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Olszewski retires as G.H. superintendent Newburgh Hts. files litigation against state over traffic cameras

Today, July 31, Terrance Olszewski, or "Mr. O" as he is affectionately known, retired as superintendent of the Garfield Heights City Schools. The Garfield Heights Board of Education has officially accepted his resignation.

Olszewski has served as superintendent for seven years with 22 years total in the district and more than 35 years in public education. Before becoming superintendent, Olszewski served as both high school principal and middle school principal.

"Though I am saddened that I will no longer work with so many people whom I have come to know, respect and genuinely love in this district, I certainly believe that the GHCS is better today than when I took this position," Olszewski said in a Garfield Heights City Schools eblast. "I express my gratitude to you all."



Terrance Olszewski

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By Danielle Toth

The Village of Newburgh Heights has filed litigation against the state of Ohio related to the use of traffic cameras.

With the passage of House Bill 62, the two-year transportation budget that also raised the gas and diesel tax, communities that use the cameras will receive a reduction in the amount of money they receive from the Local Government Fund. For every dollar taken in by the municipality attributed to traffic camera enforcement, the amount the community receives from the fund will decrease by a dollar.

In the litigation, Newburgh Heights claims the legislation passed by House Bill 62, insofar as that it creates barriers to traffic law enforcement, is unconstitutional, said Luke McConville, solicitor for the village.

There are a few bases to this, he said. One is that the village will lose funding from the Local Government Fund, as mentioned.

"Another basis is that the state has created some economic barriers to enforcing traffic camera laws," McConville said. "In connection with any citation that is issued, the municipality would have to file that citation with the local municipal court, and they would have to pay court costs into the court with respect to that citation in anticipation of a case that the motorist could file. We believe this is unconstitutional because it requires a municipality to pay a filing fee for a case that doesn't yet exist."

The municipality does not get the money back if the motorist does not file a case, he said.

The law also provides that in any case that is filed, irrespective of the result of that case, the filing fee is the responsibility of the municipality.

"This is highly atypical," McConville said. "Typically the losing party would bear the costs. But even if we were to successfully prove an individual motorist that filed a case in fact broke the law by speeding, we would have to cover the cost of the court filing. It is a barrier to using technology to enforce laws that have been in existence for a long time."

One of the things that is unique about Newburgh Heights' circumstances is that over the course of several years, the village has had multiple police cruisers totaled on I-77 while conducting conventional traditional speed enforcement work, McConville said. The village's stretch of 77 is dangerous, he said, which puts officers' lives, as well as the motorists', in danger.

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Shown here is a speed camera on Harvard Avenue in Newburgh Heights across from the village hall.

Amelia Earhart series continues

The second in a series of articles continues here on a group of Garfield Heights men who traveled to Saipan in the '60's in search of what really happened to the famous female pilot and her navigator and the answers they brought back!

(Having completed the first expedition to Saipan, the three Garfield Heights men are back home now and seeking information on airplane parts they found there and if they could be from Amelia Earhart's plane. Having received information from a Saipanese native who said they had seen Fred Noonan and Amelia Earhart on the island in 1937 and another who witnessed the beheading of a tall, white man by the Japanese, the Kothera group plans another trip to Saipan to find proof of these assertions. A woman had told them she could lead them to the grave she had seen the pair digging under the watchful eye of the Japanese in 1937.)

By Ellen Psenicka

RETURNING HOME

Upon their return home, Kothera, Matonis and Gacek became instant celebrities after Robert Stafford of The Cleveland Press wrote an article for his newspaper on their expedition. Other print news media, as well as radio and television people, pursued the local men to recount their adventures on Saipan and they were happy to do so, always vowing to go back to the island and return with solid evidence of what had happened to Earhart and Noonan.

One of the first orders of business for the returning

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A Saipan native, Anna Diaz Magofna, demonstrates to Gacek, Matonis and Kothera what she had witnessed as a 7-year-old school girl. She told them she saw two white people, one a tall, white man with a big nose, being forced by the Japanese to dig a grave outside a cemetery. Then one of the Japanese took a samurai sword and beheaded the white man and the other pushed his body into the grave. Photo by Marty Fiorillo

Ex-officer pleads guilty to sex charges

Former Cleveland police officer Mario Lozada pleaded guilty July 24 to unlawful sexual conduct with a minor and pandering sexually oriented matter involving a minor, according to court records.

