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NN Thanksgiving schedule

The Neighborhood News office on Garfield Boulevard will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29, for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, and open as usual on Monday, December 2, at 9 a.m. The usual deadlines for next week's paper will apply.

The staff and management would like to wish all our readers and advertisers a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with the love of family and friends. We all have many blessings in our lives and many reasons to be thankful. Happy Thanksgiving!!

Missing boy home safe

Jayme Moore, the 12-yearold Garfield Heights boy who was reported missing yesterday morning, has been located safe by Garfield Heights police, according to a notification from Police Chief Robert Byrne.

Correction

Due to an error in submission, the name of the daughter of new Garfield Heights Ward 4 Councilwoman Shayla Davis was published incorrectly in last week's issue. Her daughter's name is Shayaira.

CONGRATULATIONS, REDSKINS, ON A GREAT SEASON!!

The Cuyahoga Heights Redskins varsity football team came very close to defeating Lucas last Saturday night in the Division VII regional finals in Canal Fulton, but ended up with a single possession loss and a score of 21-13. The Redskins ended a terrific 10-2 record for the season and their fans look forward to what will hopefully be another championship run in the coming year.

Shown in the photo below is this year's championship team.



FRONT ROW (l. to r.): Andrew Rakityan, Jordan Stefanko, Isaiah Durant, Carson Hortsmann, Nathan Glinka, Joe Connors, Sam Shafer, Kyle Calvey, Kyle Polack, Ryan Selig, David Shull, Jason Bartosik, Max Alpert, Austin Knaack.

ROW 2: Coach Manfredonia, Reilly Tyna, Nolan Borowy, Matt Connors, Joey Jakubczak, Kent Petras, Carter Murray, Aiden Dopson, Coach Huffman.

ROW 3: Jacob Stalker, Alex Trusso, Alex Hernandez, Jacob Fovozzo, Ryan Krajewski, Luke Torgerson, Colin Deka, Dominic Trusso, Nolan Frye, Jason Meadwell, Owen Schuckert, Griffin Gross.

ROW 4: Coach Noernberg, Coach D'Orazio, Jared Cowling, Chris Costo Jr., Caleb Mahoney, Seth Kucia, Andy Jakubczak, Jacob Stewart, David Collins, Angelo Rocco, Coach Martin, Coach Shafer.



Holiday lighting ceremonies

BEDFORD

The city of Bedford's annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Bedford Commons will be held on Wednesday, November 27, promptly at 6 p.m. The Bedford Firefighters Local 1683 will again be providing refreshments, and Santa Claus will stop by to help celebrate the beginning of the holiday season. All are invited!

GARFIELD HEIGHTS

The Garfield Heights Holiday Lighting Ceremony will be held on Sunday, December 1, at the Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. Greet Santa Claus as he arrives on a fire truck at the conclusion of the lighting ceremony.

There will be holiday music inside the Civic Center at 5 p.m., before the outdoor lighting ceremony and caroling at 5:30 p.m. After the ceremonies, return indoors for refreshments and photos with Santa.

The Holiday Skatewill also take place after the lighting ceremony activities. Head over to the Dan Kostel Recreation Center for a free ice skating event from 6 to 8 p.m. Admission is free for residents with identification or \$5 for anyone without proof of residency; includes skate rental. All children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

INDEPENDENCE

"Jingle all the Way" to Public Square on Saturday, December 7, at 5:30 p.m. to help light up the Square for the Holiday Season and welcome Santa to Independence!

And the annual Holiday Fest will take place on Sunday, December 8, at the Civic Center from noon to 4 p.m. Bring your family for an afternoon of entertainment, holiday activities and fun! Bring the kids to get a photo with Santa!

MAPLE HEIGHTS

All are invited to the Maple Heights Holiday Lighting Ceremony, sponsored by Waste Management, on Saturday, December 7, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at Maple Heights City Hall, 5353 Lee Rd. The Maple Heights High School Choir will entertain, followed by the City Hall lighting, visit from Santa Claus and hot chocolate and cookies.

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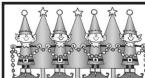
Fleet Avenue will kickoff the holiday season with the warmest and brightest celebration in the neighborhood; the Slavic Village HoliDazzle!

