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Man found shot to death on Bedford street; suspect in custody

Bedford Deputy Chief Rick Suts, in a press release last week, said that on Thursday, July 16, at about 6 p.m., BPD received several 911 calls reporting shots fired and a male lying in the street on the entrance drive to the Palmetto Woods Development off Palmetto Ave. in Bedford.

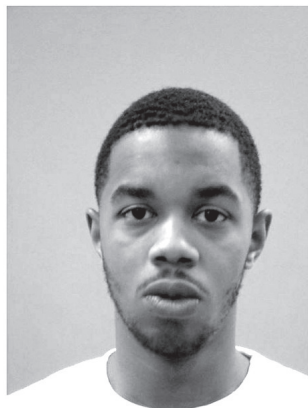
Responding officers located a male in the street with multiple gun shot wounds and attempted first aid until paramedics arrived and advised the man was dead.

The Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office and agents from the Bureau of Criminal Investigation are currently working with Bedford detectives on the case. The victim was identified by the Medical Examiner's Office as Aaron Jerome Swift, age 23, of Maple Heights. He had no identification on his person when found.

Suts said police have a suspect in the homicide, James Trevon Claytor, age 22, of Bedford, in custody. He turned himself in Monday with his attorney present.

"Evidence we've recovered so far shows the victim and the suspect knew each other," Suts said. "This was not a random crime."

Claytor's initial appearance was to have been yesterday morning in Bedford Municipal Court.



James Trevon Claytor

Mr. Z's liquor license revoked

Mr. Z Beverage at 6508 Fleet Ave., Slavic Village, has had their liquor license canceled by the State of Ohio and can no longer sell alcohol, reports Cleveland Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli.

He said there have been a number of liquor violations at that address, dating back to when it was known as K & S Food and now as Mr. Z Beverage.

"I support the state's decision to cancel their liquor



license and will continue to pursue improvements at that location to clean up this area," Brancatelli said.

Property tax deadline extended to Aug. 13

The Cuyahoga County 2019 Second Half Real Estate tax deadline has been extended to August 13, 2020, according to the county website. Tax bills are expected to be mailed at least 20 days prior to the deadline, per ORC 323.13. Taxpayers are encouraged to use online resources, U.S. Postal mail and the county drop boxes to make their payments.

Broadway bridge at Chaincraft closed

The Broadway Ave. bridge at Chaincraft Rd. in Garfield Heights was scheduled to be closed beginning Monday, July 20, for bridge repairs, as announced by the Ohio Department of Transportation. The closure is expected to last 30 days. Detour will be Libby Rd. to Northfield Rd. to Miles Ave. to Broadway Ave.

BACK TO SCHOOL *What Will It Look Like This Year??*

School boards in The Neighborhood News readership area and all over the country are struggling to find ways to reopen to students, either in-person, online or a combination of the two, as the coronavirus pandemic shows no signs of abating in Ohio.

In Garfield Heights, Schools Superintendent Chris Hanke said at Monday's school board meeting that, although plans are yet to be finalized for the upcoming school year, it looked like the first day of school in Garfield Heights would be after Labor Day this year, tentatively opening Sept. 9, and canceling Late Arrival Thursdays.

This newspaper will keep parents and students informed as to plans for the opening of schools throughout our area in the coming weeks when plans are announced.



Indy Council offers Garland Industries Job Creation Grant to relocate to city

At its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 14, Independence Council voted to enter into a relocation and Job Creation Grant Agreement with Garland Industries, a leader in the manufacturing and sales of roofing products since 1895.

In exchange for relocating its operations from Cleveland to Independence, Garland would receive a 50% rebate of its city income tax for the next five years. Garland is expected to bring \$4 million worth of payroll to Independence initially.

Also passed by council last week were the following ordinances and resolutions:

- To enter into an agreement with Youth for Christ to coordinate and direct the Campus Life Program for the 2020-2021 school year. Youth for Christ would provide program coordination and direction to run and staff the faith-neutral portion of the Campus Life Program in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

- To renew the contract with Cargill, Inc. for the purchase and delivery of rock salt for the 2020-2021 snow season.

- To enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Independence Local Schools Board of Education for professional consulting services from McKeon Education Group in connection with the Early Intervention/Prevention Program for the 2020-2021 school year not to exceed \$32,500.

- To amend an ordinance establishing benefits for all regular, full-time, non-bargaining municipal employees.

- To create the Coronavirus Relief Fund.

- To retain ACM Construction Management of Valley View for general construction engineering and inspection services to the Engineering Department not to exceed \$50,000.

- To accept the base bid and alternate A bid of Catts Construction Co. of Bedford for the city's 2020 Concrete Road Maintenance and Repairs Contract not to exceed \$379,868.50.

