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Suspect arrested in fatal shooting of Newburgh Hts. man

Anthony Balducci, 41, of Cleveland, has been charged in the fatal shooting of a Newburgh Heights man found dead on the footbridge over I-77 in Slavic Village last month, according to a posting on cleveland.com.

Balducci is charged with aggravated murder in the **G.H. Municipal Court** shooting death of Michael R. May II, 33, according to cleveland.com, which said the suspect was arrested about noon last Sunday.

"I want to thank our wonderful 4th District police officers for making an arrest in this fatal shooting," said Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli. "We are pleased our streets are safer.

Police responded to the 3600 block of East 48th Street on January 27th about 4:15 p.m. and found May on the footbridge with three gunshot wounds to the head and body, according to the police report. He was pro- frontational way. The best outcome is either negotiating nounced dead at the scene

Sgt. Jennifer Ciaccia with CPD said May was found by juveniles playing outside. She said May appeared to a recent store purchase still with him.

Sokols to hold gymnastic exhibition in Garfield

The Sokol Greater Cleveland Winter Gymnastic Exhibition will be held Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Garfield Heights High School gymnasium, 4900 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights.

At 5:30 p.m., the Sokol Greater Cleveland Concert Band will begin the festivities with a pre-program concert. At 6 p.m., the gymnastic program will begin. The fast paced program will include gymnastic and aerobic demonstrations by over 225 class members ages 3-75.

There will also be a presentation by the Sokol Czech Folk Dancers as well as a performance by the Sokol Aerial Silks and Circus Arts performers

Advance sale tickets are \$5. Tickets at the door, \$7. For tickets or information contact Howie Wise, 216-642-1429. A free social will follow the program at Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave. in Slavic Village, with food and beverages available for purchase.

The Southeast Region Chamber of Commerce will

sponsor Maple Heights Mayor Annette Blackwell's State

of the City address on Thursday, Feb. 21, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Maple Heights Senior Center, 15901 Libby Rd.



offers eviction mediation

Cleveland Mediation Center has teamed up with the Garfield Heights Municipal Court to mediate eviction cases between landlords and tenants. It uses the principles of mediation to keep tenants and their families from being forcibly removed from their homes.

The mediator is a neutral third party to help resolve issues between the landlord and tenant in a non-cona way for the tenant to stay, or agreeing on a peaceful way to move out.

This comes at a time when eviction rates are rising in have been walking across the bridge and had items from the eight communities served by the court. According to Garfield Heights Municipal Court Judge Deborah Nicastro, in the mid 1990s there were a couple of eviction cases a month. Today, the court sees more than 80 cases a month or about 1,000 cases a year

> "Cleveland Mediation Center has enabled the Garfield Heights Municipal Court to offer landlords and tenants an alternative to courtroom confrontations and legal proceedings," Judge Nicastro said.

> The process starts with a landlord filing a complaint because of missed rent or damages to the unit. This is followed by an order to evict the tenant. But eviction cases assigned to Judge Nicastro can avoid court proceedings and the need for attorneys through the mediation program. Landlords or tenants assigned to another judge in the Garfield Heights Court can request mediation.

> Mediation Coordinator Kara Tellaisha has seen the success of the Court Eviction Mediation Program. "Initially both landlord and tenant are visibly frustrated. As mediators, we help parties hear and understand each other better and often that results in more agreeable outcomes. Mediation allows parties to transform difficult conflicts into mutually beneficial resolutions," Tellaisha said.

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Dinner is \$15 per person, but the State of the City

presentation without dinner is free and open to the

public. Dinner reservations are required by Thursday, Feb. 14, by emailing director@southeastchamber.org or by calling 440-232-0115.

M.H. mayor to present State of City address

Mayor, city manager give optimistic reports on Bedford's State of City



Mayor Stan

Koci

Calling 2018 a banner year for the city of Bedford, Mayor Stan Koci was the first to speak last Wednesday, Jan. 30, at the annual Bedford State of the City Address, sponsored by the Southeast Region Chamber of Commerce at Light of Hearts Villa on Union Street.

He cited the addition of three more police officers being added to the

force, an additional canine officer thanks to support from the Bedford Automile dealers and an additional housing inspector.

City Manager Mike Mallis also presented last year's accomplishments in the city which included:



FREE

· Bringing back the street infrastructure program

• Balancing the budget

• Replacing over 50 fire hydrants City Manager throughout the city

Mike Mallis •Cleaning up the asbestos at Ellenwood Recreation Center

• Receiving more than \$400,000 in grants for demolitions

Mallis also highlighted plans for the coming year which included the "tremendous partnerships Xellia Cleveland is establishing in the area." He said it is obvious Xellia plans to be in Bedford for a long time to come.

