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Giving back to Maple Heights City Schools families

support one another. Last month 114 bags filled with Each bag contained at least 10 items, including paper essential needs items were delivered to the Maple Heights products, soap, detergent, deodorant and toothpaste. City School District.

Maple Heights City Schools teacher and Broadview Heights resident Jennifer Mahnic joined the Broadview Heights Lions, Royalton Hills Lions, Bedford Lions and neighbors to help provide essential needs to her students. After learning that over 250 families were still seeking meals from the school district, nearby Lions clubs worked together to contribute funds and donations to fill the essential needs bags.

Broadview Heights Giant Eagle provided reusable bags for the project and the Lions clubs as well as individual



Maple Heights City Schools workers helped distribute essential needs bags to families last month. Shown are Muata Niamke, at left, business manager for Maple Heights Schools, and Anthony Jones of the Maple Heights School support team.

During times of uncertainty, people come together to families donated money to purchase additional items.

On Thursday May 7, as a result of the generous donations, 114 bags filled with essentials were donated to the families of the Maple Heights City Schools that continue to receive meal assistance from the school.

"It was absolutely incredible to see so many people do something so amazing for people they don't even know, Mahnic said. "It was truly the greatest act of kindness."

Mahnic's neighbors donated over 500 items, the Garfield Hts. Council news

By Ellen Psenicka

Garfield Heights Council met via telephone conference on Monday, June 8, and made some changes to the places where physical copies of all legislation prior to regularlyscheduled city council meetings are posted.

Posting locations are now: Garfield Heights branch library, 5409 Turney Rd.; Garfield Heights Senior/Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd.; Garfield Heights Police Station, 5555 Turney Rd.; Munchies/Direct Wireless, 4561 E. 131 St.; and Boulevard Convenient, 8808 Garfield Blvd.

The clerk is required to post the ordinances and resolutions by noon the Saturday prior to the next council meeting at these locations pursuant to state law.

Also passed Monday was a resolution providing for only one council meeting to be held on the second Monday, during the months of July and August, 2020. At a special council meeting on May 20, with Ward 1 Councilman Michael Dudley having an excused absence, legislation for council to meet only once in June, July and August originally was tied with Councilmen Tom Vaughn, Jason Blake and Charles Donahue voting against it. On Monday, with Dudley present, those for the legislation prevailed.

Shootings on Fullerton leave one dead

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Last Sunday afternoon about 4:40 p.m., police responded to 6908 Fullerton Ave. in Slavic Village and found two men shot, one which was later pronounced dead at MetroHealth Medical Center, according to Sgt. Jennifer Ciaccia, Cleveland Division of Police, Public Affairs.

The first victim, age 58, was found inside the home on an upstairs landing with multiple gunshot wounds, received first aid from EMS paramedics and was transported to Metro, where he later died.

The second victim, age 68, was found in a nearby field bleeding from gunshots that had grazed his hand and stomach. He was treated and released at Metro.

Preliminary investigation by the Homicide Unit indicated both victims had earlier been in a vehicle parked outside 6821 Fullerton Ave., when they were approached by an unknown male in a robbery attempt in which the suspect shot into the car.

The two inside fled the vehicle, with one of the men running up to a man in the driveway of 6908 Fullerton to ask for help; he then ran inside the residence. The man in the driveway, who lives at the residence, ran into his home after the victim and, as the police report noted, shot the victim who reportedly had become aggressive toward the resident and was perceived as a threat.

Police said the resident of the home, 37, is a suspect in this incident. No arrests have been made, and the matter remains under investigation.

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Familial DNA leads to indictment in 2018 murder in Slavic Village

Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley an-Police's (CDP) Homicide Unit and investigators with the mines CODIS to find DNA that may match that of an nounced Monday that a grand jury has returned an Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office (CCMEO) indictment against Jamal Kukla, 26, for allegedly mur- immediately responded and processed the scene. dering a Cleveland woman, 31, in September 2018.

This horrendous crime has left the victim's family suffering with numerous questions for nearly two years, said O'Malley. "Thanks to the coordinated efforts of law enforcement agencies at every level, hopefully some of those questions will soon be answered."

