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Slavic Village 'State of the Neighborhood 2020'

The Slavic Village "State of the Neighborhood 2020" program will be held on Thursday, Jan. 16, from 5 to 7 p.m., on the Third Federal Corporate Campus, 7007 Broadway Ave. The talk will be presented by Chris Alvarado, executive director of Slavic Village Development, and Third Federal Foundation President Kurt Karakul. Learn what progress has been made in the area over the past year and plans for the future.

A complimentary dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., followed by the presentations at 5:45 p.m.

Spectrum to fill 100 area jobs

The Council for Economic Opportunities in Greater Cleveland is partnering with Spectrum to fill 100 open jobs in Cuyahoga County, as announced by Garfield Heights Economic Development Director Noreen Kuban at Monday night's council meeting. She said some of the jobs will be second shift positions at Spectrum's Garfield Heights Support Center on NEO Parkway.

CEOGC's Community Services and Workforce teams will host a Hiring/Recruitment Day this Friday, Jan. 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at CEOGC's Central Neighborhood Opportunity Center, 1801 Superior Ave., Cleveland.

Last year, CEOGC and Spectrum held a similar hiring event where Spectrum hired nearly 30 of the 74 attendees on the spot. This year, Spectrum is looking to hire 100 entry-level call center support staff at a wage rate of \$15 an hour including paid training, according to a CEOGC press release.

Attendees must bring a resume and dress professionally for on-the-spot interviews.

If you are interested in this event, please visit www.ceogc.org/spectrum_hiringevent to preregister or call Workforce

Development at 216-651-5188, ext. 638.

St. Michael School presents musical

St. Michael School in Independence invites you to journey to its 21st production "under the sea" with Ariel and her aquatic friends in "Disney's The Little Mermaid JR.," adapted from Disney's Broadway production and the motion picture featuring the enormously popular Academy Award-winning music and delightfully charming book and lyrics.

Based on one of Hans Christian Andersen's most beloved stories, "Disney's The Little Mermaid JR." is an enchanting look at the sacrifices we all make for love and acceptance.

Directed by St. Michael alumni Jennifer and Laura DiGeronimo and starring students in grades 5-8, St. Michael School's production will run Thursday, Feb. 20, and Friday, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m. at Independence Middle School, 6111 Archwood Rd. in Independence.

To purchase tickets or to place a program ad, please visit online at: www.stmichaelschoolinfo.com/school-play or email to: drama.club@stmichaelschoolinfo.com



St. Michael School's production of "Disney's The Little Mermaid JR.," stars the students shown above, all in grades 5-8, running Feb 20-21, at 7 p.m. at Independence Middle School.

Garfield council holds first meeting of new year *School superintendent on hand to invite residents, businesses to help with strategic planning*

During the first Garfield Heights Council meeting of the new year Monday night, Garfield Heights Schools Superintendent Chris Hanke came to the podium to ask for community input for the new strategic planning process for the school system, which will serve as a blueprint for the next five years.

He invited council members, residents, businesses, especially small businesses, to attend meetings which will take place in the spring. Those interested can contact the superintendent's office for more information.

Also at the meeting, Fire Chief Ken Strope said Fox 8 had a contest asking area residents to name their favorite local fire department, and because the Garfield Heights Fire Department was in the top ten, it won a barbecue grill

for the department. He thanked everyone who voted for the GHFD.

Service Director Tim McLaughlin commented on the mild winter we've had so far, noting that his men have only had to plow the city's streets one time so far this season.

The following legislation was passed by council Monday night:

- An emergency ordinance authorizing the commissioner of purchases to advertise for proposals for equipment, materials, services and supplies to be used by various departments for the year ending Dec. 31, 2020, where it is reasonable to expect the items will exceed \$50,000.

- An emergency ordinance renewing an annual agreement with the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District for the purpose of participating in the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program. The city will continue to be provided with onsite technical assistance, storm water pollution prevention reviews, monthly inspections and other benefits.

- An emergency ordinance to enter into the annual contract with the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District and Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District for the purpose of public involvement and public education regarding soil and water conservation.

- An emergency ordinance directing the purchase of a 2013 Freightliner Rescue Squad from Carco Automotive to replace the 2007 International rescue squad currently in use with about 13,000 hours of service and 88,000 miles.