Lozada was arrested in November by Garfield Heights police after an incident near Donovan Park in which police discovered 55-year-old Lozada in a dark-colored SUV with a 15-year-old girl.

He was hired by the department in 1992 and worked in the second district. He retired shortly after his arrest. Lozada will be sentenced Aug. 27.

Death Notices

Dolores A. Kryz

Dolores Kryz (nee Spatny), age 85, of Garfield Heights. Beloved wife of the late James; loving mother of Cheryl (Bob) Russell, late David Semancik, Jimette Woehrman and Amber Kryz; dearest grandmother of Leonard Smith; dear great-grandmother of Jacob Ritter; sister of Donald, Jerry, James and the late Albert Spatny.



Arrangements were handled by St. John Funeral Home of Bedford. A Mass of Christian Burial was held last Saturday, July 27, at St. Therese Church in Garfield Heights; burial in Holy Cross Cemetery.

The family suggests contributions to an animal shelter of your choice in memory of Dolores.

Send us your best recipes!

August is both National Peach Month and National Sandwich Month. To celebrate, we're asking you to send us your all-time favorite peach and/or sandwich recipes.

Recipes can be sent via email to nnews1923@aol.com, or by mail to our offices at 8613 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Heights, OH 44125. Please include your name, phone number and city of residence.

Your recipe may appear in an upcoming issue!

Protect your skin during UV Safety Month and always

By Danielle Toth

When the weather gets warmer, we often participate in more outdoor activities to take advantage of the higher temperatures and plentiful sunshine.

However, the same sunlight we enjoy also contains harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays, and exposure to them is a major risk factor for most skin cancers, according to the American Cancer Society. While sunlight is the main source of UV rays, people can also receive them from tanning beds and lamps.

There are three main types of UV rays, according to the American Cancer Society:

- **UVA:** These rays age skin cells and can damage their DNA. They are linked to long-term skin damage such as wrinkles and also thought to play a role in some skin cancers.

- **UVB:** These rays have slightly more energy than UVA rays. They can damage skin cells' DNA directly and are the main rays that cause sunburns. They are also thought to cause most skin cancers.

- **UVC:** These rays have more energy than the other types of UV rays, but they don't get through our atmosphere and are not in sunlight. They are not normally a cause of skin cancer.

"The UVB sunburns that we got as kids can be responsible for the deadly type of skin cancer, melanoma, decades later," said Dr. Amy Kassouf, dermatologist at the Cleveland Clinic. "And the chronic UVA exposure that we get whenever the sun is out is more likely to cause basal cell and squamous cell skin cancers. These are less deadly but can result in the need for surgery and reconstruction, often on the face, scalp and other sun-exposed areas."

UV rays are harmful because they break down the DNA inside our cells, Kassouf said. Skin cancers start when this damage affects the DNA of genes that control skin cell

growth. If those cells are pigment cells, then they can become melanoma; if they are regular skin cells, called keratinocytes, then they can become either basal cell or squamous cell cancers.

UV radiation can also suppress the skin's immune system, leaving it more vulnerable to infections and causing burning and blistering in the short term and wrinkles, brown spots and other growths in the long run.

To limit your UV ray exposure, follow these tips:

Children

Protect children from UV rays by avoiding the sun during the most intense times of day—between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., Kassouf said. Use sun-protective clothing, as well as hats and sunglasses. Choose shade whenever possible and use sunscreens or blocks that are at least an SPF 30 and labeled "broad-spectrum." Reapply every two hours.

Adults

Adults should take the same precautions as children, Kassouf said. Additionally, those who spend a lot of time outdoors for work or leisure should pack a bottle of sunscreen and even a sun-protective Chapstick or ointment for the lips. Those who sweat a lot should use a sunscreen stick on their forehead to prevent it from running into their eyes.

Seniors

Seniors should also take all of the above precautions, Kassouf said.