Neighbors are invited to carol at the celebratory tree lighting, shop from local makers at the holiday market, dance to live Americana takes on Christmas songs, enjoy the complimentary potluck meal and snap a Polaroid with Mr. and Mrs. Claus. The festivities will be kicking off at 5 p.m. on Friday, December 6, at the Magalen, 5203 Fleet Avenue.

VALLEY VIEW

Christmas lighting ceremonies will be held at the Valley View Community Center on Sunday, December 1, from 5 to 7 p.m.





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Maple Heights Council to hold special meeting tonight to pick District 3 councilperson

By Judith Goldsworth

At a special meeting to be held tonight, Wednesday, Nov. 27, Maple Heights council will interview applicants and select a replacement for the District 3 council seat vacated by former Councilwoman Ebony Miller earlier this month.

Miller, who verbally announced her resignation from the post last month citing a desire to pursue a job opportunity, submitted a written resignation to the city on Saturday, Nov. 16, Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella stated earlier this week.

At council's Nov. 20 meeting, it discussed filling the vacancy and established that the deadline for applications for the position were due in Cicirella's office this past Monday, Nov. 25, and applicants would be interviewed at tonight's special meeting.

Council also prove to apply for particle and the position were due in Cicirella's office this past Government, Nov. 25, and applicants would be interviewed at tonight's special meeting.

The county has

Law Director Frank Consolo advised council that the special meeting will be convened publicly, and then council will go into executive session to conduct the interviews.

municipalities in the county. It is a County Cooperative Purchase Program where political subdivisions, non-profits, and school districts "may purchase equipment, materials, supplies or services on the same terms and

Council President Ron Jackson stated that after the executive session, council will consider a motion to confirm the successful applicant for the District 3 seat, with the motion to appoint to be done in public session.

The public is welcome to attend the special council meeting, to be held at 6:30 p.m. in Room 7 of Maple Heights City Hall, 5353 Lee Road, Cicirella stated.

Also at the Nov. 20 Maple Heights Council meeting, a resolution was passed authorizing Mayor Annette Blackwell and City Engineer Ed Hren to apply to the Cuyahoga County Department of Development Community Block Grant Program for 2020, for an amount not to exceed

\$150,000 to fund improvements to City Hall making it accessible to persons with disabilities pursuant to the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Also passed was a resolution authorizing Blackwell and Hren to apply to the county for a Community Development Supplemental Grant for 2020 not to exceed \$50,000, also to fund the City Hall ADA improvements.

These supplemental grants are funded through the Cuyahoga County Casino Revenue Fund.

Solar program application sees light of day

Council also passed a resolution authorizing Blackwell to apply for participation in the Cuyahoga County Local Government, Non-Profit, and School District Solar Program for 2019.

The county has recently created the program, open to all municipalities in the county. It is a County Cooperative Purchase Program where political subdivisions, non-profits, and school districts "may purchase equipment, materials, supplies or services on the same terms and conditions as the county... This program allows for accessibility to pricing and third-party ownership not typically available to these solar projects."

Solar systems are deployed at a municipal facility on the roof, carport or on vacant land, according to the resolution. The electricity generated goes to power the municipal facility, reducing the amount of power that is generated and used, providing the municipality with a significant reduction on the municipality electric bill. Importantly, there is no out of pocket expense. Municipalities are simply buying the electricity which is created from the solar panels sitting on their facility.

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G.H. mayor reports sale of old K-Mart property

By Ellen Psenicka

At Monday night's Garfield Heights Council meeting, Mayor Vic Collova announced the sale of the former K-Mart building and property on Rockside Road to Industrial Commercial Properties.

He said the company was founded in 1996 and is in real estate development, headquartered in Cleveland. He said Industrial Commercial Properties plans to update the building inside and out and is excited to redevelop the

Passed at Monday night's meeting was the following

• Creating a Communication and Technology Committee, to be chaired by Ward 4 Councilwoman Shayla Davis. The newly formed committee will meet to discuss the evergrowing presence of technology in the community's everyday life and ways in which council can use technology to improve communications between the city and its residents

• To go out for competitive bids for extrication equipment, fire hose and a vehicle exhaust removal system for the fire department.