Carco Automotive is selling the 2013 Freightliner with about 1,300 hours of service and 7,500 miles that comes with a 6-month, bumper-to-bumper warranty. Total cost of the vehicle will be \$79,575.

- An emergency ordinance to renew an agreement with Cuyahoga County and Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court to continue participating in the county's Community Diversion Program.

- An emergency resolution appointing Lily Van Scyoc to serve as the director of the Garfield Heights Community Diversion Program retroactive from Jan. 1, 2020 to Dec. 31, 2020. Scyoc is also a new paralegal working in the city's Law Department.

MLK, Jr. holiday trash collection schedule

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday will be celebrated this Monday, Jan. 20. The trash pickup schedule for this national holiday will not be affected in Bedford, Cuyahoga Heights, Garfield Heights, Maple Heights, Newburgh Heights and Valley View. Collections in Independence and Slavic Village will be delayed one day.

Exclusively Skin opens in Garfield Heights

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

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Dr. Ringo is a Cleveland native who graduated from Bedford High School and was inducted into the Bedford High School Hall of Fame in 2003.

She is in the Ohio Army Na-



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Redi Storage, 4620 Northfield Road, North Randall, OH, 44128, 216-714-5869 is hosting the following auctions on www.storagetreasures.com. Items to be auctioned off by whole unit. Friday, January 31st, 2020. Cash only and each unit has a \$50 cleaning deposit.

Zakee Ali, 1159 Carver Rd., Cleveland Heights, OH 44118, Unit #1116, 10x10, Unit appears to contain: barber chairs, bookshelf, chest, end table, night stand, chair/step stool, shelving, heaters, weed wacker, wall pictures, clothing, boxes, bags and misc items. 12:00PM auction end time.

Jay JW Smith, 13444 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44112, Unit #2113, 5x10, Unit appears to contain: wrapped chest, stackable drawer storage bins, personal effects, boxes, misc items. 11:20AM auction end time.

Natasha S. Welch, 9001 Hough Ave., Cleveland, OH 44106, Unit #1328, 7x10, Unit appears to contain: mattress and box spring, headboard and bed frame, dresser, playpen, computer and equipment, baby items, baby/child toys, clothing, boxes, totes, bags and misc items. 11:10AM auction end time.

Marcie C. Young, 26302 Buckthorn, Bedford, OH, 44146, Unit #1103, 5x10, Unit appears to contain: futon, ironing board, couch, rugs, chair, vacuum cleaner, pillows, comforter, tote, bags, misc items. 11:00AM auction end time.

Redi Storage, 17101 Rockside Rd., Maple Heights, OH 44137, 216-662-6610 is hosting the following auction on www.storagetreasures.com. Items to be auctioned off by whole unit. Friday, January 31st, 2020. Cash only and \$100 cleaning deposit.

Newell Wickham, 14209 Brunswick Ave., Maple Heights, OH 44137, Unit #1124, 10x30, Unit appears to contain: pallets/moving equipment, vehicle sports rack, coolers, metal tool boxes, shelving, furniture, boxes, bags, totes and misc items. 11:40AM auction end time.

NN: 1-8-2020 & 1-15-2020

CSWCD has scholarships for teens to Camp Canopy

The Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District (CSWCD) is looking for four Cuyahoga County high school students with an avid interest in the natural sciences, especially earth science, biology, botany and environmental studies, who would like to spend a week at the fun and educational Camp Canopy from June 14-19, 2020. This week-long camp, held at Camp Muskingum in Carroll County, is open to incoming freshmen through graduating seniors (up to 19 years of age). To qualify for a CSWCD scholarship, students must attend school in Cuyahoga County.

Interested students should download the scholarship application from the CSWCD website www.cuyahogaswcd.org - click on Programs - Camp Canopy. Applications are due by 4 p.m. on April 10, 2020. Scholarships will be awarded by April 17, 2020. A \$25 fee is required when scholarship is awarded. Total camp fee is \$375, so scholarship awardees will be getting a \$350 discount on the camp.

This camp is a mix of forestry, wildlife and adventure.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the **Board of Zoning Appeals** of the City of Bedford will hold a meeting on **Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Council Chambers of Bedford City Hall, 165 Center Road to consider the appeal of the following:

Dustin James, 1160 Northfield Rd. (a.k.a. 300 Union St.) is now requesting the Board of Zoning Appeals vary the terms of \$1927.04 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bedford for variance to allow a sign on the wall of a building - R-2/to be uniform with other Education Alternatives. (PP #813-30-007).