"As we get older, it is harder to avoid dehydration and heat stroke in addition to sunburn," she said. "Many medications can make you more sensitive to the sun, and seniors tend to be on more medications. Diuretics and antibiotics are often an issue in the sun. Immunosuppressive medications can stop your skin from healing damaged cells, making them more likely to turn into skin cancers."

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NOTICE OF BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING

The Village of Newburgh Heights Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Village Hall Council Chambers located at 3801 Harvard Avenue, Newburgh Heights, OH, 44105.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of meeting minutes
- III. A review to extend a variance for non-compliant Apron/Driveway/Sidewalk Permit; BP0071-19 and regarding Codified Ordinance; 1137.06 Off-Street Parking Standards for the property located at 3953 E. 41 St.
- IV. Public Comments
- V. Action on proposed variance
- VI. Adjournment

Posted at Newburgh Heights Village Hall, Newburgh Heights Village website, and The Neighborhood News July 31, 2019

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Review set for woman given jail sentence for feeding cats

A 79-year-old Havana Road resident has been sentenced to 10 days in Cuyahoga County Jail for feeding stray cats, according to court records.

Magistrate Jeffrey R. Short heard the case in Garfield Heights Municipal Court July 24 in Judge Jennifer Weiler's absence. However, Weiler has scheduled a review hearing for Aug. 6 at 11 a.m. In the meantime, Nancy Segula is scheduled to report to Cuyahoga County Jail on Aug. 11.

Segula's first court appearance was in 2015 for feeding a loose pet, according to Garfield Heights Municipal Court records. She was fined \$75.

In May 2017, Segula was charged with numerous cats, rabies vaccine required, curbing required and nuisance/animal, according to court records. The latter three charges were dismissed, and Segula was fined \$250. She was also given a court order saying she was not allowed to have more than three cats in her home or on her property and could not provide food, toys or shelter to feral cats, as well as probation for one year.

In July 2017, Segula was charged with animal debris, feeding cats and nuisance/animal, according to Garfield Heights Municipal Court records. The latter two charges were dismissed. Segula was fined \$100 and given a similar court order banning her from providing amenities to feral cats. She was also required to remove loose sewer pipes from her yard and obtain a counselor or psychologist to address depression and issues related to the case. Segula was given probation for two years.

Because Segula continued to feed cats in violation of the court order and her probation, she was fined \$500 in May 2019, according to court records. She was also required to appear in court July 24, when she received the jail sentence.

Travel baseball tryouts

The DNA Raiders is looking for committed athletes for 12U, 14U, 16U and 18U travel baseball team. DNA Travel is a cost-covering program providing an affordable opportunity for competitive baseball.

16U and 18U tryouts will be held on Aug. 3 and 4, from 2-4 p.m. at Shaker Heights High School, 15911 Aldersyde Dr.

For questions, contact Andy Pohl at 773-398-6531 or <http://www.dnasportsonline.com/cleveland>.

STEP to perform original play at St. Stanislaus Aug. 5

Cleveland Public Theatre's Student Theatre Enrichment Program (STEP), Cleveland's longest running arts and job training program for teens, returns to city parks this summer, celebrating its 25th anniversary with an original play, *Color the City*.

Watch the performance Monday, Aug. 5, in front of St. Stanislaus Church, 3649 E. 65th St., facing Forman Avenue.

Inspired by a South American Los Andes story, *Huatiacuri, the Story of a Mountain*, *Color the City* tells the story of the citizens of the Black and White City who have forgotten the Colorful Mountain, once their landmark and prized jewel with otherworldly powers. As the wealthy White family seeks a cure for their sick father, a colorful woman from the mountain, named Star, roams the city to unlock a mysterious dream. Can a black-and-white land rediscover the beauty and richness of colors? Led by Bolivian artist Diego Aramburo, *Color the City* showcases Cleveland youth as they work to build a brighter and more colorful world.

Bring a blanket or lawn chair for this free event.

Cuyahoga Board of Elections to host free job fair on Aug. 2

The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections will host a free job fair this Friday, Aug. 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, 2925 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115.

The board seeks qualified people to fill full-time temporary positions to assist the administration of the Nov. 5, 2019, General Election, as well as the March Primary and Presidential Elections in 2020.