- To accept the proposal of CBIZ Insurance Services, Inc. for professional insurance broker services for the purchase of property, inland marine, crime and automobile insurance for the city for an additional one-year period beginning Aug. 20, 2020, and ending Aug. 20, 2021, not to exceed \$10,000.

- To authorize a change order with Digioia-Suburban Excavating for the Brookside Road/Bramley and N. Bramley Road Improvements Project for additional construction services in connection with the project, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, and for a total contract amount not to exceed \$5,513,935.35.

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Indy Council offers Garland

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•To authorize a change order to the agreement with Donald G. Bohning & Associates for construction management services in connection with the Upper Brookside Road Sidewalk Improvements Project for additional construction management services in connection with the project, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$64,750.

•To accept the bid of C&K Industrial Services for the city's 2020 Sanitary and Storm Sewer Maintenance and Repairs Contract not to exceed \$200,000.

•To accept the proposal of GPD Group for engineering design services in connection with the Rockside Road and I-77 Southeast Ramp Widening Improvements not to

exceed \$779,855.43.

•To accept the bid of United Survey, Inc. for the city's 2020 Sanitary and Storm Sewer Maintenance and Repairs contract not to exceed \$200,000.

•To authorize retired Deputy Chief James Polak to retain possession of his firearm and badge of office from the Independence Police Department.

"Jim has faithfully served the citizens of Independence since 1988, and his contributions have made our city a safer place," said Police Chief Michael Kilbane in his report to council. "Jim's leadership, experience and outstanding ability to train and mentor officers will be greatly missed," said the chief.

Letters to the Editor

Donahue should resign, says Councilman Dudley

Dear Editor:

In reference to the "Racial Unrest in Garfield Hts." article in last week's Neighborhood News: Even though none of my statements were included within the article,

my sentiments were very clear Monday night. Ward 2 Councilman Charles Donahue should resign from office. After reviewing his Facebook page, it clearly showed a pattern of what is believed to be bigotry and racist postings, which I clearly stated at the meeting.

As an elected official and an African-American, I found the postings to be degrading, hurtful and very derogatory towards Black people. I don't believe these postings to be accidental, but part of him feeling emboldened because no action has been taken against him. It only provided him a pass/opportunity to repeat this, at a later date.

The residents of Garfield Heights have a right to know how their council leaders stand on such a sensitive issue. We all know the demographics in the inner-ring suburbs are changing. This also includes the core bases of the local readers.

I've been contacted by phone, messaging and in person on my stand on this issue. They heard on Weldon PC Facebook, from friends, but not in The Neighborhood News. I believe the people had a right to know.

I ask that everyone stay healthy during the COVID-19, and may your business stay strong during these troubled financial times.

Sincerely,

Councilman Michael Dudley, Sr.
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List of Meetings for August 2020

Monday, August 3, 2020	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 8:00p.m.
Tuesday, August 4, 2020	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00p.m.
Wednesday, August 12, 2020	Southeast Area Law Enforcement (SEALE) Board of Trustees Meeting (if needed) Work Session - 10:00a.m. Regular Meeting - 12:00p.m.
Monday, August 17, 2020	Council Summer Session - No Meeting
Tuesday, August 18, 2020	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00p.m.
Tuesday, August 25, 2020	Board of Zoning Appeals (if needed) Work Session - 6:30p.m. Regular Meeting - 7:00p.m.

It should also be noted that the Board of Building Standards and Appeals, Civil Service Commission, Bedford Arts and Cultural Board, Bedford Historical Preservation Board, Assessment Equalization Board, Public Hearings, Planning Commission, Animal Appeals Board, Board of Zoning Appeals and Tree Board meet as needed. Notification of these meetings will be posted at the five most public places in the City per Ordinance No. 8461-09.

All Meetings will be held at Bedford City Hall, 165 Center Road, Bedford, Ohio 44146. For agendas please go to www.bedfordoh.gov or call the Clerk of Council, at 440-735-6510.

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9:00 a.m. on Sunday morning

Community police reports

Garfield Heights

Burglary

On July 12, about 12:30 p.m., police were called to the 5200 block of E. 126 St. for a burglary report. Resident said when she returned home that day that items were missing from her apartment. Missing items included a 50" Samsung t.v., sound bar, boots, Air Max shoes and a gaming chair. Resident to view surveillance video when it becomes available and let officers know if it shows anything relevant. Resident told police she believes the suspect is an ex-girlfriend.

Weapons Offense

Police responded to a report of shots fired in the area of the 4800 block of E. 141 St. on July 12, shortly after noon. Prior to arrival, police learned that the alleged shooter(s) was last seen entering the passenger side of a small white vehicle, and also learned the shooting actually occurred on Osborn Rd. at E. 141 St., and that the vehicle fled towards Broadway. Officers checked the area but could not find the suspect vehicle. While searching the area, police located four 9-mm spent casings near the Osborn Rd./E. 141 St. intersection. No obvious persons or damage was found near the area.

