield Rd. in Bedford last

The fire, reported at 11:09 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1, was the second fire at this address in three weeks. The first was a small interior fire on November 10th. The most recent fire destroyed the home, which was in the and draws the sermon from process of being remodeled by the owner. On both occasions, the suspect(s) broke into the home and set fires to the interior.

> Smoke could be seen from Bedford Hospital as firefighters responded to the most recent fire at the home, according to a Facebook post made by Bedford

Firefighters Local 1683. The post stated the fire was under control within 17 minutes and assistance was provided from neighboring fire departments including Maple Heights, Bedford Heights, Oakwood and Garfield Heights.

An investigation is being conducted jointly by the State Fire Marshal's office and the Bedford Police Depart-

A reward of up to \$5,000 is being offered by the Blue Ribbon Arson Committee for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the fire.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call the State Fire Marshal's tip line at 800-589-2728 or Cuyahoga County Crime Stoppers at 216-252-7463.



Above is the aftermath of an intentionally set fire at 719 Northfield Rd., Bedford.

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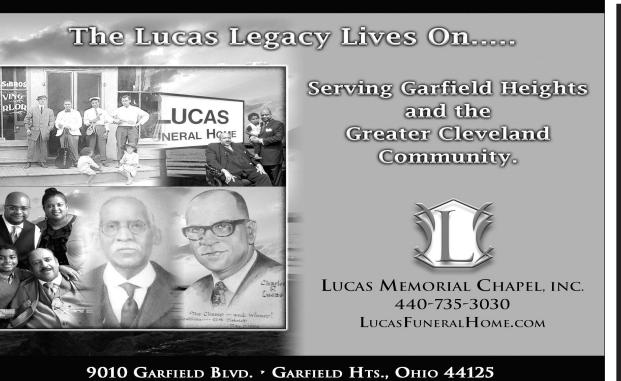
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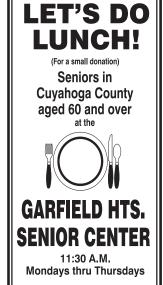
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# Cold Weather Recipes

Warm up this winter with some of these delicious recipes sent in by readers of The Neighborhood News!

#### Kielbasa Goulash

1/2 of a 14 oz. bag of gingersnaps

2 (28 oz.) cans cut green beans, drained

1 (12 oz.) pkg. Gia Russa Kluski noodles

2 lbs. kielbasa

1 lb. carrots, peeled, cut in bite-size pieces

2 large onions, cut bite-size

6 large ribs of celery, cut bite-size

3 (28 oz.) cans stewed tomatoes

10 cups water

½ stick butter

5 Tbsp. beef soup base

4 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce

½ cup sugar

2 Tbsp. paprika

1 Tbsp. ginger

In a food processor, break up gingersnaps and process into crumbs; transfer to a bowl, set aside. Poke a whole into the package of noodles and crush into about 1-inch pieces, set aside. Cut kielbasa in half lengthwise, then cut into bite-size pieces, set aside.

In a soup pot bring water to a boil. Bled in the butter and soup base. Add the carrots, onions and celery. Bring back to a boil. Lower heat, cover and simmer for 15 minutes.

In three batches, put stewed tomatoes into food processor and puree, adding to the pot as you go. Then add the Worcestershire, sugar, paprika, ginger, green beans and crushed noodles. Raise the heat so it can again come to a boil. When pot returns to a boil, cover, lower heat and simmer another 15 minutes

Simultaneously sprinkle and stir in the gingersnap crumbs. Then add the kielbasa and continue simmering for the last 15 minutes.

Turn off heat, cover and let set for 30 minutes. Doris Watson, Maple Heights



## **Slow Cooker Beef** Stroganoff

2 lbs. beef stew meat

can cream of mushroom soup

6 oz. jar sliced mushrooms, drained

8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, cubed

6 cups hot cooked noodles or rice

1 cup chopped onion

1 can cream of onion soup

¹⁄₄ tsp. pepper

8 oz. container sour cream

1/4 cup ground flaxseed

Mix beef, onion, soups, flaxseed and pepper in 3½ to 6 quart slow cooker. Cover and cook on low heat setting 8 to 10 hours. Stir cream cheese into beef mixture until melted. Stir in sour cream and number and city of residence. serve over noodles.

