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## Free COVID-19 testing

Free COVID-19 testing will begin on Thursday, Dec. 3, at Elizabeth Baptist Church, 6114 Francis Ave., Cleveland. The testing will expand to Lee Memorial AME, 861 E. 105 St., Cleveland, and Lee Road Baptist Church, 3970 Lee Rd., Cleveland on Dec. 4.

There is no preregistration and no limitations on testing. ID or insurance are not necessary.

Testing at all locations will likely go until the end of December and be on the following timetable: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The goal is to administer 100 tests per site each day until a total of 6,000 tests are performed. Each individual who takes a test will also receive a food box.

## Indy Holiday Tree Lighting

The city of Independence will hold a "drive-thru" Holiday Tree Lighting this Saturday, Dec. 5, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. All the city departments are working together to ensure that all necessary coronavirus restrictions will be followed.

All the lights and decorations on Public Square and throughout Elmwood Park will be turned on at 5:30 p.m. This year's festivities are for residents only.

## PICTURE PERFECT



Heavy snowfalls Tuesday throughout Northeast Ohio closed schools, uprooted trees, caused power outages and headaches for those on the roadways.

The Neighborhood News on Garfield Blvd., in Garfield Heights, was without power from Tuesday morning until Wednesday morning, forcing a one-day delay in production and delivery of the weekly newspaper.

But by yesterday morning the sun was out and shining in most local areas including the Garfield Reservation of the Cleveland Metroparks, as shown here in a photo taken in the area of the Old Boating Pond Bridge.

*Photo by Elena Psenicka*

## It's official - State auditor lifts Maple Heights from fiscal emergency status

By Judith Goldsworth

Maple Heights officials have another reason to be thankful this Thanksgiving as after almost six years Ohio State Auditor Keith Faber has declared the city to be officially out of fiscal emergency, as announced at council's teleconference meeting Nov. 18.

"This is a great day for Maple Heights, and I will always remember this day as one of new hope as we were released from fiscal emergency," Mayor Annette Blackwell said at the meeting, held a few hours after Faber's office gave the word that Maple Heights was now firmly in the black.

In early 2015, the state auditor's office, then headed by Dave Yost who is now Ohio's attorney general, placed Maple Heights in a state of fiscal emergency after the city was found to have a deficit of more than \$2.7 million.

A five-year financial recovery plan was implemented, and after former Mayor Jeffrey Lansky chose not to seek reelection, Blackwell was elected to her first term as mayor in November 2015, and immediately went into action with other city officials, under the supervision of the state auditor's office, to bring the city out of its deficit.

Cost-cutting measures included reducing expenses and imposing a moratorium on employee raises, and revenue-generating actions included bringing new businesses to the city.

The efforts of Blackwell, Finance Director Tinita Tillman, Law Director Frank Consolo, council members, department heads and all city employees paid off, the mayor said, as Maple Heights was released from fiscal emergency the afternoon of Wednesday, Nov. 18.

"Thank you for your support, faith and resilience," Blackwell said at the meeting. "I wish we had a bell tower that we could ring, because Maple Heights feels like a winner again."

Council members gave their thanks for all the work by the administration and employees that led to Maple Heights being taken out of fiscal emergency, with Councilwoman Toni Jones praising Blackwell for her role in bringing the city out of deficit.

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## Garfield Hts. Council OKs zoning change

An ordinance to change the zoning of four parcels of land at 12824 and 12828 Rockside Rd., and 6017 and 6021 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights, from U-1 Single Family Residential to U-4 Retail/Commercial for the purpose of expanding the Sunoco station at the corner of Turney and Rockside rds. was passed last Wednesday, Nov. 25, at a special meeting of Garfield Heights Council.

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

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

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## Turkey winners named!

