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Maple Hts. Police Chief Todd Hansen honored at April council meeting



Maple Heights Mayor Annette Blackwell (left) is shown with Police Chief Todd Hansen, who was honored by NOPEC for his work with the Maple Heights Police Department, the city and the community during a presentation at the council meeting last week. Photo courtesy of NOPEC Community Outreach Manager Tony Ramos

By Judith Goldsworth

Maple Heights Police Chief Todd Hansen was honored with a special presentation from the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council in recognition of his service to the community at the council meeting last week.

NOPEC Community Outreach Manager Tony Ramos attended the council meeting for the presentation.

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Slavic Village Bike A Thon this Saturday

The 15th annual Slavic Village Community Bike A Thon, founded by the Fullerton Avenue Block Club, will be held this Saturday, May 11, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the new Fullerton Elementary School, 3900 E. 75 St., Cleveland.

From 9 to 11 a.m. there will be small bike repairs done, like tightening, air in tires, new tubes, etc., and a bike rodeo with music and fun. From 11 a.m. to noon participants will bike to Mound Elementary School and back (three miles total), then have lunch and a child's bike raffle from noon to 1:30 p.m.

So bring your bike or get one of the used adult bikes available, first come, first choice. All ages welcome; must sign release to participate. For more info email natalief@slavicvillage.org or call 216-429-1182, ext. 121.

ACADEMIC TOP TEN AT GHHS



Garfield Heights High School's Academic Top Ten for the 2019 graduating class is shown here with Garfield Heights Board of Education members. These outstanding students were honored at the regular board meeting in April. The 'Roses for Teachers' ceremony also took place at the meeting.

From left to right are: high school Principal Tammy Hager; Abrar Ghazy, 4.038 G.P.A.; Cory Baczkowski, 4.365 G.P.A.; valedictorian, Jeremiah Ukwela, 4.339 G.P.A.; salutatorian, Jesse Wheeler, 4.2818 G.P.A.; board member Joe Juby; Vice President Christine Kitson; Julianne McKee, 4.196 G.P.A.; board member Joan Chamberlin; Megan Cermak, 4.14 G.P.A.; board member Robert Dobies, Sr.; Taelyr Bonner, 4.153 G.P.A.; board President Gary Wolske; Evan Jasterbowski, 4.146 G.P.A.; Anthony Iacano, 4.15 G.P.A.; Superintendent Terry Olszewski and Brett Exton, 4.172 G.P.A.

UH Bedford donates \$30K cardiac monitor to city

By Judith Goldsworth

Bedford Mayor Stan Koci and Fire Chief Dave Nagy thanked University Hospitals Bedford Medical Center officials at the council meeting April 15th for the donation of a \$30,000 cardiac monitor to the Bedford Fire Department.

Nagy stated that his department, as first responders to medical issues in the city, worked on a daily basis with the hospital, stating, "They were gracious enough to reach out and extend this donation to our department for the benefit of the community and with the price tag of these pieces of equipment, we couldn't be more thankful and look forward to working with University Hospitals in the future."

UH official Dan Ellenberg, who was present at last week's meeting, said, "We really look at giving back to the community and we want to make sure you have the right equipment... really, the course of treatment at the hospital starts with these guys. We want to provide the best possible care, and these guys are master technicians."

Koci presented a proclamation on behalf of the city and the fire department to show appreciation for the donation, adding, "University Hospitals Bedford Medical Center is vital to Bedford, and continues to be an extremely generous institution in donating lifesaving

equipment and providing the Bedford Fire Department with equipment, training and protocols to allow the highest standard of care available."

Rezoning legislation

Three pieces of legislation to change zoning uses of several areas throughout the city were placed on first reading, with a Planning Commission public hearing on the ordinances scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, at City Hall, 165 Center Rd.

The legislation was recommended by Planning Consultant George Smerigan, who was hired to study land use in the city and determined that various properties could be rezoned to encourage their use and development.

