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# In Memory of **Michael Psenicka**

Statement of The Neighborhood and Community Media Association of Greater Cleveland

Neighborhood & Community Media Association NCMA-CLE) was shocked and deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Michael Psenicka, owner of our member outlet, The Neighborhood News.

As the third generation of Psenicka family ownership of The Neighborhood News, Psenicka changed the shape of the newspaper and brought color to its pages; as a founding member of NCMA-ČLE, he changed our shape and brought color to our organization.

Psenicka fought to reveal the impact of news and developments on Southeast Cleveland, Garfield Heights, Newburgh Heights, Cuyahoga Heights, Independence, Valley View, Maple Heights and Bedford. He was driven to maintain his family's newspaper as a place to find critical thinking about news and events and labored to make his hometown a better place.

At our first association meeting, Psenicka boiled down the need for The Neighborhood News and all our associated Cleveland media outlets when he said, "I think that's what will make us survive: people want to see what's up with their neighbors.

NCMA-CLE offers its condolences to the Psenicka family and would like to express its deep regret for this tragic loss to our local community and our collective of small Cleveland media producers.

Richard T. Andrews, President

Rich Weiss, Vice President

# Agents cite two local bars for violating health orders

Agents from the Ohio Investigative Unit (OIU) cited These cases will go before the Ohio Liquor Control two local establishments overnight last Saturday and a third in Columbus after receiving complaints of blatant violations of orders in place to reduce the spread of the coronavirus, according to an OIU media release.

Agents visited the following area bars and issued citations after witnessing the violations:

Scale Entertainment LLC, known as Vivid Cocktail Lounge, Maple Heights, received an administrative citation for improper conduct - disorderly activity.

Agents visited the bar with the assistance of the Maple Heights Police Department after receiving multiple complaints from citizens and the local health department. Âgents and officers entered the establishment and found approximately 60 to 70 patrons tightly packed into one area. Patrons were shoulder-to-shoulder and movement through the crowd was difficult without having direct contact. Patrons were congregating with no social distancing measures or physical barriers in place.

IMSUEENTERTAINMENT LLC, known as Tavern Off Broadway, Bedford, received an administrative citation for limitation on hours for sales and on-premises consumption.

Agents visited the bar with the assistance of the Bedford Police Department. Agents and officers arrived at the establishment shortly after 11:30 p.m. observing approximately 10 patrons inside and evidence of recent sales and consumption of alcoholic beverages. Upon entry to the establishment, agents witnessed attempts to conceal the activity.

True Vizions LTD, known as Avalon, Columbus, received an administrative citation for improper conduct disorderly activity. Agents visited the establishment and observed more than 100 patrons congregating in large groups throughout the premises with no social distancing measures in place.

Commission for potential penalties, including fines and/ or the suspension or revocation of liquor permits.

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## **Controversy surrounds Maple** Hts. councilman sponsoring bill to declare racism public health crisis in his city

## By Judith Goldsworth

A resolution representing a second attempt in as many weeks to recognize the issue of racism and its various effects was placed on first reading at last week's teleconference council meeting, after it failed to gain a majority of five votes to pass it on emergency.

'Maple Heights City Council believes that the time is now to declare racism a public health crisis, and would like to commit to improving the overall quality of life for our minority residents, business owners and visitors," the resolution states, as introduced by council members Dana Anderson and Richard Trojanski.

Anderson, Trojanski and Councilwoman Toni Jones voted "yes" to suspend the rules and pass the legislation on emergency, with Councilman Christian Östenson abstaining. Council members Stafford Shenett, Tanglyn Madden and Edwina Agee voted "no."

The legislation went to first reading, Law Director Frank Consolo explained, which means it may pass on second or third reading at a subsequent meeting.

Trojanski acknowledged the work that the Community Life and Education (CL&E) Committee, headed by Shenett, was doing to address the issues of racism and its effects on residents in the city.

Anderson commented, "Why you guys are making it so difficult and complicated to pass this legislation is beyond me. We have white people advocating for black people every day. This is just the beginning, to move forward, and we represent all people in the community. You are making this difficult, and I don't understand why.