There will be open interviews for a wide variety of positions at the job fair. Applicants will be able to apply, complete a skills assessment and be interviewed. Applicants should have questions ready and come prepared with several copies of their resume. The jobs pay \$11.50 per hour and may last up to several weeks or months, depending on the assignment and department.

Some examples of duties performed by temporary employees include proofing ballots, scanning absentee ballots, testing voting units, opening mail, processing absentee applications, staffing in-office early voting, preparing election-related equipment and supplies, counting and packing voter materials, providing customer service and basic clerical functions such as typing, data entry, filing, copying and answering phones, among other duties. To view all open positions and job descriptions, visit the employment page at www.443vote.com.

Registration before attending the event is strongly encouraged and will greatly streamline the process. Applicants may register by visiting the employment page at www.443vote.com or calling 216-443-6600. Preregistered applicants should plan on approximately one hour to complete the skills assessment and interview. Please allow extra time if you do not preregister.

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AMELIA EARHART

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expedition was to find out all they could about the airplane parts they had brought home from Saipan and ascertain if they could have been from Earhart's Lockheed airplane.

Quoting again from Davidson's book: "Gacek was assigned the task of finding someone to analyze the airplane parts. It was determined that Alcoa had made the aluminum for Lockheed during the 1930s. Further effort found an analytical chemist who was a great help in establishing the vintage of the metal.

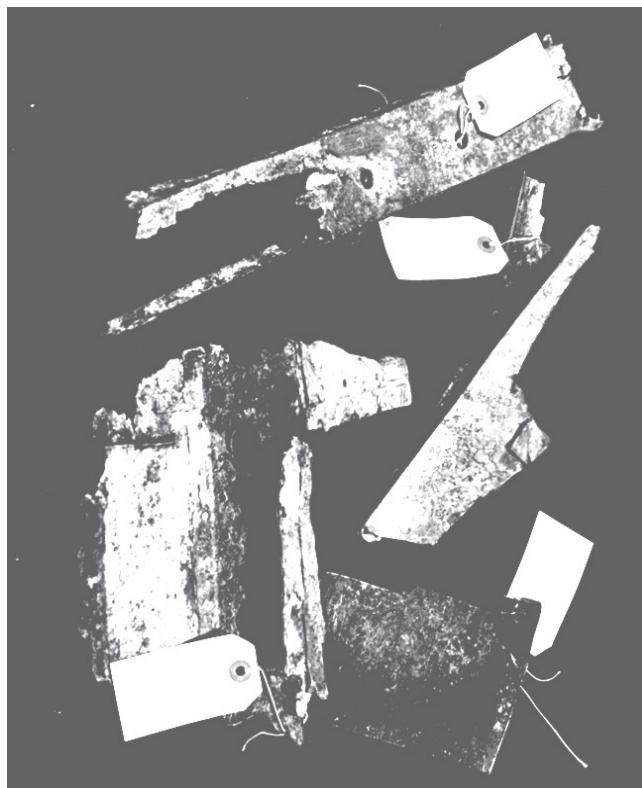
"What appeared to be a simple problem of analysis was not so simple. First the metal was analyzed by Crobaugh Laboratories to establish just what percentage of various metals went into the final alloy. They were especially interested in copper content, as this had changed in the late 1930s to a point that their metal could be tied to the middle 1930s by its copper content. Also, information had to be obtained from German and Japanese sources to rule out the possibility that they might have been using the same copper content in their aluminum alloys.

"Alcoa was most helpful in getting them the alloy analysis for the entire period of 1930 to 1940, as well as information on the German and Japanese airplane materials. Neither used copper in their aluminum alloys as tin was satisfactory and more available.

"Finally they had something tangible that was checking out on all accounts. They had established that the metal in the airplane parts they had brought from Saipan were made prior to 1937 by Alcoa.

"Even Gacek's investigating ability was taxed to the limit when he tried to tie the numbers on the airplane parts to

Amelia Earhart's Lockheed 10 E. It was understandable that this company had doubtless been plagued with many requests which had been blind alleys in the search for that famous airplane. However, it seemed to take an undue



Airplane parts found by the Kothera group were labeled and taken back to Cleveland to discover if they could be from Amelia Earhart's missing plane. Photo by Marty Fiorillo

amount of effort to find anyone in the organization even willing to part with or supply a numbered parts list for the 10 E series, which certainly had to be available.