The first ordinance would rezone properties at Northfield and Rockside roads (Meadowbrook shopping area) from business (shopping center district) to mixed use; the second would rezone properties at Bartlett and Rockside roads from shopping center district to multi-family residential; and the third would enact a new chapter of the codified ordinances, to change shopping center districts in the city to mixed use districts to allow for more flexible use and encourage economic development, according to the legislation.

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Construction updates for Spring 2019

•The I-77 southbound ramp to SR21/Brecksville Road in Cuyahoga Heights is closed through June. Motorists will be detoured via I-77 south, I-480 and SR 17. This entire project will replace the I-77 southbound exit ramp bridge to SR 21.

•There will be off-peak lane and ramp closures for I-480 east lane reconfiguration in Cleveland, Maple Heights and Warrensville Heights. This project adds a lane and provides three lanes of traffic to continue on I-480 past the I-271 split. Detours will be posted. The project will tentatively be completed in spring 2019.

•There will be nightly lane closures on I-480 east and westbound between Turney and Lee roads from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. through early June for resurfacing operations.

•Work will resume this spring on East 49th Street/Washington Park Boulevard/Harvard Avenue resurfacing

in Newburgh Heights with final striping and landscaping work. The entire project resurfaces E. 49th St./Washington Park Blvd. between Fleet and Harvard avenues and Harvard Avenue between E. 49th and E. 55th streets. The project will tentatively be completed in summer 2019.

•The Harvard Ave. bridge over I-77 in Newburgh Heights and Cuyahoga Heights is closed through October for replacement. Eastbound Harvard Avenue motorists will detour via I-77 southbound to Grant Avenue to I-77 northbound to Harvard Avenue. Westbound Harvard Avenue motorists will detour via I-77 northbound to Pershing Avenue to I-77 southbound to Harvard Avenue. Various lane restrictions will take place on I-77 under Harvard Ave. The entire project replaces the Harvard Avenue bridge over I-77, including sidewalks, signal upgrades and more. The project will tentatively be completed in spring 2019.

pleted in October.

•Through spring 2019, the I-480 westbound ramp to Transportation Boulevard will be shifted to the left until striping operations are complete. The entire project includes widening the Transportation Boulevard bridge over I-480 to add a northbound left turn lane, ultimately allowing motorists to access a new public street directly across from the current I-480 eastbound exit ramp to Transportation Boulevard. The eastbound exit ramp will be widened to three lanes creating a new through lane onto the previously mentioned new street. Additional improvement will be made on Granger Road eastbound, where it will be widened between the driveway at One Drive and East 96th Street to accommodate a right turn lane that will allow motorists to access a new public street. The project will tentatively be completed in spring 2019.

Reminders for National Dental Care Month

By Danielle Toth

May is National Dental Care Month, so it is a perfect time to take inventory of your dental habits.

The observance is fairly recent: Dr. Tim Stirneman and Jim Wojdyla, his director of business development, of Compassionate Dental Care in Lake in the Hills, Illinois, founded National Dental Care Month in 2018 by registering with National Day Calendar, which tracks about 1,500 traditional and nontraditional national days, weeks and months. National Dental Care Month culminates with National Smile Day on May 31.

However, you don't need to live in Illinois to celebrate! Dr. Rick Rzepka, a family dentist with offices in Slavic Village and Lyndhurst, recommends patients regularly follow these four great habits of dental care:

•Brush at least twice a day to remove food and plaque film from your teeth, gums and tongue.

•Floss once a day to remove the plaque film from between your teeth where your toothbrush can't reach.

•Rinse with plain water after snacks or when you simply can't brush. Rinsing helps saliva, your natural cavity buffer, keep cavity-causing bacteria to a minimum.

•Visit your dentist regularly. Prevention is the best way to keep cavities away.

Rzepka also reminds patients to drink plenty of water. On average, the human body weight is 50 to 75 percent water, and water is essential to both oral and overall health.