Due to the generosity of 47 local merchants, a total of 48 Thanksgiving turkeys were given away this past week in the annual Neighborhood News Turkey Giveaway. The names of participating merchants and turkey winners are listed below:

Winners of this year's Thanksgiving Turkey Contest and the participating merchants who provided gift cards for turkeys are: #1 Roofing, 216-319-0430, Mike Gura of Maple Hts.; Ace Hardware, 5680 Turney Rd., Steve Lesko of Cumberland; BPL Plasma, 6813 Broadway Ave., Beth Groves of W. 105 St.; Cuyahoga Heights Mayor Jack Bacci, Bob Cermak of Wynde Trail; Ward 5 Garfield Heights Councilman Jason X. Blake, Sandy Dobies of Parma; Ward 12 Cleveland Councilman Tony Brancatelli, Dan Brian of Silverdale; Broadway Scrap Metals, 8202 Broadway Ave., Debbie Seguin of W. 134 St.; Browns Tavern, 5211 Harvard Ave., Joseph Cline of E. 54 St.; Garfield Heights Council President Matt Burke, Sean Fitzgibbon; Century 21 Arrow Realty, 4975 Turney Rd., Mike Smothers of Krakow Ave.; Charmin Carmen's, 6073 Turney Rd., Jeff Tretera of Turney Rd.; Garfield Heights Mayor Vic Collova, Glenn Hanus of Donovan Dr.; Tony D'Eusano, realtor, 216-956-9277, Elizabeth Lamatrice of

Green Dr.; Dave's Supermarket, 7422 Harvard Ave., Ken Forestall of E. 54 St.; Dave's Supermarket, 4948 Turney Rd., Agnes Lachman of Grace Ave.

Dependable Electric, 440-845-8661, Anthony Zaranec of Torrington; Ward 2 Garfield Heights Councilman Chuck Donahue, Leon A. Jarosz of Carol Dr.; First Federal Lakewood, Garfield Commons, Kevin Dolan of Stone Rd.; Fisher Auto Parts, 5727 Turney Rd., Karen Brayes of Fruitside Rd.; Garfield Jewelers, 5841 Turney Rd. (two winners): Steve Flowers of West Side and Mary Lehman of Tonsing Dr.; Gas USA, 7020 Harvard Ave., Rick Harko of E. 50 St.; Giant Eagle, City View Center, Linda Zak; Great Clips, City View Center, Bernie Sliva, Plymouth Ave.; Harry's Steakhouse, 5664 Brecksville Rd., Jerry Custer; K&K Meat Shoppe, Turney-Dunham Plaza, Thelma Pauell of Longvale; Matrix III Income Tax Service, 5258 Transportation Blvd., Maryann Terrill of Beman Ave.; Maw's Sauce, 216-543-3283, Ronald Grams of Bangor Ave.; Mike's Pizza, 3966 E. 42 St., Paul Rydzinski of Washington Park Blvd.; The Neighborhood News, 8613 Garfield Blvd., Fannie Ross of Clement Ave.; Ward 3 Garfield Heights Councilman Mike Nenadovich, Theresa Kagas of Charles St.; R&K Sausage and Catering, 7700 Harvard Ave., Nick Posateri of E. 74 St.

Rad Air Complete Car Care, 5266 Turney Rd., Diana Lappert of Hathaway Rd.; RE/MAX Haven Realty, 5306 Transportation Blvd., Pat Shetler of E. 119 St.; Ricco's Garfield Salon, 8809 Garfield Blvd., Joyce Mudra of Hillsdale; Subway at Turney Town, Joann Keshock of Thraves Ave.; Sunoco/Fleet Deli, 7025 Fleet Ave., Frank; Sweetly Shoibhan Pastries & Bubble Tea, 5524 Turney Rd., Chris Migchelbrink of E. 90 St.; Tiffany's Pizza and Grinders, 5035 Turney Rd., Kim Wenz of Carol Dr.; Turney Sunoco, 6009 Turney Rd., Dolores Kubicek of E. 88 St.; Turney Town Shell/Dairy Mart, 5095 Turney Rd., Nancy Harp of Andover; Turney Town Sunoco, 4935 Turney Rd., Mary Arbogast of Princeton Ave.; The UPS Store in Garfield Commons, Nancy Finch of Grannis Ave.; Ward 7 Garfield Heights Councilman Tom Vaughn, Richard Hokes of Havana Rd.; Walgreens, 520 Broadway Ave., Bedford, Leon R.; Walgreens, 12777 Rockside Rd., Garfield Heights, Nancy Kazik of Stockton; Shannon Landscaping & Snowplowing, 216-441-6167, Cindy Johnson.