"Gacek's persistence finally paid off with that list and an explanation that it would be almost impossible to establish whether or not this was Amelia's airplane just from the parts list. This was true because there had been many parts replaced prior to and during the final flight, with no records kept of specific serial numbered parts. Most part numbers would simply reflect a catalog number for ordering replacements. This was discouraging, but efforts went on. They could not give up without exhausting every possibility."

SECOND TRIP ORGANIZED

For this first trip, the group had taken 75 rolls of film of which only 12 turned out to be any good. But those good photos shown to friends and family impressed with their contrasts of the extreme poverty of many on the island and the lush and exquisite beauty of the landscape of Saipan.

The need for a professional photographer on the planned second trip was now obvious to the men and they made it a priority to find just such a person.

Enter Marty Fiorillo into the narrative. Fiorillo was born and raised in Garfield Heights and had worked as a railroad man and outdoor photographer in Alaska, a big game hunter in Africa, excavator of Indian graves in Arizona, cook, firefighter and gunsmith - an impressive array of credentials for the 34-year-old.

Gacek had met Marty about a year before and had heard him talk about his exploits around the world. As fate would have it, Marty stopped into Danny Deliberato's, a barber shop on Turney Road, in the winter of 1967 as Gacek was getting his hair cut and talking to the barber about a second expedition to Saipan and the group's need for a qualified photographer.

Marty had come back home to the Cleveland area to stock up on a supply of special guns used to hunt big game for a gun shop he co-owned, Frontier Arms, Inc., in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Gacek told Marty about his group's planned second trip to Saipan to excavate a site said to contain Earhart's and Noonan's remains and Marty was anxious to sign on as photographer for the trip. He said his first love was anthropology and this skill, too, would eventually prove essential in the jungles of Saipan.

Besides, what's not to like about a photographer with \$5000 of his own equipment who also furnished the group with revolvers from his gun shop for the trip!

By the spring of 1968, Jack Geschke had his International Inn business under control and told his friends he could accompany them on their second trip to Saipan. So in April 1968, Kothera, Matonis, Gacek, Fiorillo and Geschke, one-month visas in hand, set out to dig up the remains of the famous pilot and her navigator, along with taping the accounts of witnesses, and recording the adventure of a lifetime with photos and movies. This time they were going to do it right!

(To Be Continued Next Week)

**INVITATION FOR BID
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The price of material and labor bid for shall be separately stated.

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The bid check or bid bond, as the case may be, will be held as a guarantee that, if the bid proposal is accepted, a contract will be entered into between the bidder and the City of Bedford, and the performance of such contract secured by said check or bond, and in default thereof said check or bond, and the amount represented thereby, shall be forfeited to the City of Bedford as liquidated damages.

The City of Bedford 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 to the City.

Michael S. Mallis, City Manager
City of Bedford, Ohio

N.N.: July 24, 2019
July 31, 2019

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on **Monday, August 12, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.**, before the **Maple Heights Planning and Zoning Commission** in the Maple Heights City Hall Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio, to consider the following applications:

2019-PZ-14 An application from Sacheen Dunn-Ford of Shekinah Wellness Center requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit under Sect. 1278.04(Q) of the MH Codified Ordinances to operate a wellness center as a Personal Services Business in a Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District at 5131 Warrensville Center Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

2019-PZ-15 An application from Beverly Olds-Blockum of The PM Venue requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit under Sect. 1278.04(P) of the MH Codified Ordinances to operate an event center in a Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District at 5880 Lee Road South, Maple Heights, Ohio.

2019-PZ-16 An appeal from Robert and Donna Apanasewicz regarding violation notices issued for 16370 Rockside Road, Maple Heights, Ohio, located in a Residential Single Family-Medium Density (RSF-M) Zoning District.

All persons and/or their representatives desiring to be heard are invited to attend. The applications and all supporting materials are available for review during normal business hours in the Maple Heights Building Department, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio. Please call the Clerk's Office at least one week before the meeting at 216-587-9000 to arrange for handicap assistance to the second floor if necessary.