Water has many benefits, including:

•Serving as an effective rinse when there's not time to brush or floss.

•Aiding in saliva production, neutralizing tooth-attacking acids and protecting teeth and gums from cavity-causing bacteria.

•Preventing xerostomia (dry mouth), which can interfere with speaking, eating, chewing and swallowing.

•Maintaining your mouth's pH balance to fight enamel erosion.

Rzepka also recommends dental sealant for both children and adults.

Studies have shown that more than 50 percent of kids' cavities develop on the chewing surfaces of the teeth. Food gets trapped in pits that are formed naturally by the crossing of deep grooves called fissures. Dental sealant covers these surfaces with a protective material so decay never has an opportunity to set in. In just a matter of minutes, a dentist can

apply this plastic tooth-colored material directly to the cavity-prone surfaces of the teeth. The sealant creates an impenetrable barrier to bacteria and decay for up to 15 years. There's no discomfort in the application of sealant, and the benefits can last a lifetime.

Recent studies have shown that sealants are one of the main contributing factors to the decline in the number of cavities in children. They also work well for adults, too. So the next time you're in for a visit, ask your dentist about them. And don't forget to SMILE!

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The Annual Johnston Mill Run Stream Clean-Up is Saturday, May 11, 9am to Noon at Forestdale Park (corner of Forestdale & E. 131 St.)

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Each participant will receive a free RiverSweep T-shirt and a light lunch at the end of the clean up. Gloves and bags are provided. Wear sturdy shoes, appropriate clothing and bring a refillable water bottle. For more details, contact Pat Salemi at 216-475-1100, Ext. 2425 or psalemi@garfieldhts.org.



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Maple Hts. Police Chief

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"Since 2016, NOPEC has offered its communities the opportunity to recognize exemplary employees through its Recognition Program," Ramos said. "Over the last three years, NOPEC has helped say thank you to executive assistants, council clerks and finance directors. In 2019, they're helping thank police and fire chiefs," Ramos said.

NOPEC is a nonprofit organization of local governments in Northeast Ohio that buys natural gas and electricity in bulk to help residents and businesses lower their utility bills, according to the organization's website.

Mayor Annette Blackwell, who was also part of the presentation, stated, "Chief Hansen grew his career in the Maple Heights Police Department and advanced to chief about one year ago. He is extremely talented, highly trained and very experienced. Chief Hansen also has a law degree!"

Blackwell said he took over a significantly understaffed and financially challenged department and through his recruitment efforts has achieved both diversity and inclusion goals for the city and department.

Blackwell said Hansen has recently sworn in a female Indian officer, a male Hispanic officer and added a fourth African-American male officer to the Maple Heights police force. She said that, most notably, last year he was featured in the media for hiring an auxiliary officer who had once been in jail but never gave up his dream of one day becoming a police officer.

The auxiliary officer, Michael Green, who was released from jail in 2001 after spending 13 years serving time for a wrongful conviction of rape, was later exonerated of the crime and was sworn in last April at a Maple Heights Council meeting, city officials stated.

"Chief Hansen made his dream come true," Blackwell stated, adding, "Thank you, Chief Hansen, for all you do for Maple Heights."

\$85K for park

The only piece of legislation on last week's agenda which was passed by council was a resolution authorizing Blackwell to execute an agreement with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) for \$85,000 in Community Cost-Share Program Funds which will go towards the ongoing work at the Lee-Libby pocket park in the northeast corner of the intersection.

The funds will be used to construct green infrastructure featuring a public rain garden and permeable pavement on-site to ensure the city remains compliant with the Ohio EPA and stormwater permit requirements.

Existing vegetation and trees will remain in place and new trees, shrubs and flowers will be added.

"This space is fully intended to complete a full transformation from an abandoned gas station to a revitalized pocket park that can provide aesthetics, function-

ality and environmental value to residents and surrounding businesses," according to the application submitted by City Engineer Ed Hren to the NEORS.