Dawn White, Maple Heights

## Vegetable Pizza

2 cans refrigerated crescent rolls

pkg. dry ranch dressing mix

½ cup milk

2 (8 oz.) packages cream cheese

½ cup fine chopped red or green mild pepper

½ cup chopped green onions

½ cup chopped raw broccoli pieces

½ cup shredded cheddar cheese

Lay out crescent rolls and press the seams together to form a rectangle in a 9x13 pan. Bake at 350° for 110 minutes. Cool.

Mix the ranch dressing mix, milk and cream

cheese together until smooth or frosting consistency. Spread the mixture over the baked and cooled crescent roll crust with a straight-edge spatula. Scatter vegetables on top of crust. Sprinkle the cheddar cheese on top of vegetables. Chill.

With a sharp knife, cut into 2x2" pieces.

Gloria Seneff, Slavic Village

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#### Legislation to hire Biro as acting Maple Hts. finance director on second reading

#### By Judith Goldsworth

A resolution to hire Garfield Heights Finance Director Barbara Biro to also serve as acting finance director for the city of Maple Heights was placed on second reading by Maple Heights Council at its meeting last week.

The Shared Services Agreement, authorized by Ohio Revised Code, is a unique arrangement in that if it is **Land transfers** eventually passed by council, Biro will serve both municipalities in the capacity of finance director.

Due to budget deficits, Maple Heights has been in a state of fiscal emergency declared by the state auditor's office three years ago. Biro, who has served as finance director in Garfield Heights since 2015, has extensive experience in assisting a municipality out of a fiscal emergency, officials said.

Council will discuss the Shared Services Agreement before possible passage at a future meeting.

#### Accepts grant

Council passed a motion on the agenda for Mayor Annette Blackwell and Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas to accept and expend non-matching grant funds from the Street, according to the legislation. Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS), Division of Emergency Medical Services, for a 2018-2019 Priority One Training and Equipment Grant, in an amount not to exceed \$3,575, Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella

According to documents provided to the city by the contract with Terrace Construction Company to per-

ODPS, the Priority One grant has been awarded to the form the work at a cost of \$314,157.50. Maple Heights Fire Department for the funding period from July 1, 2018, through January 31, 2019.

Eligible training and equipment items under the grant include: airway supplies and equipment; diagnostics and monitoring, including Automatic External Defibrillators; equipment carrying cases; immobilization and extrication; I.V. therapy and supplies; mass casualty, disaster and decontamination; patient transport products and transport accessories; resuscitation and oxygen administration; suction supplies and equipment; vehicles; computers and EMS training and training equipment.

Council passed a resolution authorizing Blackwell to enter into an agreement with Pickus LLC, to transfer ownership of two unimproved vacant lots on Milan Drive, owned by the Maple Heights Land Reutilization Program, in exchange for ownership of two unimproved vacant lots on Bellview Street, owned by Pickus, to be transferred to the reutilization program. The land is needed for the city to complete the Milan and Harlan Drive sanitary sewer replacement project in the city.

Council previously authorized the project, and the Ohio Public Works Commission has announced that it will contribute funding for 56 percent of the construction costs, up to \$240,000, for replacement of the Milan and Harlan Drive project, from Erwin Street to Bellview

The city has entered into a Member Community Infrastructure Program with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORSD), and has been awarded \$153,544.65 by the NEORSD for the project, the resolution states, adding that council has authorized a

City Engineer Ed Hren has advised that the purchase of various sewer easements and properties along Milan and Bellview will be required to allow for the efficient construction of the project.

#### **Employee insurance passed**

Council passed three resolutions for Blackwell to enter into agreements through the Fedeli Group for group life insurance, dental and vision insurance for full-time city employees for the year beginning January 1, 2019.

The life and dental insurance contracts are with SunLife, while the vision insurance contract is with Union Eye Care, according to the legislation.

An ordinance to adopt the 2018 City of Maple Heights Master Plan, last updated in 1999, was placed on first reading by council for further discussion.