Kukla has been indicted on the following charges: two counts of aggravated murder, one count of murder, one count of kidnapping, one count of felonious assault, one count of gross abuse of a corpse and one count of tampering with evidence.

On September 17, 2018, a maintenance man employed by a church near Engel Avenue and Broadway Avenue were pursued by the Cleveland Homicide Review Task discovered the victim's body underneath a set of steps and Force. After further investigation, the case was identified

The CCMEO ruled the death a homicide due to blunt force head trauma and tested DNA evidence collected from the scene utilizing the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) - a national DNA database created and maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The database stores DNA profiles of any individual that is arrested on felony charges. If a match is produced, BCI sends a "hit letter" notifying the submitting law enforcement agency so that they can follow up with further investigation if necessary.

An initial match was not found, but additional leads called police. Officers with the Cleveland Division of as a candidate for BCI's familial DNA search tool, which the day it was implemented.'

offender's relative. A familial DNA match was found and Kukla was identified as a potential suspect, O'Malley indicated in a press release.

Law enforcement officials obtained Kukla's DNA and sent it for testing. His DNA matched that of the crime scene and an arrest warrant was issued, according to prosecutors. On May 27, 2020, he was apprehended by CDP and the FBI.

He remains incarcerated at the Cuyahoga County Jail on \$1 million cash/surety/property bond. He is scheduled to be arraigned at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 11.

'This indictment is further proof of the effectiveness of the Homicide Review Task Force," said Cleveland Police Chief Calvin D. Williams. "The task force, which includes investigators from the Cleveland Office of the FBI, has been an abundant resource for our Homicide Unit from

Exclusively Skin opens in Garfield Heights

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.

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

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



Dr. Tracy Ringo

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Michael R. Jackson, 2408 Park Lake Lane, Norcross, GA, 30092, #2438, 5x10. Unit appears to contain: furniture- couches with pillow cushions, mattress and bedding, tables with glass tops, chairs, boxes, misc. items.

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Garfield Heights

Theft From Auto

Sometime between May 27 at 1 p.m., and May 28, at 2 p.m., someone stole the catalytic converter from a Koinonia Homes vehicle while parked in a driveway in the 4900 block of Donovan Dr.

Theft - Firearm

On June 1, a woman living in the 6200 block of Hathaway Rd. reported that her firearm had been stolen from her car sometime during the night of May 29. She said she parked her car at the end of her driveway and believes she forgot to lock it before going to bed. The next morning she discovered the car had been rummaged through and her Ruger .380 handgun was missing from the glove compartment.

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• On June 2, police were dispatched to Private Reserve in the 4900 block of Neo Parkway. Upon arrival an employee told them the catalytic converters had been stolen from five of their work vehicles. The manager said he thinks the theft occurred sometime between the evening of May 30, and the morning of May 31. He had stopped by the facility Sunday afternoon and noticed the padlock to the main gate was left unlocked. Anearby business will check its surveillance cameras for any relevant footage. Private Reserve will check their cameras as well.

•On June 3, sometime between about 2 and 8 a.m., someone broke into Hana's Beauty Supply, 4992 Turney Rd. Video footage showed two males wearing gloves and



hoodies walking from Turney Rd. to the garbage can outside the store. They then grabbed two large rocks from the garbage can at 1:55 a.m. and threw them through the door, breaking it. They then entered the store and took various beauty supply items. The suspects left the store with the items and ran north through the plaza.

Assault

On June 2, police responded to the 13000 block of Oak St. for an assault report. Officers spoke to a man who seemed to be highly intoxicated. He told them while at Mad Mike's bar on Turney Rd. he was assaulted for no reason by two unknown males while getting his car from the parking lot. He said he went home and got an axe handle from his garage, returned to the bar and confronted the men and was attacked again. He then went home again and called police. The bar owner said the complainant had consumed "a fair amount" of alcohol and was told he would no longer be served. He then began arguing with two male patrons of the bar, made racial slurs to them and left. The owner said nothing physical occurred between any of the men at any time either inside or outside of the bar. This was confirmed by video surveillance.