UH Bedford donates

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Koci explained that uses permitted under mixed use included light assembly and production facilities, with accessory warehousing and storage; scientific research development training and testing facilities; offices; hotel and conference centers; restaurants; personal service facilities (law, architecture, accounting, engineering consultants, insurance offices, banks, dry cleaners and similar uses); financial institutions; retail stores; educational and training facilities; and hospitals, clinics and medical facilities, including dentistry.

The ordinances will remain on first reading, meaning they will not be on council's agenda until after the public hearing, Law Director John Montello stated.

Also placed on first reading was an ordinance for a contract with RKS Management Company for cleaning services for the police department at a monthly cost of \$1,600.

Legislation for Bedford to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation 2019-2020 winter contract to buy road salt was approved.

Announcements

Mallis said final approval from the county has been received for the \$50,000 Community Development Supplemental Grant that will be used for the city's signage initiative. He congratulated Economic Development Director Jennifer Kuzma for her work in procuring the grant.

The Bedford Garden Club presented checks to Koci at the meeting for flowers on the Union Street bridge and also for the Arbor Day tree planting. The club's annual Plant Sale will take place on Mother's Day weekend, Friday, May 10, from 1-7 p.m., and Saturday, May 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Ellenwood Recreation Center.

Volunteers needed for Johnston Mill Run cleanup this Saturday

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Independence Primary School principal retiring

At the end of the 2018-19 school year, Cynthia Ipsaro will retire as the Independence Primary School (IPS) principal after 25 years of service with the district, according to Anthony Togliatti, mayor of Independence, in his April 26 Administrative Update. The Independence Local Schools Board of Education hired Ipsaro in August 1994 as a second-grade teacher. She taught second grade for nine years and then moved on to teach fourth grade. She assumed the role of principal of Independence Primary School in the 2011-12 school year.

"My hope is that I provided a high-quality experience for all students and that I have touched the students' lives in a positive way to make each and every one of them a better person," Ipsaro said. "I consider myself extremely fortunate to have served as both a teacher and principal in such a vibrant and supportive community; a community where education is valued by students, teachers and parents. I want to thank all of you for your support and most of all for entrusting your children in my hands. I am confident that Independence Primary School will continue its tradition of academic excellence in the years to come."

One of the most impactful programs Ipsaro helped implement was the school-wide I-Pride Character Program. This behavior program teaches social competencies and aims to develop a safe and effective school environment based on rewarding positive behaviors. Since the program began, there has been a noticeable decrease in the number of reported discipline issues.

Ipsaro said she has always been passionate about wanting to offer more to students than academic learning during the school day. She encourages students to find interests outside of the classroom so they are prepared for middle school. In the seven years Ipsaro has been principal, the building has seen the introduction of the Art Club, Build Your Own Technology Club, IPS Choir, Drama Club, Medical Club and Robotics Club and the reinstatement of the Kiwanis K-Kids.

Ipsaro also worked with the PTO to implement major upgrades to the playground area behind the building and purchase alternate seating and standing desks for students. She implemented many technological improvements and enhancements, such as 1:1 learning with iPads and Chromebooks, creation of a makerspace with 3D printer, digital textbooks and the use of Google Suites.



Cynthia Ipsaro

Ipsaro is leaving the building with an Overall A Award from the Ohio State Board of Education in 2018. In the 2016-17 school year, the building received the Step Up To Quality 5-Star Award for its preschool from the Ohio State Board of Education. In her first year as principal, the school was recognized for the second time in its history as a Nationally Recognized Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the U.S. Department of Education. Ipsaro was on the committee of educators who wrote the submission to the state and enjoyed representing the school in Columbus for the recognition ceremony.

"Mrs. Ipsaro has made such a positive impact on Independence Primary School and our Independence community as a whole," said Ben Hegedish, superintendent of Independence Local Schools. "Her dedication and years of service in the classroom made her a natural fit as our principal. Mrs. Ipsaro has been such a positive leader. Her smile, dedication and positive attitude will be missed. I wish her the best in this next chapter of life."