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Community Police reports

Cleveland

Felonious assault

On July 23 at about 12:05 a.m., police responded to MetroHealth Hospital for a man who was shot near East 65th Street and Fleet Avenue. Metro Police advised that the vehicle that dropped the man off fled and they had one male detained. This man said he was with another man in the area when they saw people running. The crowd passed, and he saw that a third friend was shot so they drove him to Metro. When asked to elaborate as to how he had come to know their friend was shot, he was only able to say that he just happened to be in the area.

The victim stated that he was on Fullerton Avenue near East 65th Street walking to the store when he heard gunshots and felt pain in his back. He did not see who shot him but doesn't believe it was anyone he knows. Police located security cameras on the 6300 block of Fullerton that may provide footage of the incident.

Garfield Heights

Armed robbery

On July 28 at about 3:30 p.m., officers responded to the Sprint store at 5477 Vista Way for an armed robbery report. A witness stated she was exiting I-480 eastbound at Transportation Boulevard and saw a newer silver Jeep with tinted windows stopped on the side of the exit ramp. A man ran from the rear of City View through the grass and entered the vehicle, which fled eastbound on Antennuci Boulevard. The witness obtained the last four numbers of the license plate.

The store employee said a man entered the store wearing a black hoodie and pants with gloves and a cloth covering

his face. He pointed a gun at her and told her to fill a bag and take him to the safe. He said if she looked at him, he would shoot her. The man put items in a colorful book bag and fled the store through the rear. City cameras showed the suspect vehicle turn from Antennuci southbound onto Turney Road, but there was no footage of the vehicle afterward. Police sent information to neighboring agencies.

Arson

• On July 28 at about 10:30 p.m., police responded to the 12800 block of Willard Avenue for an arson report. The resident said she left her home at about 9 p.m. to drive for Lyft. At about 10:15 p.m., she received a call from her neighbor saying her garage was on fire. By the time she arrived, the fire was already out and her kids were safe with the neighbor. However, the resident noticed her lawn mower, snowblower and leaf blower, along with several plastic totes of clothing, were missing from the garage. Firefighters said someone broke out the front glass on the main door of the garage, then used a long pole to pull a string and gain entry. They set the fire with a bag of charcoal and lighter fluid stored in the garage. The report was forwarded to the detective bureau.

• On July 27 at about 10:35 p.m., police responded to the 4800 block of East 85th Street for a report of a house fire. They observed a chair and white plastic container on fire on the front porch. Police made contact with the resident, who said he was the only one inside. The man said he was listening to music when he noticed the front porch was on fire. He came to the rear of the home and heard police knocking on his window. Firefighters informed police the fire was arson because when they placed water on the fire it flashed and they smelled gasoline. The resident had two warrants with the department and was arrested. The report was forwarded to the detective bureau.

Assist other departments

On July 25 at about 2 p.m., Garfield Heights police units responded to Garfield Park Reservation to assist Cleveland Metroparks rangers for a shots fired call. Officers located a juvenile suspect that matched a witness description who was taken into custody. The Metroparks will investigate the incident.

OVI

On July 19 at about 9:05 p.m., officers responded to the 10200 block of Granger Road for a report of an intoxicated driver striking a home. The complainant said he was sitting on his porch when a car pulled into his driveway, misjudging the turn and hitting the house. The man confronted the driver, whom he said smelled like beer. He took the driver's keys and called police. The driver told police he was attempting to turn around in the driveway. He smelled of alcohol, was unsteady on his feet and failed sobriety tests. The man received a breath test at the jail and tested at .229% BAC. He was cited for OVI and BAC over .17%.

Obstructing official business

On July 23 at about 8:05 p.m., police responded to the Garfield Heights Civic Center at 5407 Turney Road for a report of juveniles fighting at the Granger Road exit. Upon arrival, the suspects fled the scene. An officer located one of the girls behind a garage in the 11400 block of Granger Road. She was hysterically screaming and detained for officer safety. The detained juvenile said she was walking home from the library with a friend when they were approached by two girls. As they neared the exit drive of the civic center, one of the girls grabbed the now-detained juvenile by the hair and began to punch her in the head. Officers could not locate the suspects. Charges are pending through the youth bureau.