Redi Storage is hosting the following auctions on www.storagetreasures.com, 17101 Rockside Road, Maple Heights OH, 44137, 216-662-6610, Friday, December 28th, 2018. Ending at 5:00pm. Hosted on www.StorageTreasures.com. Items to be auctioned off by whole unit, cash only, \$100.00 deposit.

James Cauthen, 14289 Janice Drive, Maple Heights, OH, 44137, Unit # 429. This unit appears to contain: appliances, mattress set, electronics, file cabinet, grill, dolly, totes, misc. items.

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# Garfield Hts. police news



By Amber Weisbarth

#### **Aggravated Robbery**

On December 9th, a man told police he went to the 12300 block of Southern Ave. around 3:15 p.m. to meet a potential buyer of a Nintendo Wii gaming system he had listed for sale for \$75 on a website called Offer Up. He said he spoke with the buyer for a few minutes before the man reached into the car and grabbed the Wii. The man then pulled out a gun, pointed it at the victim and said, "Don't move or I'll kill you." Fearing for his safety, the victim said he got out of the car, leaving the keys in the ignition, and fled the area on foot towards Marymount Hospital where he called police. The suspect then got into the victim's vehicle and fled the scene. The victim said his cell phone was also inside the car at the time of the robbery. The vehicle information was entered into LEADS as stolen.

#### **OVI**

On December 5th, around 3 p.m., police were dispatched to Rockside Rd. near Garfield Commons for a three-car accident. Police learned a vehicle, driven by a man that was driving under suspension, had rear ended another vehicle at a red light, pushing into a third vehicle. Two of the drivers suffered injuries, a bloodied mouth and neck and back pain, and were taken to Marymount Hospital for treatment.

The man who caused the crash appeared to be under the influence and showed obvious signs of impairment. Police said he was jittery and unstable on his feet. He was arrested, and while being booked at City Jail, police found a short straw (commonly used to snort drugs such as heroin) with an unknown white powder inside. He was cited for OVI, driving under suspension and not wearing a seatbelt, and is being charged with aggravated vehicular assault.

#### Robbery

A woman said she was walking into Dave's Supermarket in Turneytown Shopping Center on December 4th, around 3 p.m., when she was approached by four high school-age boys who told her she was going to give them her money. Afraid for her safety, she complied and gave the boys her wallet and they fled the scene on foot.

Police searched the area for the teens with negative results.

#### **Shoplifting**

Employees of the Big Lots store on Rockside Rd. in Garfield Commons said that on December 4th, around 3:45 p.m., five teens came into the store and began tearing open packages and concealing the items in their pockets. They then fled the store towards a black SUV that was parked in the lot. Employees said some of the teens may have also gone to the Dollar Tree nearby in the same shopping plaza.

Police quickly arrived at the scene and saw the suspects trying to get into the SUV. They were told to lay on the ground. All but two females complied with police orders and attempted to flee, but all the suspects were quickly apprehended.

During a search, police found a folding knife in one of the females' pockets and determined it had been stolen from Dollar Tree. Inside the SUV, police found nearly \$280 worth of stolen merchandise from Big Lots. Police also found a bag containing nine cell phones but could not confirm they had been stolen. Another \$14 worth of items were found on the teens which had been stolen from Dollar Tree.

Theft charges for all the individuals are pending through the Youth Bureau. All stolen merchandise was returned to the stores.

A shopper at Marc's in Garfield Commons said her purse was snatched from her cart while in the parking ot on December 5th, around 12:45 p.m. She said an SUV with tinted windows pulled up next to her and the backseat passenger reached out the window and snatched her purse then fled southbound on Turney Rd. Her wallet, containing credit cards and \$375 cash, her CCW permit and a bottle of Oxycodone pills were in the stolen purse. Police searched the area for the suspect vehicle with negative results.

#### **Weapon Offense**

Policewere dispatched to the 9700 block of McCracken Blvd. on December 9th, around 8:30 p.m., for a report of six shots fired. Police found a home in that block had been damaged by the gunfire. The front living room picture window had a bullet hole in it, and police found the bullet inside the house behind a couch. No injuries were reported. Witnesses said a dark vehicle had been driving by before the incident but police searched the area and nothing was found.