Cuyahoga County Solar Co-op

The Cuyahoga County Department of Sustainability and the nonprofit Solar United Neighbors present a free informational meeting for those interested in going solar.

The meeting will take place on Wednesday May 22 at the Southeast Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library
70 Columbus Road, Bedford, Oh 44146 from 6pm till 8pm.

Attendees will learn about the technical aspects of solar power; the 30% Federal Solar Tax Credit; various financing options including the Cuyahoga County's low interest HELP Loan Program.

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Local Cuyahoga County buildings going solar

Cuyahoga County continues to spearhead solar deployments in Northeast Ohio. The county recently approved the power purchase agreement (PPA) for solar to be deployed on the rooftop of three county-owned buildings: the Medical Examiner's Office in Cleveland, the Animal Shelter in Valley View and the Harvard Road Garage in Newburgh Heights.

The Aggregated Solar Program enables these three buildings to produce around 10 percent of the facilities' power needs, reduce annual carbon dioxide emissions by 940 tons and can help achieve over \$1 million of lifetime savings versus utility costs.

Cuyahoga County's Department of Sustainability is actively working with various county municipalities and school districts to evaluate new projects under the rooftop solar program. Examples of likely buildings where savings could occur include recreation centers, service garages and schools, where the building owner is paying more than 10 c/kWh in electricity costs. The program's PPA structure enables these facilities to save as much as 20% compared to current utility costs.

Municipalities interested in becoming involved with the Solar Co-Op can contact Mike Foley, Cuyahoga County Director of Sustainability, at 216-443-3055 or mfoley@cuyahogacounty.us.

Cuyahoga County has also launched the third round of the Cuyahoga County Solar Co-Op Program in conjunction with Solar United Neighbors. This program enables county residents to cooperatively purchase solar equipment and installations at a reduced cost. Over the last two years the co-op has helped 90 homeowners go solar and collectively save around \$1 million and reduce carbon emissions by 8,000 tons.

Reader's CHOICE RECIPES

10-Minute Taco Salad

- 2 cans (16 ounces each) chili beans, undrained
- 1 package (10 1/2 ounces) corn chips
- 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese
- 4 cups chopped lettuce
- 2 small tomatoes, chopped
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 can (2 1/4 ounces) sliced ripe olives, drained
- 1 1/4 cups salsa
- 1/2 cup sour cream

In a saucepan or microwave-safe bowl, heat the beans. Place corn chips on a large platter. Top with beans, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, onion, olives, salsa and sour cream. Serve immediately. Serves 8.

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Lasagna Del Mare

- 1 med. onion, chopped
- 3 T. salad oil
- 12 oz. lasagna noodles
- 10 oz. can cream of shrimp soup
- 1 lb. crab meat
- 1 T. sherry
- 1 lb. ricotta or small curd cottage cheese
- 1 lg. pkg. cream cheese
- 1 egg
- 2 tsp. whole basil, crushed
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1 med. tomato, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup grated cheddar cheese

Saute onion in oil. Set aside. Cook noodles and drain. Rinse and drain again. Mix together soup, crab and sherry. In another bowl, mix ricotta or cottage cheese with cream cheese, egg, spices and onion. Arrange in three layers each of noodles, crab mixture and cheese mixture in lightly greased 9x13-inch pan. Top with tomato slices. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Sprinkle cheddar cheese over tomatoes and bake an additional 20 minutes. Serves 6-10.