#### Shenett takes Trojanski to task

At the council meeting Shenett addressed what he called "very insensitive and inflammatory remarks" he said were made by Trojanski, "that are taken very seriously by the black community," and their potential impact on the legislation that Trojanski and Anderson had introduced.

He then presented documents onscreen entitled "Evidence Report: Councilman R. Trojanski's Inappropriate Remarks," which Shenett stated substantiated his claim that Trojanski, who has publicly stated his orientation as an openly gay individual and a member of the LGBTQ community, had recently made racially intolerant remarks against black individuals, specifically a gay black comedian, Sampson McCormick, based in California, in regards to his work on an adult film, entitled "Party-N-

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# **Bedford receives \$190K more for COVID-19 response**

## **By Judith Goldsworth**

Bedford Council, at its meeting Monday night, approved legislation appropriating a second payment received through the federal CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act to help the city cover its costs associated with COVID-19 response during the ongoing pandemic.

This second payment of \$190,573.53 was allocated to the city in addition to an initial allocation of \$381,147.06 that was approved through legislation earlier this year.

Both ordinances were passed "affirming said Fund payments would be expended only to cover costs consistent with the CARES Act and applicable regulations, and such Fund payments have been deposited into the city's Special Revenue Fund," according to the legislation.

Finance Director Frank Gambosi explained that costs to be covered by the payment included disinfecting facilities, establishing remote council meetings, communications, social distancing, first responder personnel, administrative leave, dispatch personnel costs and much more.

Also passed at Monday's meeting was an ordinance to details, call 216-475-3373.

rezone seven parcels of land on Harrison St. owned by Ganley Dodge, Jeep and Chrysler, to Automotive Business District. These parcels have been used for this purpose for several years, according to the legislation.

Council also passed an ordinance to amend previous legislation regarding rate reductions for disabled persons and senior citizens for water and sewer discounts to assist those property owners in Bedford "whose income levels re not sufficient to pay normal water/sewer rates.

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# Hazardous waste collection continues; shred day Sat.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection continues this week in Garfield Heights from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Garfield Heights Service Garage, 13600 McCracken Rd. There also is free document shredding from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the service garage. For additional play,"

# Controversy surrounds councilman sponsoring bill

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Shenett alleged in the documentation that he presented at the meeting that Trojanski had engaged in cyberbullying behavior, including what is evidently a screenshot of a text message in April from Trojanski to McCormick, and includes a profile picture of Trojanski as well as his name, identifying him as the sender of the message.

The screenshot of the text message from Trojanski to McCormick, presented onscreen by Shenett at the meeting, includes the statements: "You're disgusting trash... Grow up and work on trying to positively portray men of color."

Shenett continued: "Several council members, including myself, had already expressed our concerns about Councilman Richard Trojanski, who has on numerous occasions made inappropriate and racially insensitive remarks/comments towards black men... this information was recently shared by the victims/claimants with [Mayor Annette Blackwell], city council and the city law director. Additionally, the same was shared with the Cleveland Chapter of the NAACP."

"We were very uncomfortable signing onto a racismrelated resolution where one of the sponsors was shown to

have a pattern of alleged misconduct relating to racial tolerance. Prior to yesterday's meeting, on September 16, 2020, Councilman Trojanski had never formally addressed council regarding these recent allegations."