## Cleveland Council updates

Cleveland City Council held a virtual meeting electronically on Wednesday, Nov. 18, and adopted various ordinances and resolutions. Here are highlights from the meeting, as noted in a press advisory from council.

- Swore in Jenny Spencer as the new councilwoman representing Ward 15 replacing Matt Zone, who resigned.

- Approved the creation of a Division of Health Equity and Social Justice within the city's Department of Health.

The legislation, aimed at overhauling the health department, includes hiring a commissioner whose job will include developing a strategic plan to make the department more effective and relevant.

That task includes addressing major public health issues, including systemic racism which is a root cause of inequity in health care, as noted in the council press advisory. The commissioner will be charged with identifying strategies and goals to promote health equity and social justice.

- Amended legislation striking the requirement that residents must hire police officers to oversee neighborhood social gatherings. The legislation removes the costly burden of hiring officers for block parties and private gatherings of less than 100 people.

- Approved issuing a permit to the Italian American Brotherhood Club to install a life-size bronze statue of Cleveland baseball legend Rocky Colavito in the city's Tony Brush Park in Little Italy.

The Italian club will design, install and maintain the statue. The unveiling of the statue is expected to take place in late spring.

- Authorized spending \$16 million to repair and upgrade the Five-mile Crib, which is the city's offshore water-intake station. The crib was built between 1896 and 1914. Its last major repairs were made in 1991. The newly budgeted repairs will take place over the next three years.

- Introduced legislation that will permit the Tamir Rice Foundation to encroach on city property for the purpose of building a street scape in memory of Tamir Rice.



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## St. Nicholas Festival

The St. Nicholas Festival is free & open to all children of the community. We will be doing a virtual St. Nick night this year. Children need to be registered by an adult for this event and have internet access.

**Friday, December 4 is the deadline for registration and is required. Space is limited to the first 48 registrants, children ages 3 - 8th grade.**

**Please contact the church office to register.**  
**CovenantLC@sbcglobal.net or 216-662-0370**

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## State auditor lifts Maple Heights from fiscal emergency

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Council President Ron Jackson also thanked Garfield Heights Mayor Vic Collova and Garfield Heights Finance Director Barb Biro for their assistance, adding, "They were amazing in their help."

### Seeking \$200K in grants

At the Nov. 18 meeting, council approved a resolution authorizing Blackwell and City Engineer Ed Hren to apply to the Cuyahoga County Department of Development for a 2020 Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$150,000 to help pay for ADA (Americans With Disabilities Act) improvements to Maple Heights City Hall.

Council also approved another resolution to apply to the county for a 2021 Community Development Supplemental Grant in the amount of \$50,000 with the same goal, to make the facility accessible to persons with disabilities.

If the city receives the grants, the funding will be used for a proposed elevator at City Hall, as well as a separate project to increase access for disabled individuals to the vestibule and bathrooms, Economic Development Director Patrick Grogan-Myers stated.

Council passed an ordinance allowing the Ohio Department of Transportation to complete a \$150,000 infrastructure project in the Maple Heights schools "that will enhance the sidewalks and crossings along the main routes to school, including adding high visibility signage, thermoplastic pavement markings and striping work" along Dunham Rd. from Turney to Rockside rds.

ODOT will be making federal funding available for the project.

Council also passed legislation to schedule a public hearing for 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 16, on the recommendation by the Planning Commission that one parcel on Lee Rd. be rezoned from two family residential to neighborhood commercial zoning district, and that this parcel be consolidated with an adjacent piece of property into one parcel at 5301 Lee Rd., at the request

of Omar Dawabsly of Magic Hair and Beauty Supply Store.

An ordinance to amend this year's city budget "to account for certain changes in expenditures" for the fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 2020, was also approved by council.

A motion for council to approve Blackwell's appointments of Ron DiNardo, Calvin Singleton and R. Kevin Madison to the city's Architectural Review Board was passed.

### Announcements

Councilman Stafford Shenett, in his report on the Community Life and Education Committee, said there will be a youth Christmas event planned for Wednesday, Dec. 23, where gifts will be delivered to young people in the city. Those interested are asked to register in advance.

Police Chief Todd Hansen said the annual "Shop With a Cop" held by George Murray F.O.P. Lodge 67 will be held again this year. However, due to the pandemic, needy children will not be taken shopping in person by police officers for the holidays, but will receive gift cards this year. Raffle tickets are still being sold at the Maple Heights Police Department to benefit the event, he said.