Criminal Damage/Auto

On July 13, about 2 a.m., officers responded to the 12400 block of Havana Rd. The resident told police that she had parked her car in her driveway on Havana about midnight, and at 1 a.m. she and her husband walked outside to find the front driver's side window was com-

pletely pushed inward with broken shards of glass everywhere. Nothing was noted to be stolen inside.

Theft of a Motor Vehicle

At 10:30 a.m., on July 14, police responded to Krol's Cycles at 10121 Broadway Ave., for a report of a theft of a trailer. Complainant told police his 18-ft. Haulmark trailer was missing from his business. He said the trailer contained a Kawasaki motorcycle, Craftsman tractor and numerous tools and motorcycle parts. Video showed a U-Haul truck enter the lot at 5:27 a.m., hook up the trailer and head west onto Broadway.

Theft from Auto

A resident of the 4600 block of Rockwood Rd. called police and reported that sometime overnight on July 16, someone had gone through his unlocked vehicle and stolen several items, including a Gucci watch, several credit cards and a black iPad.

Weapon Offense

Police responded to a residence at Jennings Center on July 17, and spoke to a maintenance man there who said that sometime during the early morning hours someone had discharged two rounds into the north wall of the building at 10086 Granger Rd.

Officers spoke to the resident there who said at 1:25 a.m., while laying in bed, he heard a "whizzing" sound, and after checking his bedroom later that morning he saw two holes in his north facing wall. The holes appeared to have been made by a projectile, most likely fired from a weapon. The first entered the wall just above the resident's headboard and the second entered the north wall on a much lower plane and became embedded at the base of the resident's headboard. Due to the trajectory that the projectiles entered the wall it seemed they came from the E. 102 St./Granger Rd. area. The intersection was checked for evidence with negative results.

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I also need to be clear that I am only apologizing for that word. I served our country for more than 20 years and I am offended by "ANYONE" that kneels during the National Anthem, or to the U.S. flag.

The sharing of that post wasn't about anyone praying or because of their race; that was made up by some other council members in an attempt to discredit me and slander me by calling me a racist because they campaigned for the candidate I ran against and never wanted me on city council.

Thank You, Charles F. Donahue, Jr.

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G.H. police reports

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Assault

An officer was dispatched to the station to reference an assault which complainant said occurred on July 18, at about 1:15 a.m., at Bonkers on Turney Rd. He said a man who he believed was the bouncer at Bonkers sprayed both he and his girlfriend with mace. He said the man told the complainant to leave and forcefully escorted him out and sprayed him with mace as he attempted to re-enter. He said during the confrontation he was struck in the eye by an unknown male as his girlfriend was also maced.

Police went to Bonkers and spoke to the bar manager, who, along with several patrons, said the complainant was highly inebriated and was bumping into patrons and causing a scene. He was asked to leave several times and was escorted out once he became belligerent.

Drug Activity

On July 19, about 8 p.m., officer assisted a traffic stop in the area of Garland Dr. and Henry St. A passenger in the vehicle was found to have a Capias with Cleveland P.D. Police detected an odor of marijuana and confirmed that there was burnt marijuana in the car. They found a digital scale, \$530 in cash and 6.2 grams of suspected crack/cocaine in the vehicle. Driver was issued several court summons' and released. Passenger was transported to meet Cleveland P.D. for the Capias. Driver was cited for driving under suspension, attempted possession of drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia, and trafficking in drugs.

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Home Energy Assistance Program Summer Crisis Program is now accepting applications from Cuyahoga County residents who struggle to pay their summer utility bills. They are encouraged to apply for assistance through the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) federally funded Summer Crisis Program (SCP).

The Cuyahoga County Division of Senior and Adult Services (DSAS) administers this program for county residents ages 60 and over, and residents with disabilities ages 18-59, thanks to a grant from the Ohio Department of Aging, through the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging. Applications for the Summer Crisis Program will be accepted July 1 through September 30, 2020.

To be eligible for the program, an applicant's household income must fall below 175% of the federal poverty guidelines. Eligible residents can download an application in English or Spanish on the county's website, and call 216-420-6700 to schedule an appointment.

Applicants need to bring copies of the following documents to their appointments:

- A list of all household members.
- Proof of income for the past 30 days and 12 months for all household members.
- Income documents for all household members.
- Gas and electric heating bills regardless of account status.
- Proof of citizenship.
- Proof of disability (if applicable).
- Social Security numbers for all household members.