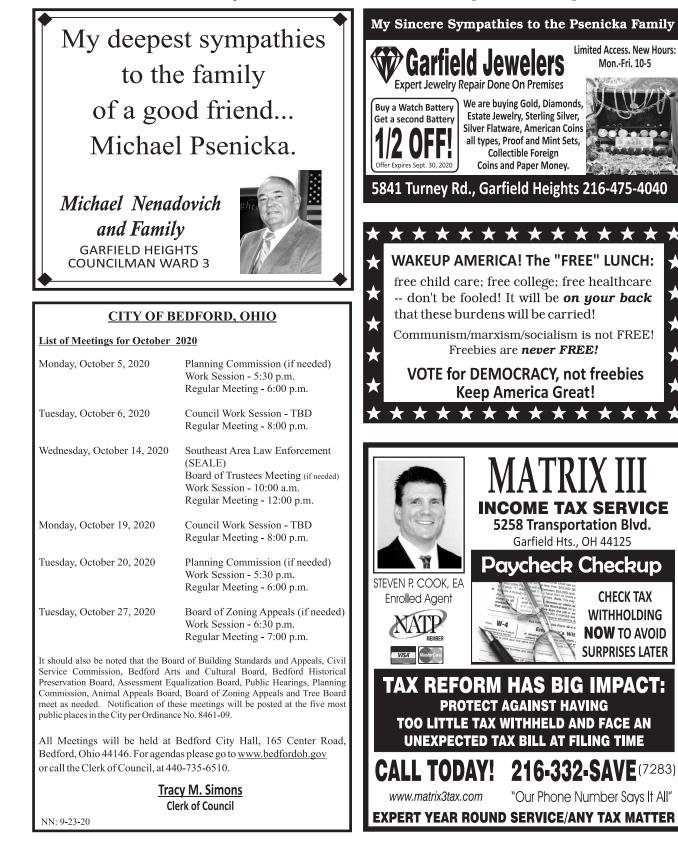
Trojanski said that he had watched McCormick's film, and in his review, expressed his displeasure with the portrayal of black gay men in the movie.

"I said it was disturbing, disgusting and used very stereotypical caricatures as a platform... I shouldn't have been so harsh, but I stood my ground. I said what I said, but [McCormick] needs to be held accountable."

Blackwell spoke in reference to the documents presented at the meeting. "This is not behavior becoming of a councilperson, but that is a separate issue from the legislation," she said. "But apparently not for the people on this call tonight. There was good work from these two council people, but there is dismissal and disrespect going on... and we can't get this piece of legislation passed.

#### **Other legislation**

All of the other legislation on the agenda at last week's



council meeting passed, including a resolution accepting grant funding from the Cleveland Water Department Suburban Water Main Renewal Project Fund, in the amount of \$754,953, for water main replacement on Rowena Ave., and in the amount of \$864,450 for water main replacement on Mendota Ave.

The legislation also authorizes City Engineer Ed Hren to prepare plans and specifications and cost estimates and to go out for bids for the projects.

Also passed was a resolution authorizing Blackwell to enter into a contract with United Survey, Inc., at a cost of \$364,650, to provide for the Northeast Quadrant Sewer Repairs Phase 2 Project in the city, including Hansen, Watson, Raymond, Franklin, Hillgrove, Clare and Gardenview streets.

The Ohio Public Works Commission will contribute funding for 58% of the construction costs, up to a maximum of \$349,950. The city has been awarded \$599,950 by the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, and the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works has committed to providing Sewer District No. 9 funds in the amount of up to \$250,000 towards the storm and sanitary sewer projects, according to the legislation.

The earliest start date for the project was given as Oct. 8, 2020, with time of completion indicated to be 265 days, Hren stated in correspondence to council.

A resolution to authorize a change order for C.A. Agresta Construction Company, increasing the contract by \$936.10 for the Lee-Libby Pocket Park Permeable Paver Installation Project, was approved.

Also approved was an ordinance enacting new chapters regarding minor curfew and truancy in the codified ordinances, "because of the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the reopening of schools and remote learning outside of school buildings."

Minors under age 15 are not allowed to be in public in Maple Heights from 9 p.m.-6 a.m.; minors aged over 15 but less than 18 are not allowed in public between 11 p.m.-5 a.m., except if they are accompanied by a parent or family member over 18.

Also, minors of school age "shall not be at any public places within the city, except in attendance at school during school hours on school days," unless they have written proof excusing them from attending school, accompanied by a parent, home schooled, or are engaged in remote learning, on-line learning, or blended learning, as defined by the Ohio Department of Education.

In his report at the meeting, Economic Development Director Patrick Grogan-Myers stated that economic progress was continuing in the city, despite the impact of the coronavirus.

The Planning and Zoning Commission approved conditional use permits for two new businesses, including a day care at 6176 Dunham Rd., and a personal training facility at 5229 Warrensville Center Rd., Grogan-Myers said.

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## Newburgh Hts. Council appoints officials, pays off debts

Tuesday, Sept. 15, and authorized the appointment of pandemic. several village officials and the paying offloans amounting to over \$430,000.