Felonious assault

On July 21 at about 10:55 p.m., officers responded to Marymount Hospital's emergency room to speak to a gunshot victim. He was not able to provide many details due to the pain. The victim was transferred to MetroHealth Medical Center, where police were able to speak to him. He said he was walking home on East 81st Street when a car pulled up and the driver asked if he was Vincent. The victim replied that he was not, but two boys exited the vehicle and said, "I know you have money." They chased him, and during a struggle, they shot him. He then ran home, and his mother drove him to Marymount. While officers investigated the scene, they spoke to witnesses who were able to give a description of the boys.

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Newburgh Hts. files

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"We're struggling to see what the argument is that any particular motorist would have that permits them to speed on roadways that run through the Village of Newburgh Heights," he said.

The village hopes to set some dates and/or parameters for the litigation with the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas this week, McConville said. After that, the village will have a better idea of a schedule for subsequent proceedings.

"We anticipate that one way or another, regardless of who is successful, we will end up in the court of appeals or, ultimately, the Supreme Court of Ohio," he said. "There is tandem litigation in Toledo where the court of common pleas initially ruled in favor of the city in enforcement of the law. We believe that applies statewide. It is likely the court of appeals or the Ohio Supreme Court will end up ruling, and we hope that ruling is that the provisions of the law that impact local funding and create barriers to speed laws is unconstitutional."

Newburgh Heights is still enforcing the traffic cameras in the meantime.

Neighboring Cuyahoga Heights operates a handheld speed device, which is not governed by House Bill 52, Mayor Jack Bacci said.

"We understand that although this type of law enforcement action/enforcement is unpopular, and that the general public views the usage as a revenue grab, our village has taken a different approach," Bacci said. "We felt and still do feel that this type of enforcement is warranted and does in fact lower speeds once the general public recognizes an enforcement area. We use our device in a limited manner when the day's workload permits, allowing our officers to locate and understand areas of enforcement and which times/days serve our community best."

This in turn, keeps not only motorists safe, but officers as well, he said, adding that the village issues very few civil

violations and that those few violations are only issued when the vehicle is traveling well in excess of the posted speed limit. The village also ensures that those who receive a violation are given an opportunity to challenge it in front of a neutral fact-finder, as most municipalities do, he said.

"To that, HB62 does not apply to the village, and it will not affect the manner in which we responsibly use officer-operated handheld devices," Bacci said. "Our department will continue to utilize its professional judgment and discretion in determining when and where enforcement is necessary. And the village will continue to provide every person who receives a violation the right to challenge it."

Olszewski retires

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He shared the accomplishments, successes and achievements gained during his tenure. These include physical upgrades to many of the buildings; breakfast, lunch, salad bar and snack programs; enhancements to safety/security personnel, systems and protocols; technology upgrades; business partnerships, such as with OverDrive; video and communications work to promote the successes of staff and students; the new high school building; all-day kindergarten and preschool; middle school fresh food donations; and anti-bullying measures.

"Thank you to everyone who helped along the way," Olszewski said. "Always remember, being a Bulldog is not just a mascot - it's a mind-set. It's not just a logo - it's a lifestyle. It's not just an animal - it's an attitude. An attitude of success; an attitude of achievement. You are all Bulldogs, and I know you will stay that way! Though I have a heavy heart, my head is held high. I can email you all, sign off one final time, saying that it's been a privilege to serve as your proud superintendent."

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- Aug. 12: 12 to 6 p.m., Ganley Automotive Group of Bedford, 250 Broadway Ave., Bedford
- Aug. 14: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Maple Heights Library, 5225 Library Lane

Police seek suspect in car theft at Sunoco on Fleet

Police are searching for a suspect who stole a man's car at the Sunoco gas station at 7025 Fleet Ave., Slavic Village, on July 9.



Suspect

The victim stated he was getting an energy drink on his way to work and left his brother's car running in front of the store. When he exited, the vehicle was gone. The man's iPhone and wallet were in the vehicle.

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