He said Mazda of Bedford is coming to the Automile and plans are moving forward for developing 90 acres at Meadowbrook. As rezoning of the property moves forward, he said, several new retail businesses will be locating there.

Mallis also pointed out that the city is redesigning its website and that the Bedford Automile is funding 20 surveillance cameras for the Broadway and Rockside

"If it works out," Mallis said, "more cameras will be installed."

He also pointed out a citywide sign initiative starting this year for the historic district, city parks and more and thanked Broadway Cyclery for donating an outfitted bicycle for downtown police patrols.

Mallis said one of the challenges will be to address the city's aging fleet of vehicles. He said squad cars and fire trucks need replacing and officials are working to figure out how to address it in the very near future.

Mayor Koci announced the exciting news that Hollywood may be coming to Bedford.

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Mayor, city manager give

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Orlando, Florida, and former student at Bedford High tax concerns on Wednesday, Feb. 27, from 5:30 to 7:30 School, wants to build a Dakar movie production studio with a sound stage and a whole lot more on the property at the former US Bank building in Bedford.

for over a year and that Gant is discussing using Bedford students as interns at the production facility.

'This will certainly create jobs," Mallis said. "We're not there yet, but we're going to get there. We'll do everything we can to make this happen.'

Mallis also referenced Tinker's Creek Commerce Park, saying, "We're trying to make it happen."

He said the city was "working through some legalities and making it more marketable. We need creative solutions for some of the components of that.'



Property tax concerns?

Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleve-Arline Gant, a film producer with Dakar Studios in land will offer "Help for Homeowners" with property p.m. at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd.

Those with questions about their recent tax assess-Koci said plans for the studio have been in the works ment, affording the new payment or other questions about their mortgage can get help from a housing expert. Just bring your property tax bill and assessment, two current bank statements, mortgage statements, homeowner's insurance, income information

> The following are actual examples of the type of calls and letters Members of Council receive. We are aware of the misinformation that is spread by various special interest groups. We are developing plans to improve our communication with our residents. to ensure you have facts - not rumor and innuendo from fringe groups.

From a concerned citizen...

... I get concerned with all of these fringe groups forming in this city. Bring Back Garfield Heights has become a Ray Cook ... group that posts ... anti-Democratic postings. Garfield Heights United is a Republican led group trying to get a 501c (3). This is a political group, not charitable. Although there are good people in this group my concern is that it has formed to be an alternative form of government. We have a paid government. Garfield Heights was a Democratic stronghold. I was all set to make a donation until I heard this young man is trying to be our mayor. I do not see diversity in this group. I do not fund political

...I want my information from paid officials. There are many fine people getting involved. I support them but I don't support fringe government. We don't need to Bring Back Garfield Heights. It has always been here as a working-class community. It has always had diversity ...

.. I want my information from all of you not fringe groups. Someone should address Ray Cook's postings. Jim Feeney and his wife are not running the city.

...I support our Mayor and council. They inherited a mess (City View) and other situations. Yes, Garfield Heights is an inner ring suburb...last years senior's won millions of dollars in scholarships. I am proud of my working-class city. My street had many new roofs. Houses that sold at asking price. I am proud when the football team goes to the play offs... ... I think you are doing a good job...

The 2019 municipal election is extremely important. Garfield Heights does not need fringe groups or obstructionists (like my opponent) in office. We need a Council that will continue to work with our Mayor for the benefit of our citizens.

Joe LaMalfa, G.H. Councilman - Ward 2 Vote Early ***** Vote Ofen ***** Vote LaMalfa Paid for by: Friends of Joe LaMalfa, Treasurer, 13205 Silver Road, Garfield Hts., OH 44125



and unemployment income if received anytime after January 1, 2014.

Register in advance for priority placement by calling NHS of Greater Cleveland, 216-205-4468; ask for Stephanie. Registrations will also be taken on site.



2019



PAULINE PITTS. Beloved wife of the late Florian; loving mother of Frank (Rose Marie), Nancy Spreitzer, and Susan; cherished grandmother of Frank Pitts and Disney" on Friday, Feb. 22, Randy Lacey; dear great-grandmother of Leanna Schnipke (Dusty); dearest great-great-grandmother of Wade Schnipke. A memorial service will be held in her hometown in the spring. Arrangements by LATEK & RYBICKI, A GOLDEN RULE FUNERAL HOME.