Nicholas Celebrezze was appointed assistant prosecutor, Attorney Luke F. McConville as solicitor, Suzanne Molnar to the at-will position of clerk of courts and Patti Wisnieski to the newly created at-will position of village hall administrative assistant and photo enforcement program clerk.

Passed were ordinances to pay off West Union Bank loans incurred for the purchase of police cruisers amount-ing to \$101,961.05; to pay off a U.S. Bank loan for the purchase of a Ford F-550 truck and equipment for \$30,110.31; to pay off an Ohio Water Development Authority loan in connection with the Storm Sewer Run-Off Project in the amount of \$32,053.67; and to pay off a Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council Property Assessed Clean Energy loan incurred in connection with the construction of a new fire station, in the total payoff amount of \$270,934.90.

Other legislation passed included the following:

•To consolidate the pay, remuneration and benefits provisions for all police department personnel and establishing new continuing education requirements for police officers

• To transfer funds to purchase real property at 4051 E. 44 St.:

• To transfer funds to demolish real property located at 4023 E. 42 St.;

• To accept Kimble's bid for automated residential waste collection and recycling;

• To accept an Ohio Department of Public Safety EMS 2020-2021 Training and Equipment Grant for \$2,846.43;

• To cancel the regularly scheduled council meetings for

The Village of Newburgh Heights Council met on Oct. 6, Nov. 3, and Dec. 1, 2020, due to the COVID-19

Purchases and approvals receiving the green light were: \$14,838 to demolish 5217 Brow Ave., as well as a \$2400 Charles A. Nemer was reappointed village magistrate, cleanout note, \$2500 for Police Executive Leadership Training for Lt. Marniella, \$19,900 for general village concrete repairs and handicap ramp installation by SAMCO, \$27,085 for E. 42 St. repairs by SAMCO, \$46,000 to SAMCO for Alpha and E. 42 St. intersection repair and handicap ramp installation, \$231,000 for road rescue ambulance from Burgess Ambulance Sales, \$19,655 for chest compression system from Stryker Medical, including a four-year maintenance agreement utilizing CARES Act relief funds, and \$20,000 to demolish 4703 Harvard Ave.

> Also approved was authorizing Assistant Fire Chief Nathan Pennington to resume his duties as lieutenant and vacating the assistant fire chief position.

## Laws of the Land in G.H.

Question - What are the laws in Garfield Heights regarding the parking of commercial vehicles in residential neighborhoods?

#### Answer-351.14 PARKING OF COMMERCIAL VE-HICLES IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS; PENALTY

a) No person shall park a school bus, commercial tractor, truck, panel truck, jeep-type truck, bus trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer or moving van on any street within the residential districts of the city between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise.

b) No person shall park a school bus, commercial tractor, truck, panel truck, jeep-type truck, bus trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer or moving van on any street within the residential districts of the city at any other time unless the operator or person in charge of such vehicle is on call or rendering a

service to a resident in such residential area.

(c) Whoever violates any provision of this section may, upon entering a plea of guilty, and further waiving the right of appeal and error, pay to the Clerk of Court, or in the absence of the Clerk of Court, to the Police Division, the sum of \$75.00. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one violation of Garfield Heights Codified Ordinance Section 351.14, whoever violates this shall be fined \$250.00. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to two or more violations of Garfield Heights Codified Ordinance Section 351.14, whoever violates this shall be fined \$500.00. (Ord. 64-2015)





The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS)

recently announced that former Cleveland Central Catho-

land has been selected to become a member of the

arswho have demonstrated outstanding leadership, schol- their passions.

lic High School student Shawndell Adams from Cleve- along the way - from high school to college to career -

esteemed organization. The Society recognizes top schol- resources they need to develop their strengths and pursue

NSHSS members automatically become lifetime mem-

bers at the time of their initial membership. At each step

NSHSS connects outstanding young scholars with the

# New GHPD officer on job Former CCC student receives national honor

The Garfield Heights Police Department has hired a new officer for the force through lateral transfer. Patrolman Mark Lee, 27, was sworn in by Mayor Vic Collova on Monday, Aug. 24. Officer Lee was previously employed as a patrolman with University Hospitals Police Department. Prior to joining UH he was a patrolman-reserve with the Wakeman Police Department. He is a graduate of Nordonia High School.