Tracy M. Simons
Clerk of Council
Board of Zoning Appeals Secretary
Posted: N.N. January 15, 2020

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Angelo Amato (Ang's Contractors, LLC), representing Barbara R. Bruno, 230 Paul St., is now requesting the Board of Zoning Appeals vary the terms of \$1927.05 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bedford for variance to allow construction of an accessible ramp within the proposed attached garage to assist the owner in accessing the house. The lot area of 4,500 square foot at 30% allows for a total allowable of 1,350 square foot. The existing structure is 1,012 square foot, the proposed garage addition to the house is 600 square foot for a total of 1,612 square foot. The proposed addition would exceed the allowable square footage permitted.

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Village of Newburgh Heights

Housing & Building Department
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NOTICE FOR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

The Village of Newburgh Heights Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 6:30pm. The meeting will be held at Village Hall, Council Chambers, located at 3801 Harvard Avenue in the Village of Newburgh Heights, Ohio.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of minutes
- III. Review application for proposed expansion of a driveway for the property located at 3932 Washington Park Blvd. (51-11-0001)
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Action on submitted application
- VI. Adjournment

Posted at Village Hall, Village website, January 9, 2020, and in The Neighborhood News, January 15, 2020.

In addition to learning about forestry and wildlife, students enjoy campfires, kayaking, climbing, archery, volleyball and other recreational activities. Over the past 50 years, CSWCD has helped to send over 100 students to Camp Canopy. This is a great opportunity for those who are sincerely interested in conservation issues and enjoy a good walk in the woods. It is a unique experience that will expose students to the great outdoors and to possible careers in forestry, conservation and natural resource protection, said CSWCD officials.

For more information, contact Jacki Zevenbergen at 216-524-6580, ext. 1006 or jzevenbergen@cuyahogaswcd.org.

More NN 'Freebies' offered

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 latest Freebie is two tickets to the St. Michael School in Independence production of the musical "Disney's The Little Mermaid JR," being held on Thursday, Feb. 20, and Friday, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m. at Independence Middle School, 6111 Archwood Rd., Independence. Deadline to enter the drawing is Thursday, Feb. 13.

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 drawings!

Complete Earhart series available; just email us!

For The Neighborhood News readers who may have missed one or more of last summer's 7-part series of articles by Ellen Psenicka on the Kothera group's search for the remains of Amelia Earhart and her navigator, Fred Noonan, on Saipan in 1968, the entire series will be available via email.

To request the complete Earhart story and its Garfield Heights connection, email to: nnews1923@aol.com.

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YEAR IN REVIEW

(Continued from last week)

JULY

• David A. Jurgens, 60, passed away peacefully on June 15 at the VA hospice in Cleveland. Dave was the owner and operator of B-Safe Automotive on Garfield Boulevard in Garfield Heights for many years, as was his father before him.

• Independence Day celebrations were held in Independence with fireworks, a parade in Bedford and the 15th annual Old Fashioned Independence Day Spectacular in Slavic Village, with music, games, entertainment, grilled hot dogs and ice cream

• Ben S. Stefanski II, 80, died peacefully July 7, 2019, at Jennings Center. Born in Cleveland on Flag Day, June 14, 1938, Ben was a dedicated patriot and community activist and the oldest of Ben and Gerome Stefanski's five children.

• Cleveland police discovered a woman and two children dead inside a home in the 3700 block of East 63rd St. in Slavic Village, on July 9, and a man found dead in a nearby field.

• Pete & Pete Container Services, Inc., headquartered in Garfield Heights, acquired Boyas Excavating, Inc., owner of the largest privately held construction and demolition debris landfill in Northeast Ohio.

• To honor Gorgeous Grandma Day on July 23, The Neighborhood News published photos of some of the local lovelies sent in by readers.

• On Amelia Earhart's birthday, July 24, The Neighborhood News began publishing a multi-part series by Ellen Psenicka chronicling the adventures of a group of Garfield Heights men who traveled to Saipan in the 1960s in search of what really happened to the famous pilot and her navigator, Fred Noonan, and the remarkable answers they brought back!