•Applying for Community Development Block Grant funds and entering into an agreement with the Cuyahoga County Department of Development to create a sidewalk along Antenucci Boulevard.

• Applying for the Fresh Food Capacity Building Grant through the Ohio Association of Foodbanks to purchase a commercial refrigerator for the Garfield Heights Food Bank. This refrigerator would allow the food bank to expandits food offerings to include cheese, yogurt, fresh produce, etc.

Change orders were also approved for the Multi-Street Reconstruction & Waterline Replacement Project - Phase 4, and for the Canal Road Resurfacing Project, which has





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When the man entered Little Caesar's he immediately followed the employee who had let him in around the counter pulling a handgun out of his pocket stating, "I'm not going to hurt you, just give me all your money.

The employee opened the register and gave him the money inside. The suspect immediately left the restaurant.

He is described as a black male wearing a gray hoodie, black Adidas pants and black shoes, about 6'4" in height. Security video was available. The 4th District Detective Bureau is investigating the robbery.





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Maple Heights Council

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Financial matters ok'd

Council passed several pieces of legislation on financial matters at the Nov. 20 meeting, including an ordinance that was taken out of Finance Committee, to amend the city's budget for 2019.

Also taken out of Finance Committee and passed was an ordinance approving and authorizing financial policies and procedures and repealing certain sections of the codified ordinances.

Are solution authorizing Blackwell to enter into an extension agreement, at no additional cost, with the Ohio Auditor of State and James G. Zupka, Inc., an independent public auditor, for the 2019 and 2020 annual audits, was passed.

Appointments confirmed

Council passed two resolutions, one to provide for

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Blackwell's appointment of Frank Consolo and the Consolo Law Firm Co., LPA, as the Maple Heights Law Director and Prosecutor from Jan. 1, 2020, through Dec. 31, 2021; and another to provide for the appointment of the Consolo Law Firm and John E. Thomas and Christina Londrico as assistant prosecutors and law directors for the city, also from January 2020-December 2021.

Also on agenda

A resolution for Blackwell to enter into an agreement to sell a city-owned unimproved vacant lot at 5533 Clement Avenue to Suzanne Marquette "for construction of an owner-occupied new home at the fair market value of \$2,000," was approved.

An ordinance to enact new legislation to create a costsharing program with private property owners for removal of dead, diseased or damaged trees, and those trees whose roots have adversely impacted sidewalks and sewers from tree lawns, as amended, remains in Finance Committee, Cicirella confirmed.

An ordinance for the city's 2020 budget was placed on first reading, while a resolution that would have recognized Saturday, Nov. 30 as "Small Business Saturday" in Maple Heights was withdrawn prior to the meeting, Cicirella stated.

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Meet Charles Donahue, Jr., new G.H. Ward 2 councilman

Charles "Chuck" F. Donahue, Jr., 67, is one of the three newest members of Garfield Heights Council, along with Shayla Davis and Jason Blake, and replaces Joe LaMalfa, who did not run for reelection, as the Ward 2 representative.

He was born in Pittsburgh, PA, where he went to South Hills High School. Donahue is a retired U.S. Army veteran



who has served over 20 years in various duty stations around the world, and trained as a combat engineer. During the last five years of his service he worked as a post level training evaluator and traveled throughout the country evaluating Army Reserve training.

While stationed in Missouri, Donahue met his future wife, Karen, who is also an Army veteran and a Garfield Heights native who was raised in Ward 2.

After retiring from the Army in 1993, Donahue earned his bachelor's degree at Drury University in Springfield, MO, and was hired to work for the local school system there.

He moved to Garfield Heights with his wife and daughter, Kaetlynn, 16 years ago. Kaetlynn attends Trinity High School and the Donahue family belongs to St. Therese Church.

"As your new councilman, it will be my goal to get Ward 2 straight and contribute to continued improvements throughout the city of Garfield Heights," Donahue said.

"Being a longtime resident who is proud of my home and my community, I understand the challenges we face," he said. "I also understand the need for you to be heard and well represented and informed of what's happening in our ward and our city. I plan to keep you apprised and hold informative community meetings where you can also be heard."