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FREE HOLIDAY DRAWING \$25 GAS CARD  MARATHON FOOD CENTER 7310 BROADWAY AVE. AT FLEET - SLAVIC VILLAGE  NAME ADDRESS PHONE	FREE HOLIDAY DRAWING FREE PERM (Value \$55) RICCO'S GARFIELD BEAUTY SALON 8809 GARFIELD BLVD. GARFIELD HEIGHTS  NAME	FREE HOLIDAY DRAWING \$25 SUNOCO GIFT CARD YASSANI SUNOCO 5326 TURNEY RD. AT GRANGER RD., GARFIELD HTS.  NAMEADDRESSPHONE	FREE HOLIDAY DRAWING \$10 GIFT CARD (3 winners)  THE COFFEE CUP FAMILY RESTAURANT 444 BROADWAY AVE., BEDFORD  NAME	FREE HOLIDAY DRAWING \$25 GIFT CARD  FIRST FEDERAL LAKEWOOD  12648 ROCKSIDE RD. Located in Garfield Commons  NAME
FREE HOLIDAY DRAWING FREE PHONE WHEN PORT IN FROM ANOTHER CARRIER CRICKET WIRELESS 12616 ROCKSIDE RD. Located in Garfield Commons  NAME ADDRESS PHONE	FREE HOLIDAY DRAWING  SILK CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENT  VIC'S FLORAL  7100 BROADWAY AVE.  SLAVIC VILLAGE  NAME  ADDRESS  PHONE	FREE HOLIDAY DRAWING \$25 GIFT CARD  ACE HARDWARE 5680 TURNEY RD. GARFIELD HEIGHTS  NAME ADDRESS PHONE PHONE	FREE HOLIDAY DRAWING \$25 SUNOCO GIFT CARD TURNEY SUNOCO 6009 TURNEY RD. CORNER OF ROCKSIDE RD.  NAME	FREE HOLIDAY DRAWING \$25 GIFT CARD TERESA'S PIZZA 6142 DUNHAM RD. MAPLE HEIGHTS  NAME ADDRESS PHONE
FREE HOLIDAY DRAWING \$25 SUNOCO GIFT CARD TURNEYTOWN SUNOCO 4935 TURNEY RD. (Across from Turneytown)  NAMEADDRESS PHONE	FREE HOLIDAY DRAWING LARGE ONE TOPPING PIZZA TIFFANY'S PIZZA AND GRINDERS 5035 TURNEY RD. GARFIELD HEIGHTS  NAME	FREE HOLIDAY DRAWING \$25 GIFT CARD  BROWNS TAVERN 5211 HARVARD AVE.  NEWBURGH HEIGHTS  NAME ADDRESS PHONE	FREE HOLIDAY DRAWING \$25 GIFT CARD BROADWAY SCRAP METALS 8202 BROADWAY AVE. SLAVIC VILLAGE  NAME ADDRESS PHONE	FREE HOLIDAY DRAWING \$25 GIFT CARD  GAS USA 7020 HARVARD AVE. AT E. 71 ST., SLAVIC VILLAGE  NAME ADDRESS PHONE
FREE HOLIDAY DRAWING  \$25 DAVE'S MARKET GIFT CARD  DEPENDABLE ELECTRIC  440-845-8661  Drop off coupon at The Neighborhood News 8613 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Heights  NAME	FREE HOLIDAY DRAWING FREE HAIRCUT AND BOTTLE OF SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER GREAT CLIPS 9581 VISTA WAY CITY VIEW CENTER  NAME ADDRESS PHONE	FREE HOLIDAY DRAWING \$20 GIFT CERTIFICATE 49 STREET TAVERN 4129 E. 49 ST. CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS  NAME	FREE HOLIDAY DRAWING \$25 GAS CARD  SUNOCO ON FLEET 7025 FLEET AVE. AT E. 71 ST., SLAVIC VILLAGE  NAME ADDRESS PHONE	FREE HOLIDAY DRAWING \$25 WALGREEN'S GIFT CARD  WALGREENS 12777 ROCKSIDE RD. ROCKSIDE and TURNEY RDS.  NAME