Eligible households can receive up to \$500 if they are a customer of a regulated utility, or \$800 if they are a customer of unregulated utilities such as electric cooperatives and municipal utilities. The assistance is applied to their utility bill, or to purchase an air conditioning unit or fan, or pay for central air conditioning repairs.

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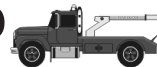
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Salads are a Perfect Mealtime Choice for these Hot Days of Summer

CRAB LOVERS SALAD

1 large head iceberg lettuce
Romaine lettuce
1 ½ lbs. crab meat or lobster meat (or imitation crab flakes)
4 tomatoes, cut into wedges
4 hard-boiled eggs, sliced
15-oz. can asparagus spears, drained
12 black olives
DRESSING:
1 cup mayonnaise
¼ cup sour cream
¼ cup chili sauce
¼ cup chopped green onion

¼ cup chopped green pepper
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1 tsp. horseradish
Salt and pepper to taste
Lemon juice to taste

Mix dressing ingredients together well and chill in refrigerator. Meanwhile, line a large salad bowl with romaine leaves. Shred iceberg lettuce and place on top of romaine leaves. Place crab meat in center of the lettuce. Arrange tomato wedges, eggs, asparagus and olives around crab meat. Dressing may be poured over salad or served separately. Makes 6 servings.

Frances R. Kasala
Independence

MANDARIN ORANGE SALAD

1/4 cup slivered almonds
1 T. and 1 tsp. sugar.
1/4 head iceberg lettuce
1/4 head romaine lettuce
2-3 stalks celery, chopped
3-4 green onions, chopped
Can of mandarin oranges, drained
DRESSING:

1/4 cup vegetable oil
2 T. sugar
2 T. cider vinegar
1/2 tsp. salt
Dash pepper
1 T. snipped parsley
Dash hot sauce

Make dressing ahead by shaking all ingredients in shaker bottle with lid. Toss salad items together, excluding almonds and sugar. Brown almonds in sugar just before serving and add almonds, then dressing to salad mixture. Serve immediately.

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DIXIE'S BROCCOLI SALAD

1 head broccoli
1 cup walnuts
1 cup red grapes, cut in half
1/2 cup Craisins
2 T. red onions, diced

DRESSING:

1 cup mayonnaise
2 T. balsamic vinegar
2 T. sugar

Cut broccoli flowers from stem and combine with walnuts, grapes, Craisins and red onion. Combine all dressing ingredients and stir into broccoli mixture. Chill in refrigerator for several hours for best flavor.

Dixie Luehring

BETTY’S SPINACH SALAD

2 pkgs. broken Romaine lettuce
1 pkg. baby spinach
Chopped pecans, to taste
Honey
Crumbled blue cheese, to taste
Balsamic dressing

Spray cooking spray on cookie sheet. Place pecans on cookie sheet and pour enough honey over to cover. Bake at 350-degrees for four minutes. Flip pecans over, cover with more honey, and bake four more minutes. Cool. Mix nuts into greens. Add crumbled blue cheese and drizzle with balsamic dressing.

Betty Beardslee
North Stonington, CT

CRANBERRY MOLD

2 pkgs. raspberry Jello
3 red delicious apples, cored, not peeled
1/2 cup pecans or walnuts
3 cups raw cranberries
1 cup crushed pineapple, drained
1 cup sugar

Make Jello as directed on package. Let stand until cool. Grind apples, cranberries and nuts together, then add sugar and pineapple to mixture. (If you do not have a grinder, use a food processor, but do not let mixture get mushy.) Mix with cooled Jello and pour into mold. Refrigerate until set.

Stephanie Helinski, Garfield Heights

PEA & CHEESE SALAD

1 can (about 1 lb.) peas, drained and rinsed
1/2 cup chopped celery
1/2 cup cubed processed American cheese
3 T. sliced ripe olives
2 T. finely chopped onion
1/2 cup salad dressing or mayonnaise
1 tsp. lemon juice
1/2 tsp. pepper, or to taste
2 hard-cooked eggs, diced or sliced

Combine peas, celery, cheese, olives and onion. Mix salad dressing, lemon juice and pepper, stir gently into pea mixture. Cover and chill. Add eggs at serving time.

Dolores Kubicek, Garfield Heights

PASTA SALAD WITH SWEET & SOUR DRESSING

1 lb. curly pasta, cooked
1 sweet green pepper, chopped
1 sweet red pepper, chopped
1 sweet yellow pepper, chopped

DRESSING:

3/4 cup sugar
3/4 cup white vinegar
1/2 cup oil
1 small onion, chopped fine

To cooked pasta, add green, red and yellow peppers. Combine sugar, vinegar, oil and onion; mix well and add to pasta and pepper mixture. Mix well; let sit for about an hour before serving.

Veronica Mayak
Maple Heights

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