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A Vaccine & Ice Cream giveaway will be held this Saturday, Aug. 7, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Daisy's Ice Cream, 5614 Fleet Ave., Slavic Village, where the RTA mobile vaccine bus will be parked for those wishing to get their COVID-19 vaccination shot.

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The Vaccine & Ice Cream event is sponsored by The City of Cleveland, Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli, RTA and Slavic Village Development.

### **BOB DOBIES HONORED**



A tree-planting ceremony was held in front of the Garfield Heights Civic Center Monday afternoon in memory of longtime Parks & Recreation Director Robert A. Dobies, Sr., who passed away suddenly on Feb. 19, 2020. Shown in the photo helping with the treeplanting is Dobies' close friend, former mayor Vic in the driveway of a home in the 9700 block of South Collova, with current mayor Matt Burke standing at Highland and stole a purse inside containing several right. Photo by Elena Psenicka

# **Family Fun Day**

The Community Yahoos in Slavic Village will present a Family Fun Day at the Garden of Life be hind Daisy's Ice Cream, 5614 Fleet Ave., on Saturday, Aug. 7, from 3 to 7

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# E. 59 St. to close

To facilitate ongoing construction of the Opportunity Corridor in the city of Cleveland, E. 59 St., between Bower and Francis aves., will be closed beginning Monday, Aug. 9, through mid-October.

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### EXPLOSION DESTROYS S.V. HOME



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hospital in serious condition. Cause of the fire remains under investigation. Over 40 Cleveland firefighters were called to the scene.

Photo by Elena Psenicka

# Rash of car break-ins hit Garfield Heights

Reports of several vehicle break-ins were reported to Garfield Heights police during the past week in various on July 27, had its back window shattered and a purse

On July 26, a Theft from Auto report was made after someone stole \$350 in cash from an auto parked in the driveway of a home in the 4600 block of E. 93 St.

That same day someone entered an unlocked car parked bank cards and an Apple Iphone.

A car parked in the lot at US Bank, 5007 Turney Rd., containing cash, shoes, sunglasses and a laptop was stolen from the back seat.

Acatalytic converter was stolen on July 28, from a company van owned by Joerns Healthcare, 15427 Neo Parkway.

On August 1, a Criminal Damage to Auto report was made when someone parked a rental car in the lot at Aura, 4912 Turney Rd., and the front passenger window was broken out. Nothing was removed from the vehicle.

# Department of Public Works seeks public input Homicide at Marathon on Pleasant Valley Road bridge replacements

The Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works is seeking public input to replace three bridges on Pleasant Valley Rd., located in the city of Independence and Village of Valley View.

The project will replace Bridge 09.03 over Riverview Rd., Bridge 09.35 over the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad, and Bridge 09.68 over the Cuyahoga River, Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail, Ohio and Erie Canal, and Canal Road.



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The majority of the project is located within the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, and the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad train service will be maintained throughout construction, as well as other outdoor recreational assets in the area.

Questions or comments will be received until Thursday, August 19, 2021 and can be directed to: Lori Birschbach-Tober, P.E., CPESC, 2079 E. 9 St., Cleveland, OH 44115; investigation. phone 216-443-7650 or email to: lbirschbach ober@cuyahogacounty.us

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# station in Slavic Village

A 25-year-old man died last Saturday, July 31, in a shooting at the Marathon gas station at 7210 Broadway Ave., Slavic Village.

At approximately 3:20 a.m., officers responded to the Marathon station for a male shot. The victim was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Members of the Cleveland Police Homicide Unit responded to investigate and learned that the victim was involved in an argument with a female inside of the gas station and that another male then shot the victim multiple times, according to police.

The suspect and the female fled the area in a vehicle. No arrests have been made. The homicide remains under



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# Park Service to temporarily close Terra Vista Natural Study Area in V.V., reopens Canal Exploration Center

Cuvahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) will close Terra system or eavesdrop on Canal Chat conversations. Exhib-View for habitat restoration work August 4–8 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

The Nature Conservancy and National Park Service invasive plant management teams will join forces to continue battling invasive plants at Terra Vista. The park has spent years rehabilitating the site, benefitting from the contributions of countless volunteers.

The park has conducted two prescribed fires in the area in 2017 and 2021. Workers will be establishing fire breaks for future burns (clearings that help prevent uncontrolled spread of fire), and removing invasive plants with Community Police Reports chainsaws, brush-cutters and brush mowers. Crews will be safely applying herbicide over large areas to assist in Cleveland controlling invasive plants.

Removing invasive plants is part of the overall management of natural habitats in national parks. CVNP is a refuge for plants and animals, and part of protecting them is reducing the threat that invasive plants pose. Non-native plants are considered invasive when they spread and take over space where native plants once grew. Wildlife rely on native plants for food, so control of invasive plants is part of an overall strategy to improve habitat.

Park visitors are asked to respect all closures; they are necessary for public safety.

#### **Exploration Center reopened**

CVNP has reopened Canal Exploration Center in Valley View on Wednesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"Canal Exploration Center is an engaging destination for visitors of all ages to discover canal history. The exhibits aim to provoke curiosity about the Canal Éra and help people explore its relevance to their lives today,' said Jennie Vasarhelyi, supervisory program manager for lating or involved in street Interpretation, Education and Visitor Services.