## Early renewal of dog licenses available now; discount for mail-in, online renewals

For the first time ever, the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter is doing early renewal for dog licensing, with special discounts for those who renew online or by mail.

Ohio law requires dog owners to renew their dog license each year between Dec. 1 and Jan. 31. Dog licenses help support Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter operations.

Payment options include:

- One Year Licenses (expiring Jan. 31, 2022): \$20, or \$17 if renewed by Dec. 15 online.

- Three Year Licenses (expiring Jan. 31, 2024): \$60, or \$57 if renewed by Dec. 15 online.

- Permanent Licenses (no expiration date): \$200, or \$197 if renewed by Dec. 15 online.

The Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter has three different options for renewing or registering for a dog license:

1. Online: This is the fastest and easiest option, which can be done on the Animal Shelter website.

2. By mail: Download the PDF application and mail in your check or money order.

3. Visit one of the many neighborhood locations, including Pet Supplies Plus and Drug Mart or the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter (only One Year Licenses are available at neighborhood locations).

"Having a license for your dog isn't only a law, but it's also a lost dog's ticket home as its license number attached to its collar is all we need to identify its owner," said County Animal Shelter Director Mindy Natichionni.

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Brenda L. Brown, 600 Turney Rd. Apt 221 Bedford, OH 44146, 5x5, ending at 10:30AM. Unit appears to contain: Kitchen Appliances, Decorative & Household Items, Table, Luggage, Baskets, Totes, Boxes, Bags, Misc. Items. \$50 cleaning deposit.

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Tenisha Woods, 20612 Harvard Avenue, Warrensville Hts. 44122, 5x5, ending at 10:30AM. Unit appears to contain: Clothing, Boxes, Bags, Backpack. Misc. Items. \$50 cleaning deposit.

Roger E. Grimes, 4471 Granada Blvd. Apt. 119. Warrensville Hts., OH 44128, 10x8, ending at 10:35AM, Unit appears to contain: window A/C, Toy 4 wheeler, Purses, Clothing, Totes, Bags. \$50 cleaning deposit

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## Shot to death in Maple Hts.

Last Wednesday, Nov. 25, at 12:23 a.m., Maple Heights police responded to the parking lot of 5151 Lee Rd., for a report of gunshots in the area. When officers arrived they found a 46-year-old black male suffering from gunshot wounds in the driveway of the apartment complex. Medical aid was summoned for the victim but he succumbed to his injuries before the aid arrived on scene.

The investigation by MHPD is ongoing. There is no one in custody for the homicide at this point, police noted. The Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office are assisting in the investigation.

Anyone with information related to the incident can contact the MHPD Detective Bureau at 216-587-9624 or [Detectives@mhpdc-ohio.com](mailto:Detectives@mhpdc-ohio.com) or Crime Stoppers.

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### Post 309

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### St. Andrew's

St. Andrew Church, 16029 Maple Park Dr., Maple Heights, will be serving fish fry dinners from 5-7 p.m. this Friday, Dec. 4, for dine-in or carryout service. Enjoy crispy cod with pirohi or fries, pirohi dinners, shrimp dinners or combos. For carryouts, call 216-475-9365.

## CELEBRATING DAYS GONE BY



In 1938, the Garfield Theatre, a 1300-seat motion picture theater located at 4717 Turney Rd., in Garfield Heights, was opened by Frank Pursinski. It featured four movies weekly, offering tickets for a child, junior and adult.

Then off to the theatre where once the door opened the smell of fresh popcorn and yummy treats like Dots, Clark bars and sodas surrounded you. All there for you to enjoy while seeing the weekly feature.

The Garfield Theatre brought enjoyment to the community until 1965, when a fire closed the venue. At the age of 16, the writer of this article, Karen Blazey-Niemczura, was supposed to go to work at the theater, but the fire put her out of a job. The theater was demolished in August, 2010.

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# Community police reports

## GARFIELD HEIGHTS

### Burglary

•Police were dispatched to the 8400 block of Garfield Blvd. on Nov. 16, about 4 p.m., for a burglary report. The victim related that when she had returned home, she discovered her front window had been broken out. The rear entrance door into the residence and the rear common door (there is also an upstairs apartment) were both wide open. There were several areas where blood had been smeared, apparently from the broken window. The victim said a jar of loose change was taken and a bottle of liquor.