Theft

On June 2, sometime between midnight and 8 a.m., someone entered her car and took an Apple Ipad from the vehicle while parked in her driveway in the 13100 block of McCracken Rd. She had left the car unlocked.

Theft of Motor Vehicle

• On June 3, police were dispatched to the 11700 block of Tonsing Dr. for a report of a stolen Jeep Liberty vehicle, taken without keys from the reportedly locked car.

• On June 3, a vehicle was stolen, unlocked and running, from the 10600 block of Vernon Ave. Surveillance videos will be checked.

Call tips to Crime Stoppers

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.

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Advertising deadline is every Monday at 5:00 p.m.

For more information or if you have any questions, call Mary at 216-441-2141.

Maple Heights Council approves sale of lots for new homes on Jefferson Avenue

$By \,Judith\,Goldsworth$

Maple Heights Council approved legislation at its teleconference meeting last week for the sale of three vacant, city-owned lots on Jefferson Avenue to the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corp. (land bank) to build two new ranch-style homes.

The resolution was prompted by a request from the land bank to Mayor Annette Blackwell and Economic Development Director Patrick Grogan-Myers to purchase the three lots at 5613, 5617 and 5619 Jefferson Ave., in the city's Broadway-Lee neighborhood, for \$500 per lot.

The county's plan is to consolidate the three lots into one parcel, then divide that into two separate parcels for the two houses, with an estimated sale price of \$170,000-\$190,000 apiece, Grogan-Myers stated.

The houses will be built by the county "for sale to the public as owner-occupied homes and not homes built to be rental homes," according to the legislation.

In correspondence to the city, Grogan-Myers stated that the land bank was shifting its focus from demolishing blighted or abandoned properties to building new homes and rehabilitating existing homes.

"One of these programs is residential new construction in emerging markets," Grogan-Myers stated, explaining that the land bank had identified Maple Heights as an emerging market of affordable and middle-market neighborhoods.

"These homes will add to the architectural diversity of first reading. the homes here in Maple Heights... and will spur investment in homes around the area," Grogan-Myers stated.

Other legislation

Council approved an ordinance to enter into an agreement with Spectrum Enterprise Service, and service orders with Charter Communications Operating, LLC, for fiber internet access and voice services to the city, for a 36month period beginning Aug. 1, 2020, at a cost of \$1,736 per month.

The city's current internet/phone contract with AT&T proposals.

has expired, and is a high month-to-month rate, according to the legislation. Spectrum's monthly cost at \$1,736, plus a one-time installation charge of \$300, represents a savings of over \$1,000 per month from the AT&T contract, the ordinance states.

Also approved was an ordinance updating financial policies and procedures pertaining to petty cash and purchasing.

Petty cash funds for the various departments or other units, the total not to exceed \$5,000 annually, are established to enable departments to make small, emergency purchases where a purchase order is not cost effective or unable to be approved at that time, and each department will have a custodian assigned over petty cash, accountable on Dec. 31 of each year, according to an exhibit provided by Finance Director Tinita Tillman with the legislation.

And according to an additional exhibit, Tillman will act as the purchasing agent of the city and "shall maintain day to day procedures for purchasing needs of the city," according to Ohio Revised Code.

Also on agenda

A resolution determining that two unimproved residential lots owned by the city on McCracken Road are no longer needed for municipal purposes, failed to pass on a suspension of rules for third and final reading after some discussion by council. The legislation was placed on first reading.

Also placed on first reading was an ordinance amending the city's codified ordinances concerning side yard fences. Another ordinance, adopting the city's alternative tax budget information of the city for the fiscal year beginning Jan. 1, 2021, and submitting it to the Cuyahoga County Budget Commission, was placed on second reading.

A resolution to authorize Blackwell to enter into a contract to provide services for the Stafford Park Security Camera Improvement Projectwas withdrawn at the meeting by Blackwell who said the city was waiting for more proposals.



Having a Community Event?