• Armond Johnson, the suspect in the four murders that occurred on East 63rd St. in Slavic Village on July 9, was indicted by a Cuyahoga County grand jury on 14 counts of aggravated murder, four counts of aggravated arson, two counts of aggravated burglary, two counts of en-

dangering children, two counts of having weapons while under disability, one count of kidnapping and one count of tampering with evidence.

• On July 31, Terrance Olszewski, or "Mr. O" as he is affectionately known, retired as superintendent of the Garfield Heights City Schools. He served as superintendent for seven years with 22 years total in the district and more than 35 years in public education.

AUGUST

• A 79-year-old Garfield Heights woman living on Havana Road who was previously sentenced to 10 days in Cuyahoga County Jail for feeding stray cats didn't end up with jail time. Garfield Heights Municipal Court Judge Jennifer Weiler reviewed the case and suspended the sentence.

• Dorothy Jaworski passed away on August 1, 2019. She was the beloved matriarch of the Jaworski family and of Jaworski Meats, where for nearly 60 years she worked alongside her husband, Fred, and son, Mark, to create one of Cleveland's oldest and most renowned meat markets.

• The Garfield Heights Schools Board of Education unanimously approved hiring Chris Hanke as the new superintendent of the district on Aug. 6. Hanke is in his 19th year in the district, where he most recently served as assistant superintendent and director of human resources.

• Ten local fire departments responded to a fire in Newburgh Heights on August 19th, that began at 3:45 p.m., Newburgh Heights Police Chief John Majoy said. The fire engulfed two homes and two vehicles on Pearse Avenue and one home on McGregor Avenue.

• The Cuyahoga Falls Police Department and The Porchlight Project announced a new initiative to solve the 1987 murder of 17-year-old Garfield Heights resident Barbara Blatnik.

SEPTEMBER

• Garfield Heights resident Henry Murowsky shared his memory of the Allied victory over Japan during World War II with NN reporter Danielle Toth. The now 99-year-old was in Saipan, the largest of the Northern Mariana Islands in the Pacific preparing to invade Japan's mainland. Fortunately for Murowsky, Japan's Aug. 14, 1945 surrender meant the invasion never happened.

• In an effort to encourage economic development and housing repairs, Maple Heights Council approved an

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D.D.

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ordinance to re-establish the entire city as a Community Reinvestment Area, with significant tax incentives for businesses and homeowners.

•A Cuyahoga County jury found Cronie Lloyd, 48, guilty of murder and felonious assault in the killing of 83-year-old Gary Power at an Independence gas station on Feb. 3. After the jury returned the verdict, Judge Daniel Gaul immediately sentenced Lloyd to life in prison with first parole eligibility after 15 years.

•The Ohio Department of Education announced its annual report cards last week for public schools throughout the state for the 2018-19 school year. Cuyahoga Heights Local Schools received a district grade of “A,” Independence a “B,” and district grades of “D” for Bedford City, Cleveland Municipal, Garfield Heights Schools and Maple Heights City.

OCTOBER

The Broadway-Slavic Village neighborhood is getting a new four-story multi-family and commercial development at 5163 Broadway Ave., the site of the former St. Alexis Hospital and then St. Michael Hospital. The \$20 million investment, called Slavic Village Gateway, will feature 78 apartments and 10 townhomes in its first phase, according to Earl Pike, executive director of University Settlement, which owns the property and will occupy 25,000 square feet on the ground floor of the building. The project is set to break ground this spring, with completion by the spring of 2022.

A jury found Matthew Nicholson, 30, guilty of the murders of 17-year-old Manuel Lopez and his 19-year-old sister, Giselle Lopez, both of East 86th St. in Garfield Heights. He was sentenced to death.

On Oct. 18, the Cleveland Metropolitan School District released its proposed recommendations for the district’s

facilities and programs, which include closing Washington Park Environmental Studies Academy in Newburgh Heights. The school is a career and technical academy specializing in horticulture industrial power systems. With an academic report card of “F” and only 263 students enrolled, the school is well below the minimum enrollment viability of 400 students, according to the district.

It was the last Garfield Heights council meeting on Monday, Oct. 28, for three of its members who chose not to run for reelection – Joe LaMalfa, Eugene Glenn and Joe Suster – but after almost 30 years serving as representative from Ward 5, it was Suster’s night as he was honored by council resolution for “outstanding and dedicated service” to the city.