#### arship and community commitment. The announcement was made by NSHSS founder and Independence police seek chairman Claes Nobel, senior member of the family that robbers targeting gas Pernel Jones & Sons established the Nobel prizes. On behalf of NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the stations, convenience stores hardwork, sacrifice and commitment that Shawndell has **Funeral Home** demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of aca-demic excellence," said Nobel. "Shawndell is now a Independence Police are investigating a robbery at the member of a unique community of scholars – a community Shell gas station on Rockside and Brecksville roads over **Quality Service** that represents our very best hope for the future.' two weeks ago. The suspect is part of a group of robbers who hit gas stations/convenience stores throughout Northat Reasonable Prices east Ohio near interstate access ramps, according to BROADWAY GARDEN CENTER information taken from the weekly update of Mayor since 1973 7758 BROADWAY AVE. 216-883-2420 Gregory Kurtz. There was no robbery at the Sunoco station at Hillside FAUL QUAMBAKE SPECIAUH and Brecksville roads. The robbery last Wednesday night 7120 Cedar Ave. occurred at the Sunoco at 6000 Rockside Rd., Kurtz said. Cleveland, Ohio 44103 He said no one was injured in either crime, and the 216-431-9205 suspects got away with several hundred dollars. 20# TANK REFILL "There have been no violent or dangerous crimes in any Hours of our residential areas," Kurtz reported. Non-Tues-Thurs-Fri, 10am-2pm Certified Offer good Saturday, 10am - 1pm Tanks through 10-31-20 If you see suspicious activity, call the Independence onlv Closed Wed, and Sur Police at 216-524-1234. **Funeral Homes and Crematory EVERY THURSDAY** BUCKLE FRIDAY · SATURDAY 6130 Turney Road Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125 **SEPTEMBER 10th** (216) 663-9222 IIP **BAKE INCLUDES:** thru OCTOBER 30th **GRILLED CORN COINS COMPLETE FUNERAL PACKAGE** Serving starts at 6:00pm MASHED SWEET POTATOES **RESERVATIONS or WALK-INS WELCOME** Services of Funeral Director & Staff Transfer of Loved One **CHICKEN LEG QUARTER** PER BAKE Preparation of Loved One Visitations **ONE DOZEN MIDDLENECK CLAMS** ALSO • Funeral Coach Funeral Escort AVAILABLE: Personalized Register Book Memorial/Praver Cards AND DRIVE **STEAK &** • Floral Spray • Thank You Cards LOBSTER CAREFULLY! **INCLUDES CHOICE OF CASKET** 795 BROADWAY · BEDFORD · 440-232-982 BAKES S3795-00 plus sales Tax NEW AND ENLARGED CHAPELS AND SEATING HUR **THESE NEIGHBORHOOD** Call The **PLACE AN AD Neighborhood News CHURCHES** Haved FOR AS LITTLE 216-441-2141 WELCOME YOU AS \$10.00 or Email your ad to: Deadline: Monday 5pm nnews1923@aol.com **Greater Holy Ghost** St. Monica Church 13623 Rockside Road Garfield Heights 216-662-8685 **Missionary Baptist Church** 12210 Miles Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44105 Pastor: Rev. Thomas Haren Parish Mass is now being this weekend Services 11:30 am Sundays Live Streamed at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday morning Rev. Robinson Crenshaw, Pastor Shrine Church of Jones Road Church Saint Stanislaus 8000 Jones Rd., Cleveland, 44105 3649 East 65th Street (216) 883-8572 Cleveland, Ohio 44105 Sunday Service: 11:00 a.m. NEW WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE Monday through Friday - 7AM The Lutheran Church Monday & Friday - 12:15PM of the Covenant Tuesday (Eng) & Thursday (Pol) - 7 PM 19000 Libby Rd., Wednesday & Saturday - 8:30AM Maple Heights, Ohio A CONVENIENT TIME FOR EVERYONE! (216) 662-0370 (216) 341-9091







## **Robbery**

On Thursday, Sept. 10, a report was made that two work trailers were stolen in the rear of a gated building in the 8700 block of Broadway Ave. A surveillance camera may have captured the incident. The investigation continues.