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Instead of Capture the Flag, we will capture the garbage throughout Slavic Village & Chalk Art along the way -- Prizes for most litter collected. *Spread out and socially distance safely*.

Calling residents, friends and change makers of Slavic Village! Clean up litter and chalk positive messages where litter once was to brighten the community. Kids and students are encouraged to participate in the civic duty. Bring your bicycles to cover more area easier!

We will record and tally the garbage and litter collected to award prizes for the best litter patrol team! Take pictures of your chalk art and post along the way #CapturetheGarbage #SweetFleetStreetTeam #SlavieVillageLives#ThisisCLE Call 216-990-8813 and sign up: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4AAEAD2AABF85-capture



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Laws of the Land in Garfield Heights

Do you live in Garfield Heights and have a question about its ordinances - what may or may not be legal in any given circumstance? This column will answer your questions with the help of members of Garfield Heights City Council.

Question – What is the city's ordinance about getting rid of trash?

Answer – Every occupant of a dwelling or dwelling unit shall dispose of all his rubbish in a clean and sanitary manner by placing it in approved receptacles or in other approved rubbish disposal facilities.

Every occupant of a dwelling or dwelling unit shall dispose of all his garbage and other waste which might provide food for insects and rodents, in a clean and sanitary manner by placing it in approved nonleakable, nonabsorbent, covered garbage storage receptacles or in other approved garbage disposal facilities, other than a garbage bag.

Storage of trash containers at residential properties shall be in the rear yard of the property, behind the main building, in a location and manner where they cannot be viewed from the street. **(Ordinance 35-2010)**

Newburgh Hts. Council update

Newburgh Heights Council met last Tuesday, June 2, and passed an ordinance related to solar panels, accepted NOPEC Energized Community grants, canceled the regularly scheduled council meeting for June 16, and approved the proposed alternative tax budget for the village for fiscal year 2021.

The following purchases were approved: Two radar units for 2020 cruisers from MPH Industries at a cost not to exceed \$2,620; maintenance agreement with Stryker/Physio Control for LUCAS machine not to exceed \$2,340; fire engine preventative maintenance and pump testing by Brooklyn Heights Fire Department technician not to exceed \$3,750; sidewalk replacement at 3812 Washington Park Blvd. by Samartano Concrete not to exceed \$3,550; and maintenance agreements for ambulance cots and stair chairs, fire station generator, fire department mobile and portable radios, HVAC system at fire department/service garage and administration building.

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• A class action lawsuit is pending in the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas ("The Court') against the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio ("The City"), in the lawsuit styled John C. Berdyz, et al v. Boyas Excavating, Inc., et al. Case No. CV-14-826410 ("Lawsuit"). The lawsuit alleges that the City breached a contract with the Environmental Protection Agency in relation to conditions at the City View Center by failing to abate and control the nuisance caused by noxious odors emanating from a prior landfill. Defendant, The City, denies any wrongdoing.

Although the Court has not made any decision as to whether the City is liable for the claims brought against it, the Court has decided that this lawsuit may proceed as a class action on behalf of a "Class" or a group of "All persons and entities (including trustees) that own or reside in a home within the Class Area which home was purchased by the Class Member prior to December 31, 2002." The "Class Area" being "The intersection of Transportation Boulevard and Antenucci Boulevard as the northwest point to the intersection of Antenucci Boulevard and Turney Road as the northwest point, south down the center line of Turney Road, and bounded on the south by the full length of Maple Leaf Drive." ("Class").

• If you believe you owned property as outlined above, you may have a claim. Contact the law firm of Thomas J. Connick, Connick Law LLC, 25550 Chagrin Blvd Suite 101, Beachwood OH 44122 - 216-364-0512 to request a Notice of Class Certification be mailed to your attention. Time is limited - you MUST request a copy of the Notice before June 30, 2020.

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION, ALL ZIP CODES I HE ROCK

JUNE 20, 8-11am

The Rock Community Church, located at 9403 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Heights, will be having a food pantry distribution for any zip code on Saturday, June 20 from 8-11am.

Those walking also need to queue in carline.

All food distributions will be drive-through only till further notice.