•Three males were arrested by police on Nov. 22, at 12:45 p.m., after they forced entry into a home in the 13100 block of South Parkway, where two juvenile females and one adult female were in the house and hiding. Once inside the home, the men refused to allow the women to leave and made threats to harm them if they did not give them information. The men took \$10,000 in cash and two firearms from the home and fled. Responding officers located the males and arrested two of them. The third jumped into a vehicle and fled.

### Theft of Motor Vehicle

On Nov. 16, at 5:20 p.m., police responded to the 4900

block of E. 107 St. for a report of a stolen car. The victim said when she went into her house she heard someone start her car and speed off north. She said she might have left her keys in the car., a 2009 Hyundai Sonata. Vehicle entered into LEADS as stolen.

### Body Found

Officers responded to the 12900 block of Rockside Rd. for an unresponsive female inside a vehicle on Nov. 17, about 8:50 a.m. They found the female sitting in the front passenger seat of a car cold to the touch and unresponsive. She appeared to have been dead for some time, but there were no obvious signs of foul play. Police spoke to the driver of the car, who said he didn't know the dead female's name or that she was deceased. He said he picked her up the day before at Miles and E. 114 St. and hadn't slept all night. His wife said her husband was a crack cocaine user and had never seen the woman before today. The man said he would talk with GHPD detectives on scene further at the police station, where he was taken.

### Shots Fired

Police were dispatched to the area of E. 131 St. and Broadway Ave. on Nov. 24, about 3 p.m., for a report of a disturbance and shots being fired. The caller said a white Cadillac Escalade was involved and had fled east on Broadway. Officers were able to watch surveillance video which showed two vehicles, the white Escalade and a black Kia sedan, pull into the driveways of two homes in the 12900 block of Broadway Ave., with 5-6 people getting out of the cars and a disturbance ensuing. Two of the males were seen brandishing weapons. One of the men appeared to fire at a male victim but did not strike him. No shell casings or bullet holes were located.

### Aggravated Robbery

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# Community police reports

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## INDEPENDENCE

### Felonious Assault

Late Friday night, Nov. 20, Independence police responded to a call of a disturbance near the Embassy Suites on Rockside Rd. Multiple officers were on the scene in less than two minutes, reported Mayor Gregory Kurtz in his weekly email newsletter.

Police Chief Michael Kilbane said a large group of people had booked a hotel room for a private party. A fight began inside the room and spilled out into the parking lot. An intoxicated, 20-something male allegedly began shooting, hitting some vehicles and prompting partygoers to flee the scene.

Police arrested the suspected shooter and confiscated a handgun. No one was injured.

The mayor said some people posted misinformation on social media, which, he said, "only creates unnecessary panic and does not serve anyone."

A Cuyahoga County grand jury has charged the suspect with felonious assault and carrying a concealed weapon

## PUBLIC HEARING

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 the following applications:

**2020-PZ-25** An application from the City of Maple Heights requesting approval of a lot consolidation necessary to fulfill the requirements of Sect. 1226.02(c) of the MH Codified Ordinances concerning property located in a Residential Single Family-Medium Density (RSF-M) Zoning District at 16004 Raymond Street, Maple Heights, Ohio.

**2020-PZ-26** An application from Matt Casey of The Zaremba Group requesting approval of the following: 1) design review of a new 9,100 sq. ft. Dollar General retail store; 2) lot split plat; 3) a variance from the off-street parking requirements of Sect. 1290.06(u) of the MH Codified Ordinances; and 4) a variance from the requirements of Sect. 1294.06 of the MH Codified Ordinances to eliminate the 6 ½' perimeter screening (minimum bufferyard) at the north parking lot in a General Commercial (GC) Zoning District at 5510 Warrensville Center Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

**2020-PZ-27** An application from Vonn R. Morgan of It Takes a Village Early Learning Center requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit under Sect. 1280.04(M) of the MH Codified Ordinances to operate a child day care center in a General Commercial (GC) Zoning District at 15001 Turney Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

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

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

The applications 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  
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without a permit. The police investigation continues, and the grand jury may file additional charges, Kurtz said.