Bill Davidson, Minnetonka, Minnesota, from "The Neighborhood News 80th Anniversary Cookbook"

Tuna Fish, Eggs and Rice

Serves 6

- 8 oz. long-grain white rice (not instant)
- 1 can cream of celery soup
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 12 oz. can tuna
- 1 5 oz. can tuna
- 5 eggs

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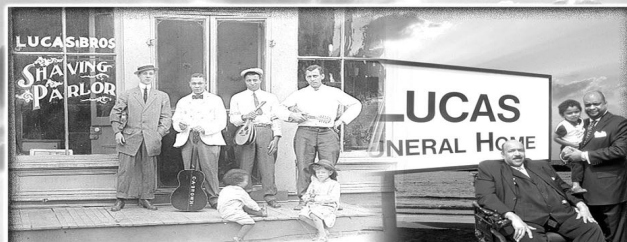
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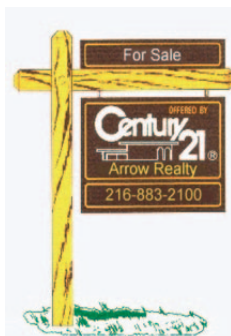
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Cleveland

Discharging firearm into habitation

On April 26 at about 10 a.m., officers responded to the area of East 65th Street and Gertrude Avenue for a report of shots fired. Upon arrival police spoke to several residents who stated they observed three to four men standing in the 6500 block of Hosmer shooting into a vacant lot across the street. One witness stated that he heard 10 shots total and that his neighbor's home on Gertrude Avenue had been struck by the gunfire. Officers observed a fresh bullet hole in the home's fence and rear window. Another Gertrude Avenue resident stated she was in the bathroom when she heard a shot and a loud crash as a bullet broke her bathroom window. Officers observed a bullet hole in the bathroom's closet door. They also saw and collected a spent shell casing from underneath an unoccupied vehicle on Hosmer, which later matched live rounds collected from inside the vehicle. The vehicle was towed.

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Trespassing

On May 4 at about 9:45 p.m., officers responded to the JFK Eagle Academy at 13604 Christine Avenue for a report of three males who had entered the school. Units set up a perimeter around the school. While waiting, officers observed movement through the windows and what appeared to be a cell phone light. They also observed a door propped open and voices coming from inside. Police determined the suspects were attempting to

exit through the east side of the school. Officers entered the school and blocked the hallway so they could not run back through.

One male exited the school and ran north. Another male attempted to exit the school but was taken into custody. A third male ran back into the school, then exited a short time later and ran through backyards on Rexwood Avenue. He was taken into custody on Thornhurst Avenue after admitting he had been in the school. The first male said the boys were all brothers. Both suspects taken into custody were juveniles. They were placed under arrest and transported to the city jail.

The school is owned by the city of Cleveland but is located in Garfield Heights. Officers noted that the parties involved sprayed fire extinguishers throughout the school. They also smashed out windows with golf clubs and wrote on the floor with paint. The writing appeared to be gang-related and was still wet.

The parties were released to their grandmother. Charges are pending through the youth bureau.

Theft

On May 3 at about 8:45 p.m., police responded to Garfield Heights High School at 4900 Turney Road for a report that a cash box had been taken from an event at the school.

An unknown man approached the admissions table and requested to use the complainant's cell phone, which he refused. The unknown man lingered for a few moments before grabbing the cash box, which contained \$2,000 to \$2,500, and running out the door. He got into the passenger side of a blue crossover-style vehicle occupied by three or four males, which fled the scene. CCTV footage shows the man entering and exiting the E. 97th Street entrance. The suspect vehicle is described as a newer model Ford (possibly an Escape SE), blue in color with dark windows and no visible front plate. The rear plate appears to be permanent, but it is unclear if it is an Ohio registration.

The unknown man was described as a black male, late teens to early 20s, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, ripped denim blue jeans, black shoes and possibly a white T-shirt.

OVI

On May 2 at about 11:25 p.m., officers were on patrol westbound on McCracken Road near E. 117th Street when they observed a white sedan ahead of them traveling at 10 mph in a 35 mph zone. The vehicle had no visible registration and was swerving within the lane. As the vehicle approached E. 114th Street, it almost veered off of the roadway. The operator swerved back into the traffic lane at the last minute.