## GARFIELD HEIGHTS

#### **Shots Fired**

• Shortly after midnight on Sept. 9, police responded to Fire Station #2 off E. 131 St. for a report of three females fighting. While enroute, they were advised of reports in the area of shots fired and that a caller had said a black Acura with broken headlights pulled into a driveway near the corner of Alvin Ave. and E. 131 St. and a black male exited the car and fired shots into a backyard. The officer arriving first saw two black females walking northbound on E. 131 St., while screaming. He ascertained from them that the incident had taken place in the parking lot of Gas USA. They told police someone in a black SUV was discharging a firearm but were not very clear. Officers located two spent shell casings in the Gas USA parking lot, and additional spent casings were found in a nearby vacant lot. Two suspects identified.

•On Sept. 14, at 8:33 p.m., officers responded to Vernon Ave. and Turney Rd. for a report of shots fired. They spoke to a woman outside of Showcase Bar who said she saw a silver Toyota pull into a driveway down the found the man bleeding profusely from a leg wound but street, heard several gunshots and then saw the same vehicle flee the area. She saw the car drive slowly by the the park near E. 131 St. and Cranwood Park Blvd.

casings near the driveway and rear door of the house and damage to a gutter. The owner of the home said she had heard the shots but did not realize they were in her driveway.

#### **Breaking & Entering**

Police were again called to Taco Bell at 7:17 a.m. on Sept. 12, after the district manager reviewed surveillance video which showed two suspects inside the business. Police set up a perimeter around the business, made entry and found no one inside. The safe had been tampered with but no money taken. Surveillance showed two males had broken into the restaurant and attempted to get the safe open with a blow torch but fled the scene before getting any cash. Police reviewed surveillance video from a nearby store that provided additional information. Detectives will follow up.

#### **Felonious Assault**

• On Sept. 12, at about 9:45 p.m., officers were called to the 12700 block of Service Ct. for reports of parties shooting at each other and reports of two victims of gunshot wounds on scene. The first victim had an apparent gunshot wound to his right bicep and leg, was unable to tell police what had happened and was trans-ported to Marymount Hospital. A witness told police gunshots had erupted in the backyard of a home in the 12700 block of Beechwood Ave., Cleveland. The witness then saw his nephew collapse to the ground yelling he had been shot. He dragged him behind a car and saw he had been shot in the side. The boy's father drove him to Marymount for treatment. Both victims were transferred to MetroHealth for treatment and were reported in stable condition.

• On Sept. 14, at about 11:37 p.m., a man called police reporting a male lying in his driveway bleeding at a home in the 14200 block of Cranwood Park Blvd. Officers was conscious. He told police someone had shot him at house a second time with its lights off and observed a male Officers were unable to speak to the victim after he was

driver and female passenger. Police located 10 spent shell taken to MetroHealth Medical Center. Report forwarded to Detective Bureau.

#### **Robbery – Street Strong Arm**

On Sept. 15, at about 7:30 p.m., police responded to Turneytown Shopping Center on a report of a man in a car robbed by three males. Police spoke to the victim, who had swelling on the right side of his face and refused a squad. He told them he was sitting in the parking lot with his window down finishing a cigarette before going into a store when three teen males approached and one of them asked him if he could explain how to use the GPS on his phone. He complied and then one of them opened his driver's door and said they were going to need his car and proceeded to try to pull him out of the car. One of them punched him in the face, put the car in drive and sat in the man's lap, going around the parking lot and hitting a sign in the lot. The teen grabbed \$70 from his console, jumped out of the car and all three fled north on Turney Rd. Witnesses said the three had been hanging out in front of Dave's Supermarket for over an hour asking customers if they could help them with their groceries. Officers located the suspects walking north on E. 93 St. at Harvard. They were detained without incident at E. 93 St. and Booth Áve. All three transported to City Jail. Charges pending through the Youth Bureau.

## Call tips in to CrimeStoppers

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 reluctant callers to provide information.