NOVEMBER

On Tuesday, Nov. 5th, voters went to the polls to elect mayors, councilpersons and school board members in local races. In Independence, former longtime mayor Gregory P. Kurtz unseated incumbent mayor Anthony Togliatti by only 99 votes. In a campaign with the tagline “Together We Can Do Better,” Kurtz regained the mayor’s position he was forced from in 2015 because of term limits.

Garfield Heights Police are investigating the murder of Ben Cooper, a 48-year-old Cleveland man, that occurred at a residence in the 13300 block of Alvin Avenue just before midnight on November 21st. The victim suffered a stab wound to the chest.

A Bedford school bus driver, Sharyn Macklin, was honored at the Bedford City Council meeting for her heroic actions in saving the life of a student, Emma Davison, 11, who was almost struck by a speeding car while getting off her bus last month.

At the Nov. 25th meeting of Garfield Heights Council, Mayor Vic Collova announced the sale of the former K-Mart building and property on Rockside Road to Industrial Commercial Properties. Collova said the company plans to update the building inside and out and is excited to redevelop the site.

DECEMBER

A 73-year-old employee of the Wash-N-Dry Laundromat on Broadway Avenue in Maple Heights, David C. Brown, was shot and killed at the laundromat on Monday, Dec. 2. MHPD detectives said their investigation revealed that Carl V. Sanders, 31, initiated an assault on some women at the laundromat with a weapon. Police said Brown intervened to stop the assault by Sanders and was shot twice, dying at the scene. Sanders was charged with aggravated murder and having a weapon while under disability.

The Newburgh Heights Police Department is partnering with CrimeStoppers of Cuyahoga County and Tiffin University to investigate a cold case from 1981. 17-year-old Kurt Sova disappeared while at a party on October 23, 1981, at a house on Harvard Avenue in Newburgh Heights. His body was found five days later in a ravine not far from the house.

Independence Council met in regular session December 10th and passed an ordinance to exempt retailers within the city from the Cuyahoga County ordinance creating a countywide disposable bag ban, with Councilwoman Patricia Wisniewski as the lone dissenter.

After official results from the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections were certified Nov. 26th, Julie Ann Mayne Jakubczak was declared a winner by one vote in the Valley View Council race.

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Community police reports

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CLEVELAND

Felonious Assault

On Jan. 8, shortly before midnight, police were called to the Roll Call Bar at 5212 Fleet Ave., on a report of a felonious assault in progress. Upon arrival, officers found a man on the ground bleeding from his left arm and surrounded by a group of people. Police placed a tourniquet on the victim, and EMS arrived to transport him to Metro Hospital.

The bar owner told police the victim and the suspect got into a fight over the victim dancing with the suspect's girlfriend. He asked both the suspect and his girlfriend to leave the bar, but the suspect later came back and shot the victim in the arm, as confirmed by surveillance video, which also showed his girlfriend leaving shortly after, getting into the same vehicle as the suspect, then the car heading eastbound on Fleet. Attending physician at Metro said the victim suffered a broken arm and an arterial bleed and would require surgery. Fourth District detectives to follow up.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS

Robbery

•On Dec. 21, at 4:21 p.m., police responded to a robbery report from a 15-year-old male. He told officers he was walking in the parking lot of Walgreens at Turney Road and Park Heights when a male approached him from behind, punched him once and took his phone. The suspect then took off on foot, running east. The victim walked to Dave's Supermarket and had them call police. Officers attempted to track the phone, a Samsung Galaxy, on T-Mobile service, but it was shut off. The suspect was a black male, about 30 years, 5'10" tall, medium build with a light beard, wearing a gray jacket with stripes on the sleeves and blue jeans.

•On Dec. 22, about 6:20 p.m., a man calling from the fire station told police he witnessed three juveniles rob an older man on E. 131 St. near S. Parkway. The witness said he and his son were driving north on E. 131 St. when they saw a man in his 50's being chased by three younger males in their teens or 20's. When the pursuing men caught up to the older man, one of them struck him and he fell to the ground. The witness turned his car around to go and help the man, and he and his son saw the suspect remove property from the victim's pockets. The son saw one of the suspects had a gun. The three suspects fled east on Cranwood Dr. The witness talked to the victim, who said that only his empty wallet had been taken. He refused any help saying that "he had to live in the area."