Officers pulled the vehicle over. The driver had a strong odor of alcoholic beverage coming from his person. He stated he had been drinking but was driving slowly because he was looking for his niece's residence on South Highland Avenue.

Officers found the man had a misdemeanor warrant through the city and a suspended driver's license. He consented to standardized field sobriety tests, which he failed. He was arrested for OVI and the misdemeanor warrant.

Drug abuse

On May 1 at about 4:30 p.m., officers responded to the McDonald's at 5240 Turney Road for a report of a disoriented man staggering in the parking lot. The man was lethargic and unable to maintain balance. Police sat him on the curb and called for the fire department while the man passed in and out of consciousness. The fire department arrived and administered one dose of Narcan. The man regained consciousness and said he had been released from the hospital earlier for an overdose. He then went to work and snorted heroin. The man was transferred to Marymount Hospital. He indicated he had heroin in his wallet. Police found two small folded pieces of white paper that contained a pink powdered substance.

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Improperly discharging firearm

On April 21 at about 1:20 a.m., officers received a report of shots being fired into a residence in the 5400 block of E. 135th Street. Upon arrival officers observed two fresh bullet holes in the front of the residence, one through the front glass picture window and one through the front door. The three occupants of the home were scared but uninjured. Officers observed several bullet holes in living room walls and a bullet fragment in the bathtub. They also found and collected three rifle shell casings across the street on the sidewalk. The residents said they have not had any problems with anybody and do not know who would shoot at the house. Case referred to the Detective Bureau.

Theft from porch

- April 27 at 6:40 p.m. in the 6400 block of Meadowbrook Road
- April 25 at 6:55 p.m. in the 13300 block of Alvin Ave.
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Bedford

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- On May 1 at about 9 a.m., a man reported that his work truck was sideswiped while he was making a delivery at Bedford Metal Recycling at 144 Northfield Road.
- On May 3 at about 7:50 p.m., a resident of the 500 block of Heather Avenue reported that he noticed damage to his Mercury Mariner, which he parks on the street.

He thinks someone had hit it..

- On May 2 at about 9:45 p.m., a woman reported that she was driving westbound on Rockside Road between Circle K and Sunoco when a vehicle struck her blue Ford Fiesta. She pulled into the Circle K, but the other vehicle had already left the scene.

Stolen vehicle

On May 5 at about noon, a resident of the 60 block of Center Road arrived at the station to report that her silver Infiniti SX35 had been stolen the evening of May 3.

Theft

- On May 6 at about 1:05 p.m., an employee at D&S Cleaners at 871 Broadway Avenue reported that a man grabbed his clothing and then ran out of the store without paying. Officers did not locate the man or his vehicle, a white Volkswagen.
- On May 2 at about 3:50 p.m., an employee at Dollar General at 647 Broadway Avenue reported a woman came into the store and filled her purse with drinks. She left without paying. The woman was accompanied by an infant and toddler and driving a gold Chevy Venture van. Police were unable to locate the woman or the vehicle.

Theft from vehicle

On May 3 at about 6:25 a.m., police responded to the 100 block of Tarbell Avenue for a report of a theft from a vehicle. The resident reported that the vehicle was unlocked and someone had rummaged through it and took a gun and starter pistol. The man said he is a police officer, and police located additional ammo and a holster.

Property damage

On May 3 at about 3:45 p.m., a resident of the 90 block of W. Grace Street reported that a truck came through and ripped his hose reel and cable lines from the side of his house.

Call Crime Stoppers 24/7 to provide anonymous tips

Crime Stoppers encourages members of the community to assist local law enforcement agencies in the fight against crime.

Crime Stoppers provides an anonymous telephone number, Text Tips and Web Tips to encourage citizens to volunteer vital information helpful to law enforcement agencies. By offering anonymity and cash rewards for information leading to indictment or arrests, the program encourages otherwise reluctant callers to provide information.

The 24/7 hotline number, 216-252-7463, allows the caller to remain anonymous. The phone does not have a caller ID function and calls are not recorded.