The 24/7 hotline number, 216-252-7463, allows the caller to remain anonymous. The phone does not have a caller ID function and calls are not recorded.

Those with information can also text TIP657 plus your message to 274637, or can submit information online at www.25crime.com.



# **Bedford receives additional \$190K**

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The city intends to provide a 30% discount in water/sewer base rates to those individuals applying for the discount in 2021, with the following requirements for applicants: must be aged 65 or older or declared 100% totally and permanently disabled by a state or federal agency, have a combined household income (all household residents over age 18) of less than \$34,366 for the year 2019, own and occupy the residence. Combined household members must not have more than \$3,000 in dividend/interest income and not be delinquent on municipal income taxes and not delinquent more than three months on their water/sewer bills to retain eligibility for the discount.

### **Speeding issues**

Council members reported at Monday's meeting that speeding continued to present a problem in their wards and throughout the city, and stated their concerns for the safety of residents, especially children, the disabled and senior citizens.

"We've got to get the message out there that it's not okay to go flying down our streets in Bedford," Councilwoman Sandy Spinks said.

City Manager Mike Mallis said that the police department continued to enforce the laws, and additional traffic control devices would be up shortly.

#### Announcements

Mallis praised the Bedford Downtown Alliance for their work in getting a mural painted in the downtown area.

Koci commented, "The best thing about this project is it was led by our citizens and not by the city... It's good to see when citizens get involved in making our city better."

Councilman Vic Fluharty said that he received notification from the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections that the voting location in his ward for the November election had been changed from Light of Hearts Villa to the Ellenwood Recreation Center, 124 Ellenwood Ave. With the ongoing pandemic and safety concerns, Fluharty recommended residents vote by mail.

City officials congratulated Gambosi and the Finance Department for receiving an Award of Distinction from the Ohio Auditor of State's Office for continued outstanding performance.



# School year opens for Garfield students

Students and staff in the Garfield Heights City Schools officially began the 2020-2021 school year on Wednesday, Sept. 9, with remote learning while teachers instructed in a virtual format.

This first official week of school came subsequent to a variety of preparatory events and activities that took place over the past several weeks, including a robust distribution of educational materials and Chromebooks for students.

They were actively engaged in their online classrooms, asking questions and performing assignments. Superintendent Chris Hanke toured the buildings to say a virtual hello to students and those staff members instructing from their classrooms.

Please remain updated with news and information from the Garfield Heights City Schools by routinely visiting the District website and social media.



Whether you are considering downsizing or helping a loved one who needs support, it's important to find trusted resources to help you navigate your choices. Jennings has a speaker series to get you started this autumn. Grab your lunch and join us online or by phone each Wednesday from 12:00noon - 1:00p.m.

Free registration; no cost to participate. Join online or by phone.

## OCTOBER 14: A safe drive through the aging process

Concerned about a loved one's ability to drive safely? Find a roadmap to help families address the issue with dignity. Presented by Keeping Us Safe.

### OCTOBER 21: Medicare open enrollment planning

Learn about the Medicare Open Enrollment Period and how to it affects you from an objective recourse. Presented by OSHIIP (Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program).

#### OCTOBER 28: Catholic burial traditions and preplanning

It's never too early to consider your burial plan. Learn more about your burial choices and planning resources. Presented by Catholic Cemeteries Association.

## NOVEMBER 4: Navigating choices in residences and services

From independent living to long-term care, learn about available choices and which financial resources will pay for them. Presented by Jennings.

#### NOVEMBER 11: Estate planning

Become acquainted with estate planning and learn about leaving a legacy through estate and charitable planning. Presented by Morgan and Associates.

## NOVEMBER 18: Holiday tips for loved ones with dementia

Holidays can be overwhelming for individuals living with memory challenges. Learn tips to make the holidays enjoyable. Presented by Alzheimer's Association.

#### DECEMBER 2: Hospice can help

Did you know that hospice emphasizes comfort and quality of life – not length of life? Learn more about hospice benefits. Presented by Jennings Hospice.

#### **DECEMBER 9: Advance directives discussion**

Give your loved ones the gift of knowledge: document your wishes through Power of Attorney; Living Wills; DNR orders and more. Presented by Daniel P. Seink and Co.



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