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Disney program in Indy

Cuyahoga County Public Library will sponsor a pro-gram called "Walt's World: The Life and Times of Walt

To Our Sweet Angel

in Heaven....

Happy 20th Birthday

Rebecca Ann Michaelis

Feb. 4th, 1999 - Feb. 4th, 2019

Our hearts were broken

Without a warning

You were taken away

Someone said you couldn't stay...

Empty & lonely is what we are

We lost a precious star

Our family torn apart

start...Life is unfair

This difficult cross we must bear

Strength & courage we will find

Our special child

always in our minds...

Looking at the star you lit

Never knowing why

someone set you free...

Love & Miss You Everyday

Sweetheart!!

Join Carol Lucas as she presents the pieces that together formed the life and times of this amazing, creative genius and his peers who together built the magic that underlies the Disney brand today.

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The program is presented in partnership with the Independence Civic Center.

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Do you know who this is?

This man is wanted in connection with the theft of six catalytic converters January 7th from vans at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland, 6114 Broadway Ave., Slavic Village.

If you have any information on the identity of the suspect, please call Cleveland police at 216-623-5000.

More NN 'Freebies'

The Neighborhood News has free tickets to give away for local events published in its weekly edition. Stop in to The Neighborhood News, 8613 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Heights, and enter to win.

The newest item added to our NN Freebies list is two tickets to the 100th Anniversary Celebration Dinner of the founding of the city of Garfield Heights. It will be held on Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 10806 Granger Rd., Garfield Heights, at 6 p.m., catered by Maple Heights Catering and sponsored by the Historical Society of Garfield Heights. Deadline to enter is Monday, Feb. 18.

Other Freebies now being offered include two tickets to the St. Michael School Drama Club presentation of the musical "Peter Pan, Jr." at the Independence Middle School auditorium, 6111 Archwood Rd., Independence, on February 21 and 22, at 7 p.m. Two sets of tickets will be given away. Deadline to enter is Thursday, Feb. 14.

Also on the Freebies list are tickets to the Sokol Greater Cleveland Winter Exhibition taking place on Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Garfield Heights High School gymnasium, 4900 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights, with festivities beginning at 5:30 p.m. Deadline to enter is Thursday, Feb. 7.

Winners will be notified by phone and are limited to one winning entry every six months. Stop in today during normal business hours and enter the drawing!

Mom, Dad, Heather, Tyler, your nephews Angelo & Carlo, Grandma & Grandpa Nash Grandma Michaelis The Lucas Legacy Lives On..... UCAS NERAL HOME



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HESE NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCHES WELCOME YOU

Community Friends Church 4509 Warner Rd. 44105 - 216-271-1822 Pastor: Bob Krauss Sunday Service 10:30 A.M. Prayer Meeting Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Food Pantry first 4 Sundays of the month 12:30-1:30 P.M

Garfield Heights **United Methodist Church** 4977 Turney Rd. 216-641-4149 **Garfield Heights** Sunday Worship & Sunday School 10:30am Rev. Daniel Drew, Pastor

Greater Holy Ghost Missionary Baptist Church 12210 Miles Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44105 Services 11:30 am Sundays Rev. Robinson Crenshaw, Pastor

Jones Road Chapel 8000 Jones Rd., Cleveland, 44105 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m. Joe Jaworski, Pastor

St. Andrew Eastern **Orthodox Church** 16029 Maple Park Drive, Maple Heights, 216-475-9365 Great Vespers - Saturdays at 4:00pm Sunday Divine Liturgy - 10:00am

St. Monica Church 13623 Rockside Road Garfield Heights 216-662-8685 Pastor: Rev. Thomas Haren Daily Mass time: 8:00am. Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00pm, Sunday Mass times: 9:00am & 10:45am All are welcome.





Bedford Council approves major funding for street, sidewalk, waterline projects

and condemning it.

Day care approved

Council approved a mo-

tember 4th decision to denv

By Judith Goldsworth

Bedford Council, at its meeting January 22, passed legislation for the city to prepare plans and specs and advertise for bids for the 2019 Street and Sidewalk Program, not to exceed \$400,000. It also okayed an ordinance for plans, specs and bids for the lition grant, so those three about the safety of the op-Union Street Waterline will be the first that the eration, as the day care is Project from Broadway to Northfield, which City Manager Mike Mallis said could coming down very shortly." be somewhere around \$900.000 to \$1 million, as the old waterline dates to the 1920s and 1930s.

Also passed was an ordinance to enter into a contract with Guide Studio, Inc. to design and develop signage in the city at a cost of \$19,000, and an ordinance to amend existing legislation on collection and drop off boxes for donations.