Those with information can also text TIP657 plus your message to 274637, or can submit information online at www.25crime.com.

N.N. policy on death notices

The Neighborhood News management would like to inform readers and advertisers of the following new policies regarding death notices:

Beginning Feb. 1, there is a minimum fee of \$50 (up to six column inches) for death notices. This includes a photo and/or funeral home logo. Any death notice larger than six column inches will be subject to additional fees.

Information for death notices must be submitted by the funeral home handling the arrangements via email to nnews1923@aol.com. Deadline to submit is Monday by 5 p.m. For further information and pricing, email The Neighborhood News or call us at 216-441-2141.

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Garfield Heights native supports critical Navy mission in Middle East

By Chief Mass Communication Specialist Erica R. Gardner

Petty Officer 1st Class Stephen Sobocinski, a Garfield Heights native, joined the Navy because he felt it was his best option.

Now, nine years later and half a world away at Naval Support Activity Bahrain, the Garfield Heights High School graduate serves at U.S. Naval Forces Central Command (NAVCENT)/U.S. 5th Fleet. He is an aviation boatswain's mate in Manama, Bahrain.

"I am responsible for tracking and organizing the transient aircraft coming in and out of the airfield," Sobocinski said. "After the aircraft land, we are responsible for the safe loading and unloading of cargo and ordnance."

Sobocinski credits success at U.S. 5th Fleet, and in the Navy, to many of the lessons learned in Garfield Heights.

"Stay persistent and never give up," Sobocinski said. "Those are the lessons that really made a difference for my career to this point."

U.S. 5th Fleet directs naval operations to ensure maritime security and stability in the Central Region, which connects the Mediterranean Sea and Pacific Ocean through the western Indian Ocean. They work with partner nations to ensure freedom of navigation and the free flow of commerce in international waterways.

Though there are many ways for sailors to earn distinction in their command, community and career, Sobocinski is most proud of the respect he has earned from the people that he leads.

"It always makes it hard to leave a command when your guys don't want anyone else in your position," Sobocinski said. "It makes me proud because it lets me know that I am doing a great job leading."

As a member of one of the U.S. Navy's most relied-upon assets, Sobocinski said he is proud to contribute to the Navy.



Petty Officer 1st Class Stephen Sobocinski

"Sacrificing time away from family is the most difficult part," Sobocinski said. "I am proud to be part of this team."

(Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jackson Brown)

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Save money on cost of going solar with Cuyahoga County Solar Co-op

Cuyahoga County Solar Co-op, the nonprofit Solar United Neighbors of Ohio and Great Lakes Brewery are sponsoring free informational meetings for consumers interested in solar power for homes and businesses.

The next round of meetings is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22, at the Southeast Branch Cuyahoga County Public Library, 70 Columbus Rd., Bedford, from 6 to 8 p.m., and Thursday, May 23, at Parma City Hall Council Chambers, 6611 Ridge Rd., Parma, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Organizers say this is a great opportunity to learn about the financial incentives and savings offered by this emerging green technology without having to suffer through a high pressure sales pitch. Topics will include: the 30% Federal Solar Tax Credit, how to find out if your home is right for solar, financing including use of low interest Cuyahoga County HELP Loans to finance a solar system and typical industry warranties. Technical issues such as the cost of adding storage batteries for use in the event of power failures and the cost of an electric car charging port will also be dealt with.

Attendees will also learn how to save money by joining the Cuyahoga County Solar Co-op. Solar United Neighbors grows the Solar Co-op by conducting meetings on the east and west sides each month until it reaches a membership of 100. All members are then encouraged to join a selection committee which solicits bids from dozens of installers. By joining together to make a bulk purchase and pulling their expertise, Co-op members can realize a substantial savings, officials said.

There is no obligation and members can quit at any time.

For more details go to the Cuyahoga County Solar Co-op Facebook page or Solarunitedneighbors.org/Ohio, or call David Nader at 216-870-9730.

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