## MAPLE HEIGHTS

### Aggravated Robbery

On Monday, Nov. 30, at 4:18 p.m., Maple Heights police received a call of a robbery involving a firearm at Mike and Reggie's Beverage Store, 14141 Granger Rd. The suspect walked into the store and pointed a black, semiautomatic handgun at the store cashier and demanded money. After getting the money, the suspect fled on foot towards Beech Ave.

No one was injured during the robbery. The suspect was viewed on video surveillance and is described as a black male, approximately 18 to 20 years of age with a thin build. He was wearing a blue disposable mask covering his face, a blue North Face winter jacket and black shoes with white trim and red tips.

Anyone with information related to this case is urged to contact the Maple Heights Detective Bureau at 216-587-9624 or [Detectives@mhpd-ohio.com](mailto:Detectives@mhpd-ohio.com). Information can also be supplied to Crime Stoppers.

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### CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS - ORDINANCE NO.: 81-2020

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, KNOWN AS ORDINANCE NO. 121-1962, PROVIDING FOR THE REVISION OF THE BUILDING ZONE MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF CERTAIN PARCELS AS FOLLOWS:

PARCEL NO./ADDRESS	OWNER OF RECORD	FROM	TO
543-28-060 12824 Rockside Road	Mohamed R. Salem	U-1 Single Family Residential	U-4 Retail/Commercial
543-28-061 12828 Rockside Road	Abraham A. Salem	U-1 Single Family Residential	U-4 Retail/Commercial
543-28-004 6017 Turney Road	Abraham A. Salem	U-1 Single Family Residential	U-4 Retail/Commercial
543-28-005 6021 Turney Road	Mohamed R. Salem	U-1 Single Family Residential	U-4 Retail/Commercial

*WHEREAS*, Mohamed R. Salem and Abraham A. Salem are the current owners of said parcels of land and intend to develop said parcels into U-4 Retail/Commercial for the purpose of constructing a new Sunoco station at the intersection of Turney Road and Rockside Road and

*WHEREAS*, the Planning Commission, pursuant to its meeting held on October 21, 2020 is submitting its recommendation to the Ways and Means Committee of City Council that said parcels be rezoned from their present zoning classification to U-4 Retail/Commercial use, and

*WHEREAS*, Section 15 of the Garfield Heights City Charter requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of City Council in support of said change in zoning before said change can be implemented, and

*WHEREAS*, Section 58 of the Garfield Heights City Charter requires that said change in zoning ultimately be approved by a majority vote of all votes cast at any regular municipal election, and

*WHEREAS*, this recommended rezoning will result in using this land in a way that will promote the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this City, and will enable both the City and the owners of these parcels to place their property in its highest and best use.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio that:

Section 1. After report from Planning Commission and after a public hearing for which fifteen (15) days notice has been published as required by law and notice to contiguous property owners was given at least twenty (20) days before said public hearing, the zoning provisions of the Zoning Code and Zoning Map are hereby amended as follows:

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Section 2. The Director of Law be and he is hereby authorized and directed to comply with the provisions of Section 58 of the Garfield Heights City Charter concerning submission of this Ordinance to the electorate for the regular municipal election on May 4, 2021 with the following proposed ballot language:

#### PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENT

SHALL THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS BE AMENDED TO CHANGE THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE FOLLOWING PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBERS, 543-28-004 LOCATED AT 6017 TURNEY ROAD, 543-28-005 - LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE SOUTH OF 6017 TURNEY ROAD, 543-28-060 - LOCATED AT 12824 ROCKSIDE ROAD, 543-28-061 - LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE EAST OF 12824 ROCKSIDE ROAD, FROM ITS PRESENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF U-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO U-4 RETAIL/COMMERCIAL CLASSIFICATION?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Section 3. The Finance Director be and she is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate the necessary funds to comply with Section 58 of the Garfield Heights City Charter.

Section 4. The Building Commissioner be and he is hereby authorized and directed to make the above described change on the original Building Zone Map on file in his office provided said change is approved by a majority vote of all votes cast by qualified electors of the City of Garfield Heights at the next regular municipal election.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

N.N.: 12-3-20, 12-9-20, 12-16-20