Legislation regarding Broadway Community Development Corporation funds for the Broadway Corridor Store Front Program was also passed.

Demolitions

Council passed an ordinance at the meeting to demolish the structure at 188 Greencroft, after the owner signed a release authorizing the city to tear it down and gave the city a letter from the mortgage company forgiving the loan.Regarding other demolitions pending in the city, including the former

Moonglow Tavern at 34 eration at her address, to Union St., Mallis said, "A take place 24 hours a day, 7 few weeks ago we turned days a week, three shifts, the keys over to the Land for children ages six weeks Bank for the Moonglow, to 12 years old. and also filed two addi-Council made the decitional 'notice to proceed' sion to allow the day care documents to the Land after Boyd, a tenant of Bank for 295 Columbus, as

Barnes Rentals, LLC, adwell as 500 Columbus. dressed council's concerns Those are part of our demolocated in a busy area. Land Bank will start on. Those buildings will be

Council went on to approve other legislation, in-Council also passed an ordinance to declare 90 ter into a transaction con-West Grace St. a nuisance firmation for natural gas with Direct Energy Business Marketing, LLC to lock in natural gas rates to municipal buildings from tion to reconsider its Sep-2023, at a fixed price of Jessica Boyd, of 113 Union \$3.05 per thousand cubic St., a Conditional Use ap- foot. This will save the city ficers Association for 28 proval for a day care op- money, Gambosi said.

Also passed was an ordinance to expedite the city's planning process under unique circumstances," Law Director John Montello stated, to change zoning without having a public hearing, per council approval.

This legislation was passed to facilitate passage of a subsequent ordinance to allow rezoning of a parcel on Sector Drive by the Rockside Road bridge, owned by Qua, Inc., 11 Broadway Ave., from residential to business. The property had been used for automotive business purposes by Qua for more than 10 years, and the rezoning cluding a resolution to en- legislation was intended to clean up the zoning map, Montello said.

Mallis announced that Finance Director Gambosi and his department had received the Achievement of June 2020 through May Excellence Award for Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Ofvears in a row.

LEGAL NOTICE

Redi Storage is hosting the following auctions or www.storagetreasures.com, 17101 Rockside Road, Maple Heights OH, 44137 216-662-6610 on Friday, February 22nd, 2019 ending at 5:00pm. Items to be auctioned off by whole unit, cash only plus cleaning deposit. Evette Boiner 15708 Steinway Blvd., Maple Heights, OH 44137 Unit 818, 5x18, Unit appears to contain salon furniture, boxes, totes, misc. items \$50.00 cleaning deposit.

Toni Palya 15816 Walvern Blvd., Maple Heights, OH 44137 Unit 610, 5x10, Unit appears to contain chest, toys, boxes, storage tubs, bags misc. items. \$50.00 cleaning deposit.

Renee Marks 19955 Rockside Road Bedford, OH 44146 Unit 1233 10x25, Unit appears to contain household furniture, exercise equipment, boxes, storage tubs, bags, misc. items. \$100.00 cleaning deposit.

Renee Marks 19955 Rockside Road, Bedord, OH 44146 Unit 215 5x10, Unit appears to contain grill, cabinets, boxes, storage tubs, bags, misc items. \$50.00 cleaning deposits.

Diane Koprowski 15910 Turney Road, Maple Heights, OH 44137 Unit 1230, 10x30 Unit appears to contain furniture, household items, boxes misc. items, \$100.00 cleaning deposit.

Redi Storage is hosting the following auctions on www.stroragetreasures.com, 4620 Northfield Rd., North Randall, OH 44128 216-714-5869 on Friday, February 22nd, 2019 ending at 5:00pm. Items to be auctioned off by whole unit, cash only plus cleaning deposit.

Eddy Murphy, 4129 E 139th St., Cleveland, OH 44105 Unit 1319, 10x30, Unit appears to contain cribs, playhouse, toys, dollhouse, kids table and chair set, boxes, misc items. \$100.00 cleaning deposit.

Stephanie Ray 4421 Granada Blvd., Warrensville Heights, OH 44128 Unit 1523, 5x10, Unit appears to contain mattress, box spring, electric stove misc. items. \$50.00 cleaning deposit. N.N. 2-6-19 & 2-13-19

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BUSINESSES NEEDED - Are You Hiring? FREE COMMUNITY JOB FAIR Saturday, April 6, 2019, Noon-3PM

Your company is invited to participate in a FREE Community Job Fair to be held on Saturday, April 6, 2019, from Noon-3pm at The Rock Community Church, 9403 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Heights, OH, **44125**. We will provide all the advertising for your position (Indeed.com, newspapers, Facebook) and a table with white tablecloth to set up any materials. Job Fair Packets with all job postings will be given to all participants. This is our third year for this event. Paid for by a grant from The Higley Fund. If interested, please email carole.brunelle@therockcleveland.org.