About 7 p.m., the victim reported the robbery to police. He said the suspects took his wallet, house keys, lottery tickets and cigarettes from his pockets. He had some abrasions to his nose and forehead from falling to the ground. He told police he would not be able to identify the suspects. Officers found the wallet, ID, cigarettes, lottery tickets and \$10 scattered on Cranwood Dr. The keys were not found.

Aggravated Robbery

On Jan. 7, a woman reported that she had been robbed about 9:40 a.m. that day while walking near the intersection of Rockside and Turney roads. The woman said she was alone and walking east on Rockside near Turney just past the Sunoco station when a man on a bike came up behind her holding a black handgun. He did not point the gun at her but demanded she give him everything she had.

The victim then handed over her iphone, bank card and apartment keys to the suspect. He then fled on his bike in an unknown direction and the woman ran home. She canceled her bank card, her keys have no address ID on them and her phone has been turned off since the robbery.

Theft/Firearm

On Jan. 11, at 12:30 p.m., a woman living in the 9500 block of South Highland Ave., reported that a gun was missing from a box under her bed. She said the last time she knew for sure the gun was there was when she moved to the residence in November 2018. She has no idea who may have taken the gun.

Shortly after a dispatcher entered the firearm into the police database, Cleveland Police sent back a possible delayed inquiry match to the serial number. GHPD still waiting on further information.

MAPLE HEIGHTS

Shooting/Felonious Assault

On Sunday, Jan. 12, at approximately 11:29 p.m., Chagrin Valley Dispatch Center received a call for several shots being fired in the area of the 5100 block of Erwin Street in Maple Heights. The dispatcher then was advised by a female caller on 911 that a residence at 5157 Erwin Street had been struck and that a male had also been struck.

Maple Heights police officers along with Maple Heights Fire/Rescue were dispatched to the scene. On the arrival of officers, an adult male was found to have a threatening wound to his right leg. The victim was provided first aid and later transported to Metro Medical Center by the Maple Heights Fire Department. Maple Heights Police Department is conducting the investigation.

Anyone with information related to this case is urged to contact the Maple Heights Detective Bureau: 216-587-9624 or Detectives@mhpd-ohio.com.

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Several village officials appointed in Cuyahoga Hts.



Shown from left to right during the Cuyahoga Heights Council meeting of January 8, are Mayor Jack M. Bacci, who swore in incumbents Renato Contipelli, Lois Henley and Rick Centa, who retained their seats on council after the November election.

Before the first meeting of the new year for Cuyahoga Heights Council last Wednesday, Jan. 8, Mayor Jack Bacci swore in the three council members who won reelection last November, Renato Contipelli, Lois Henley and Rick Centa.

Council elected a new president of council for 2020, with a unanimous vote for Councilman Todd Bloam.

In legislative action, the two-year appointments of Norm Casini as building commissioner/architect for the village, Donald Bohning and Associates as engineer, Ben Chojnacki as law director and Christina Londrigo as prosecutor were all approved by council, as was the appointment of Dean Depiero as magistrate.

Also okayed was an ordinance to provide for paid time off for permanent part-time employees, a resolution authorizing a change order regarding the pass through

agreement between the city of Cleveland and Anthony Allega Cement, and an ordinance creating a 2020 village scholarship for graduating high school seniors living in the village.

Purchases receiving approvals last month included a cemetery fence, lighting and electrical work not to exceed \$25,000, digital marquee masonry and electrical work not to exceed \$15,000 and a snow plow repair for \$5200.

Cleveland Foundation accepting scholarship applications for 2020-21

The Cleveland Foundation is accepting scholarship applications through March 15th for the 2020-21 academic year. Most of the scholarships are designated for graduating high school seniors attending colleges and universities, but some of the foundation's more than 60 scholarship funds provide current college students and adults returning to school the opportunity to pursue courses that enhance their professional, personal and vocational development. During the 2019-20 academic year, the foundation's scholarship funds have supported close to 400 new and returning recipients.

Most of the foundation's scholarships require residence in Cuyahoga, Lake or Geauga counties, but in some instances donors identified another geographic area of their choice (within the U.S.) when they established their scholarship fund.

Interested individuals can explore available scholarships via www.clevelandfoundation.org/scholarships. Candidates may complete a single application to be considered for multiple awards. On average, the scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$3,000, and many are renewable for up to four years.

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