Best wishes to Everyone for a happy, healthy Thanksgiving.

Michael Nenadovich and Family



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Letters to the Editor Thanks for Wargo coverage

Thank you NN and especially Ellen Psenicka for the very good coverage of the Wargo property meeting. While I had hoped to have gone to that meeting at the Civic Center, I still missed it. I have been having health issues since spring and it has really taken its toll on getting out and about. I'm glad to have the NN as my fallback informant. I'm also the lady who emailed my praises on the Amelia Earhart series. Good job, everyone!

I feel it is important that you/NN know how much you are appreciated, but most people don't have or take the time to let you know. Many of us look forward to picking up the printed paper, but now I am glad to have the electronic version, too. ~ Chris W., Garfield Heights

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PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, December 9, 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-25 An application from Trinette Veasey requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit under Sect. 1278.04(H) of the MH Codified Ordinances to operate a Day Care Center in a Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District at 5831 Dunham Road, Maple

2019-PZ-26 An application from Wilmer F. Goetz on behalf of Zion Lutheran Church requesting approval of a Lot Split under Sect. 1242.03 of the MH Codified Ordinances regarding property located in a Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District at 5754 Dunham Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

2019-PZ-27 An application from Kevin Mobley of Hellnaw Comedy Club requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit under Sect. 1278.04(F) of the MH Codified Ordinances to operate a Comedy Club as Commercial Entertainment in a Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District at 5225 Warrensville Center Road, Maple Heights,

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.

> Leonette Cicirella Clerk of Council City of Maple Heights

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Sealed bids will be received by the City of Garfield Heights ("Owner"), at the office of the Fiscal Officer, City of Garfield Heights, 5407 Turney Road, Garfield Heights, OH 44125 on the 19th day of December, 2019 until 10:00 am current local time for the:

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> Barbara A. Biro, Finance Director City of Garfield Heights

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American Legion Post 304 Junior Auxiliary in Garfield Heights is presented a \$500 check last Thursday evening to GHPD Officer John Marks at its post headquarters on Broadway Avenue for this year's holiday Shop With A Cop program. Officer Marks was also given a comfort pillow made by the girls like the ones they give to veterans from Wade Park each year at a dinner and social the post hosts for them. Also in the photo above is Debbie Shortridge of the post auxiliary, who can be contacted for more information on the junior auxiliary program at the post, 216-662-9515, or at 216-857-6820. Photo by Michael Psenicka

Shop With A Cop raffle tickets still available

The annual 2019 Shop With A Cop raffle tickets are still available at the Garfield Heights Police Department until December 5th. This event is very special to the children and families who are unable to afford clothes or gifts at Christmas. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please stop by the Records Department at the GHPD, 5555 Turney Road, Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. There will be a drawing held on Thursday, December 19, to win the Grand Prize - 50" color television; 2nd Prize – IPAD; and 3rd Prize - \$100.00.



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Stabbing death on Alvin Ave.

Garfield Heights Police are investigating the death of Ben Cooper, a 48-year-old Cleveland man, that occurred at a residence in the 13300 block of Alvin Avenue just before midnight Friday, according to a media release from Police Chief Robert Byrne.

Police and fire responded to the address after receiving calls of a disturbance.

Officers found the victim, who suffered a stab wound to the chest, and began first aiduntil paramedics arrived.

 $Cooperwas\, transported\, to$ Marymount Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Police arrested a 39-yearold female who had a previous relationship with Coo-

She was taken into custody and after a preliminary investigation, she was released while investigators attempt to verify her selfdefense claims, the media release concluded.



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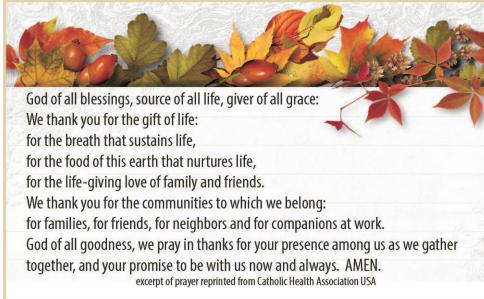
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