BUSINESS and SERVICE DIRECTORY





Business Directory Deadline: Fridays 5pm



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St. Michael School drama club presents... Fish fry at



The St. Michael School drama club will present "Peter Pan, Jr." on February 21st and 22nd. Some of the cast is shown above. From left is: Anthony DeBlasis (Smee), Paige Hojdar (Captain Hook), Olivia Ziccardi (Peter Pan), Angie Sinopoli (Wendy), Evan Beacher (John), Dominick Marchetta (Michael.)

Celebrating its 20th anniversary, the St. Michael School Drama Club will present "Peter Pan, Jr.' February 21 and 22, at 7 p.m. in the Independence Middle School auditorium, 6111 Archwood Rd., Independence.

"Peter Pan, Jr." is the perfect show for the child in all of us who dreamed of soaring high and never growing up, said a drama spokesperson.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors.

To purchase tickets, call 216-225-1106 or email to:Drama.club@stmichael schoolinfo.com.



Legal Notice

Sealed bids will be received by the Village of Newburgh Heights ("Owner"), at the office of the Fiscal Officer, Village of Newburgh Heights, 3801 Harvard Avenue, Newburgh Heights, OH 44105 on the 26th day of February, 2019 until 9:00 am current local time for the:

"Harvard Avenue West Gateway"

and will be publicly opened and read immediately thereafter. Each bid must contain the full names of the party or parties making the same, with an affidavit as to interested parties, and in the case of a corporation not chartered in Ohio, with a proper certificate that such corporation is authorized to do business in Ohio, and shall be accompanied by a Bid Guaranty Bond for the full amount (100%) of the Bid, in favor of the "Owner" or a certified check, cashier's check, or letter of credit pursuant to Chapter 1305 of the Ohio Revised Code, in the amount of 10% of the Bid, payable to the "Owner".

It is agreed that the bid guaranty shall be for the benefit of the "Owner" pursuant to Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code if the undersigned fails to execute the Contract in conformity with the Form of Contract incorporated in the contract documents and furnish Bond and insurance certificates within ten (10) days after the notification of the award of the Contract to the undersigned.

Copies of the Contract Documents are on file and may be obtained at the office of the Village of Newburgh Heights, 3801 Harvard Avenue, Newburgh Heights, OH 44105, upon payment of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), none of which will be refunded. Checks shall be made payable to the Village of Newburgh Heights.

Please note that in order to be considered as a "responsive bidder" for this project, you must purchase a set of plans and bid documents, and follow all instructions provided. Bids from contractors who are not on the Plan Holders List will be disqualified.

A pre-bid meeting will be held on February 19th, 2019 at 2:00 pm at the Village of Newburgh Heights, 3801 Harvard Avenue, Newburgh Heights, OH 44105.

The "Owner" reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities in the bids received, and to accept any bid which it deems most favorable.

The "Owner" is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate against the handicapped.

> Cathleen Nagorski, Fiscal Officer Village of Newburgh Heights

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Advertisement **Exclusively Skin opens** St. Andrew's in Garfield Heights

St. Andrew Eastern Orthodox Church, 16029 Maple Park Dr., Maple Heights, will be serving fish fry dinners from 4-6:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 8. For more information or

carryouts, call 216-475-Send your favorite

seasonal recipe to The Neighborhood News at nnews1923@aol.com. It may be featured

in an upcoming issue! Please include name,

phone number and city of residence.

Dr. Tracy Ringo is pleased o announce that Exclusively Skin, specializing in the treatment of skin diseases, has opened up in Garfield Heights at 9565 Midwest Ave., Suite C.

Common issues treated include abscess/boils. acne. cellulitis, dark spots/blemishes, dry skin and scalp, eczema, hair loss, mole removals, psoriasis, skin cancer screenings, wart removal and many more.

Dr. Ringo is a Cleveland native who graduated from male to reach the rank of Bedford High School and Colonel. She celebrates 30 was inducted into the years of service this year. Bedford High School Hall of Fame in 2003.

She is in the Ohio Army www.exclusively-skin.com.

Dr. Tracy Ringo

National Guard and is the first African American fe-

Contact Exclusively Skin at 216-508-6500 or visit website:

