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# Neighborhood News closed for holiday weekend

The Neighborhood News offices will be closed this Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26 and 27, for a long Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Normal deadlines for the Dec. 2 issue will apply.

The staff and management extend wishes to all for anenjoyable and COVID-free Thanksgiving Day with everyone doing their part to make the day safe for friends and family. In spite of all the pain and heartache this year has brought, we still find plenty to be thankful for with the vaccine on the horizon and hope for a return to a more normal world in the year ahead.

# Holiday trash pickup schedule in NN areas

Bedford: Thursday and Friday collections will be delayed one day

Cleveland: Thursday and Friday collections will be delayed one day.

Cuyahoga Heights: Garbage, recycling and yard waste will be picked up on Monday as usual.

Garfield Heights: Thursday and Friday collections will be delayed one day.

Independence: If your rubbish day falls on Thanksgiving, it will be collected the following day.

**Maple Heights:** Trash collection will have a one-day delay

day, pickup will be postponed a day. Recyclables will be collected the following Friday.

# Garfield Hts. Council declares racism a public health crisis, but not without its share of controversy

#### **By Ellen Psenicka**

Garfield Heights Council met remotely Monday night and passed an emergency resolution, sponsored by Councilwoman Shayla Davis and co-sponsored by Councilmen Michael Dudley and Jason Blake, declaring racism a public health crisis in the city of Garfield Heights.

Section 1 of the legislation calls for the mayor and council to "support equitable policies" and to recognize 'that not everyone in Garfield Heights has the same opportunities; there are differences in health based on race, ethnicity, sex, neighborhood, income, education, sexual orientation, gender identity and other factors."

Section 2 calls for the establishment of a Community Relations Committee by the mayor and city council to include members to focus on "race equity, fair housing, community relations and positive health outcomes for all residents.

Section 3 urges the mayor to develop a five-year Strategic Equity Plan to be presented to council by Nov. 30, 2021.

Section 4 commits the city to making an effort to provide Garfield Heights businesses, and specifically, minorityowned Garfield Heights businesses, with an opportunity to contract with the city.

Controversy on the legislation ensued when Mayor Vic Collova objected to the language in one sentence of the resolution which stated that the city should commit to "eliminating preferential treatment for the majority while delayed until at least Jan. 4 subjecting the minority to increased hardships.

Collova said this sentence implied that the city had given preferential treatment to non-minority residents in the past and that this was simply not the case in his administration.

It was suggested by Councilman Mike Nenadovich that the legislation go to a second reading to work out the conflict but the resolution's sponsors said there had been ample time for anyone with objections to have voiced them earlier and wanted to proceed.

Council President Matt Burke voted to amend the legislation to omit the phrase the mayor objected to, which was approved by a 4-3 vote, with the three no votes coming from Davis, Dudley and Blake.

The resolution itself went on to passage by another 4-3 vote, with the same three dissenting.

Also passed by council Monday were the following pieces of legislation:

• Authorizing an amendment to the Collective Bargain-Valley View: If the holiday falls on a scheduled rubbish ing Agreement between the city and Local 2729 and Council 8 AFSCME, AFLO-CIO to provide all AFSCME employees with a 3% raise for 2021;

• Authorizing an amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the city and the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc. to allow a 3% raise for safety dispatchers beginning Jan. 1, 2021;

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•Authorizing an amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement and the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc. to provide jailers (probation) and records clerks with a 3% raise and a 3.6% raise for jailers effective Jan. 1, 2021;

Creating the position of "recreation coordinator" in the Parks & Recreation Department and authorizing a 3% wage increase for all full and part-time, active, non-union city employees, effective Jan. 1, 2021;

• Entering into an agreement with O.R. Colan Associates, LLC for the purpose of relocating the homeowners at 4909 Orchard Rd. The city had been awarded a Community Development Block Grant of \$106,000 to mitigate problems at the property by developing the 4909 Orchard Slope Project and directing City Engineer Dave Krock to go out for bids for the project.

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# **Students in G.H. City Schools** learning remotely; activities

With the Cuyahoga County Board of Health's advisory resolution recommending that everyone stay home as much as is practical, the Garfield Heights City Schools is implementing the following changes to its programming, as noted by Superintendent Chris Hanke in an email to Bulldog families last week.

Beginning Monday, Nov. 23 through Dec. 22, all students will be in remote learning. This includes low incidence special education students that have been attending school two days per week. The district will evaluate what format changes, if any, will be instituted for the return from winter break on Jan. 4.

Beginning Monday, Nov. 23 through Sunday, Jan. 3, all sports and co-curricular activities are postponed including all meetings, practices, games and any and all other in-person activities. There are no exceptions to this rule. The district hopes to restart sports after winter break on Jan. 4.

This week, all school and other district buildings will be closed, working remotely so a deep cleaning can be done.

Starting Monday, Nov. 30, food service will resume as normal at all buildings.



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# **G.H.** Council declares

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The only bid was for about \$230,000, far more than the home is worth. This legislation allows the city to use the grant funding money to relocate the homeowners and demolish the house.

An ordinance to change the zoning of four parcels of land at 12824 and 12828 Rockside Rd., and 6017 and 6021 Turney Rd. from U-1 Single Family Residential to U-4 Retail/Commercial for the purpose of expanding

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Mayor Annette M. Blackwell City of Maple Heights

#### **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS**

A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, December 14, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., before the Maple Heights Planning and Zoning Commission via video/teleconference to consider an application from Kevin Brown of PIRHL Acquisitions LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment regarding the following parcels PPN 781-19-030, 781-19-031, 781-19-032, 781-19-034, 781-19-035, 781-19-036, 781-19-037, 781-19-038, 781-19-054, 781-19-055, 781-19-056, 781-19-057, 781-19-058, 781-19-059, 781-19-060, 781-19-061, 781-19-062, 781-19-063, 781-19-064, 781-19-065, 781-19-066, and 781-19-067 from Residential Single Family–Medium Density (RSF-M) to Residential Multi-Family (RMF) for the development of an affordable senior housing community.

Planning and Zoning Commission Members, Administrative Staff, members of Council and the Public may access the meeting by the following methods:

By computer (if have a camera and microphone), tablet or smartphone:

1. Download the Go To Meeting App on your computer, tablet or smartphone: https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/165984597

2. Once installed then download the link below onto your computer, tablet or smartphone to join the Council meeting: https://www.gotomeet.me/FrankConsolo

#### By telephone:

1. Dial 1-646-749-3112

2. Enter Access Code 165-984-597

Members of the public will only be allowed to speak during the Public Hearing portion of this meeting.

The application and all supporting materials are available for review during normal business hours in the Maple Heights Building Department, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

> Leonette Cicirella Johnson Clerk of Council/PZC Secretary **City of Maple Heights**

The Neighborhood News Wednesday, November 25, 2020 the Sunoco station at the corner of Turney and Rockside rds. was passed for a second reading.

Before the zoning can be changed, however, it must also be approved by Garfield Heights voters at the next municipal election.

A special council meeting will be held today, Wednesday, Nov. 25, at 5 p.m. via telephone conference to take further action on the zoning proposals. Those wishing to listen to the meeting can call 978-990-5000, Access Code: 347932#.

The planning commission at an October meeting recommended the zoning change.

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Also passed for second readings were two ordinances revising certain codified ordinances to bring them in compliance with current state law as provided in the Ohio Constitution.

# Gang arrests, indictments

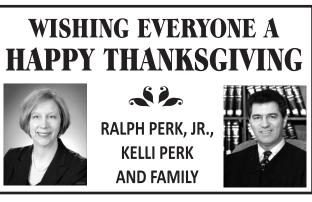
The Cleveland Division of Police, in partnership with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office, announced last week that a Cuyahoga County Grand Jury returned a secret indict-ment on Nov. 17, against 10 members of the Percy Homies gang.

The charges range from high level drug trafficking and aggravated robbery to carrying concealed weapons and failure to comply with lawful orders.

The gang mainly resides in the Harvard-Miles neighborhood on the city's southeast side.

Last week members of the Cleveland F.B.I. Safe Streets Gang Task Force, under Operation Legend, executed arrest warrants, taking 6 of the 10 individuals into custody. In addition, search warrants were executed on residential homes and a total of seven guns were seized. Narcotics, including heroin and marijuana, along with cash were also seized.

The Safe Streets Gang Task Force was assisted in the warrant executions by the Cleveland Division of Police SWAT Unit, the F.B.I. SWAT Unit, Eastside Departments Group Enforcement, the Southeast Area Law Enforcement Task Force and the Ohio Investigation Unit.



#### **CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO**

List of Meetings for December 2020	
Tuesday, December 1, 2020	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Monday, December 7, 2020	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 9, 2020	Southeast Area Law Enforcement (SEALE) Board of Trustees Meeting (if needed) Work Session - 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting - 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 15, 2020	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Monday, December 21, 2020	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 22, 2020	Board of Zoning Appeals (if needed) Work Session - 6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.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.

> Tracy M. Simons **Clerk of Council**

NN: 11-25-20

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Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 6700 Lansing Ave., Cleveland, OH 44105. Please meet at church. Burial at Calvary Cemetery, 10000 Miles Ave., Cleveland, OH 44105 immediately following services. In lieu of flowers, donations appreciated. Arrangements by Bican Bros. Funeral Home.

#### **MARGARET N. TEWELL**

From our family to yours...

Tony, Gail, Jack, Kluber and Casey

Margaret N. Tewell (nee Gwyn), age 99. Beloved wife of James (deceased); mother of James (Carolyn) and Thomas (Clare); grandmother of Micah, Miranda (Dave), Thomas and Samuel; great-grandmother of Lillian; sister of (all deceased); dear aunt and friend day, Nov. 21, at Vito-Nero Funeral Home, 6130 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights.

LEONARDA R. WISNIEWSKI

Leonarda R. Wisniewski, age 94, passed away Nov. 18, 2020, in Holly Ridge, N.C. She is survived by her daughter Mary Louise (Julius); sons Charles and Brian (Nancy); grandchildren Elizabeth, Julia, Rebecca and Zoey. Lee was preceded in death by her husband Leonard, sisters Eleanor and Clara and brother Richard. Funeral services and Mass of Christian Burial will be held Wednesday, Nov. 25, at



Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 11 a.m., followed by interment at St. Mary's Cemetery. Arrangements by Tabone-Komorowski Funeral Home.

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# **Death Notices**

#### HERSCHEL V. MAGGARD, JR.

HerschelV. Maggard, Jr., 58, of Cleveland, Ohio, passed away unexpectedly in his home due to a heart attack.

He is survived by his children Herschel III (Christina), Jessica

(Michael), Joseph and JoeyAnn Maggard, stepdaughter Kerigen Stackpole, granddaughters - Serenity, Savannah, and McKayla Maggard, Raven Dabila, Myah and Paisley Matthews; siblings - Ralph, of many. Services were held last Satur-Debra, Donna, Patricia, Mark, and Billy Earnhart and his dog, Buster. Uncle, cousin and friend to many.

Herschel is preceded in death by his parents, Herschel V. Maggard, Sr. and Barbara (nee Genius) and stepfather Talbert Earnhart and his brother Robert Maggard.

Herschel had a green thumb and took pride in his plants and even won awards. He was an avid collector of many things and also enjoyed fishing. Herschel was the owner of Rocky's Pizza & Wings for many years.

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# **Mayor Vic Collova** and Jeannie Collova

# Indy Council finalizes 'smart camera' legislation

At the Nov. 10 meeting of Independence Council an ordinance was passed to accept the proposal of Flock Safety to install and lease 31 automated license plate readers (ALPR cameras) and software for the police department. The lease on the equipment is for two years at a cost not to exceed \$162,750.

In his report to council, Mayor Gregory Kurtz noted that "these are smart cameras, not speed cameras. The sophisticated, remote-controlled technology will allow dispatchers to monitor the entire Rockside Rd./I-77/I-480 area and identify a vehicle's make, type, color and license plate with high resolution precision. It is a cost-effective system that will help prevent and solve crimes.'

At the caucus meeting prior to the council meeting, Police Chief Michael Kilbane said that the new equipment would be an expansion of the ALPR camera that the city obtained through a grant a couple of years ago that currently covers the Rt. 21 and Rockside intersection.

'We have had tremendous success with that camera with both identifying suspects and tracking vehicles. It is tied into Cuyahoga County's ALPR network that covers most of the suburbs and a good portion of Cleveland with major intersections," the chief said.

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may you enjoy this

wonderful time of year.

In talking about placement of the cameras, Kilbane said they will be installed where they will have the most immediate impact.

"It's obvious that Rockside is the center of our activity, unfortunately, when it comes to criminal activity at this point," he said. "So that was the no-brainer for the priority. Surprisingly we had an uptick in theft offenses in crimes that were occurring in the Cloverleaf area and some of those businesses and the Granger Rd. area. That became the second priority just because of the volume and number. Now close behind those are obviously Pleasant Valley and eventually down the road we would like to get the entire Rt. 21 corridor covered.<sup>3</sup>

It was also noted at the meeting that alerts can be set on the cameras, which are connected directly to the National Crime Information computer and the FBI, so if anyone with a stolen vehicle or a felony warrant or a misdemeanor warrant drives through the city, the cameras will automatically trigger and send an alert to the computers in all the officers' cars that are on the road.

#### Other legislation passed

Happy Thanksgiving!!

Jason and

•An ordinance authorizing a contract with the Cuyahoga

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County General Health District for public health services for 2021 for the city of Independence. Finance Director Vern Blaze said the county is proposing the same rate for 2021 as it charged in 2020.

•An ordinance authorizing the disposal of the city's surplus goods and equipment through GovDeals online auction service.

Purchase and delivery of a new 2021 Ford F-350 4x4, chassis, dump body and an eight-foot plow for the recreation department.

 $\bullet\,Enter\,into\,a\,\$45,\!000\,settlement\,agreement\,and\,release$ with R.E. Warner & Associates, Inc. in regard to sewer lines on Hemlock Trail.

•Agreement with Dempsey Surveying Co. for professional services in connection with footer grade checks and final grade checks for the city's new house construction process.

•Agreement with NOPEC to receive Energized Community grants for 2020.

• Declared improvements to certain parcels of property owned by Redwood Corporate One LLC to be exempt from taxation, describing public improvements to be made to directly benefit the parcels and requiring owners of parcels to make service payments in lieu of taxes.

•Amended an ordinance regarding compensation of part-time firefighters/paramedics to elevate their pay scale to Level 3, advancing the position to a more competitive compensation rate.

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#### Shooting

On Nov. 18, at 8:05 p.m., in the 7200 block of Park Ave., a male victim, age 29, was shot multiple times, with two gunshot wounds to the abdomen and one to the chest. EMS conveyed to University Hospitals.

#### Stabbing

On Nov. 23, at 8:02 p.m., a 28-year-old man was stabbed at a home in the 3400 block of E. 49 St. Medic transported him to MetroHealth Medical Center.

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We look to You for the bread of Thanksgiving and the love that You share with everyone. Let us be thankful for all the gifts that You have provided in our lives.

Look to those who are in need and bless them with your eternal Spirit. We ask You to be with those who are alone today and can't be with their families.

Please send down Your blessing to us as we look with hope to the new year.

Amen.

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(written by Jennings' Executive Chef Michael Mills)

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# Letters to the Editor Objects to last minute change in racism legislation

Reference the vote on Resolution 20-2020, sponsored by Councilwoman Shayla Davis, cosponsored by Councilman Michael Dudley, Sr. and Councilman Jason Blake, declaring racism a public health hazard, at the Garfield Heights Council meeting of Nov. 23, 2020.

This legislation had been previously discussed at the Legislative Committee meeting of Nov. 5, 2020, giving members more than adequate time to review the legislation. It even received praise from some members of city council at that meeting. There was no objection to the language then or prior to this meeting.

But because of the last minute language changes to section 2 of page 2 at Monday's council meeting, some of the very substance for dealing with the racial concerns was removed. The resolution was created to address such issues. I don't believe these particular changes served in the best interest of the people.

There were three no votes, which included two no votes from the only two Black members serving on council. The passage was not a historical moment for myself as well as some others. Once again it has shown our voices are not being heard. I could not in good conscience have voted for the passage of Resolution 20-2020, after the amendment they made.

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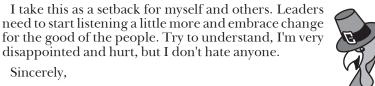
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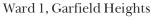
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