The historic building was used as a tavern, a general store and a park visitor center prior to being renovated in 2014. Interactive touch screen's allow visitors to navigate a canal boat through a lock, explore the nation's canal Endangering, August 1, 9

Vista Natural Study Area on Tinkers Creek Road in Valley its introduce how the canal was built, explore daily life on the canal and highlight the impact of the canal system. Exhibits also consider the idea of progress and who benefits from it.

> Masks are required indoors for all visitors and staff, regardless of vaccination status. Days and hours of operation change seasonally. The center had been closed for the winter prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and is now reopening. Please visit the park website for updates on mask requirements and days and hours of operation.

Burglary, July 29, 1:04 p.m., 7300 block of Harvard Ave.

Assault, July 29, 5:36 p.m., 3700 block of E. 53

Shooting, July 31, 8:19 a.m., E. 63 St. and Fleet

Burglary, July 31, 8 p.m., 3400 block of E. 69 St.

Motor Vehicle Theft, July 31, 9 p.m., 7800 block of Dorver Ave.

Shooting, July 31, 9:16 a.m., 7000 block of Fleet

Dirt bikes/ATV/MC viotakeover, July 31, 11:23 p.m., 6700 block of Forman Āve.

Criminal Damaging or

a.m., 3700 block of E. 50 St.

Theft, August 1, 5 p.m., 2900 block of E 59 St.

#### **Garfield Heights Breaking & Entering**

About 4 a.m. on July 21, officers were dispatched to the Marathon gas station at 14218 Broadway Ave., for an alarm drop. Police found the front door had been smashed out and a brick on the ground. No one was inside the building, but the Newport cigarette case was empty and the cash register was open and on the ground. The store owner was notified and arrived at the scene and told police about 150-200 packs of cigarettes and about \$200 in cash had been taken. Video footage will be provided to the Detective

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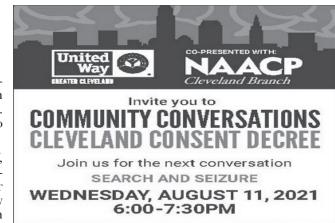
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# Bedford Council votes to adopt redevelopment plan for Tinkers Creek area

#### By Judith Goldsworth

In the interest of encouraging economic development in the city, Bedford Council approved legislation to adopt an Urban Redevelopment Plan for the Tinkers Creek Commerce Park area at its meeting Monday night.

The redevelopment of the roughly 27-acre property, located at 3 Hemisphere Way in the Egbert Rd. neighborhood west of Northfield Rd., has become an important part of the city's economic development goals, according to the resolution passed by council, which also states that the city's Economic Development Department has prewith the goal of promoting urban development in the city.

Currently zoned industrial, according to exhibit documents provided with the legislation, the city will impleopment TIF), per Ohio Revised Code, and use the revenues generated from the Redevelopment TIF to costs connected to the site. Primary preferred uses for the property would be in accordance with the current zoning.

As part of this redevelopment strategy, the city would also take title to the site in order to facilitate its development and redevelopment as well as the surrounding area in the city, the documents stated. This would include subdivision of the site into one or more smaller parcels to facilitate redevelopment in accordance with the existing Comprehensive Plan of the city.

City Manager Mike Mallis explained there were many interested parties that were going to be included in the process, including Cuyahoga County. "The first step we ĥave to make is to have an urban development plan in place for that property, which puts it in line with the zoning requirements," he said.

Mallis thanked Mayor Stan Koci and council and the city's administration for their help. "They've done a tremendous job... there is more information coming out in the next couple of months but this is our first step, and I recommend we pass this.'

Council approved all of the other legislation on the meeting's agenda, including an ordinance to levy assessments for delinquent (over 60 days overdue) water and sewer bills on property owners' taxes, and a similar ordinance to levy assessments on property taxes for the city's costs associated with the removal of weeds, tall grass and trees on various lots, if not paid within 30 days.

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Passed was an ordinance for a contract with Utility to apply for some of the funding. Truck Equipment, Inc. to repair the city service department's 2002 Chevrolet Versalift bucket truck, at a cost not to exceed \$13,905.

The bucket truck is used for many purposes by the service department, including repairs, tree trimming, hanging banners and more. Mallis said the cost to replace the truck, versus repairing it, could run into the \$40,000 range. The \$13,905 repair figure was the lowest quote received, he said.

Also passed was an ordinance for the city to enter into pared an Urban Redevelopment Plan for the project site, a contract with Jay Auto Group to purchase three 2022 GMC Sierra 2500 HD pickup trucks at a total cost of \$88,308.60, to replace three existing city-owned vehicles.

The purchase of three new trucks was in the 2021 ment a Tax Increment Financing Arrangement (Redevel-budget," Mallis said, "and legislation had been passed to replace two 2002 vehicles and one 2003 vehicle. However, a shortage in the auto industry over the past year resulted finance eligible development costs, including acquisition in the new trucks being back ordered. We were notified they would not be able to supply us with 2021 vehicles," he said, so the city went out and received quotes from Jay for three 2022 trucks instead, which have also been budgeted.'

> Council passed three motions on the agenda to approve the following July 20, 2021 Planning Commission recommendations:

- •A conditional use approval requested by Quinisha Singleton of Bedford Heights, to allow the former Dairy Queen restaurant at 401 Broadway Ave., to be used as a Child Care and Education Center, to be open 24 hours a day, Monday-Friday, with three shifts.
- The request of LaTina Mills of Bedford, who is seeking to open an assisted living facility for three elderly women in the residential three bedroom home located on Meadowgate Blvd. Hours of operation are to be 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- •The request of Rickey Kinney of Bedford, who is proposing to construct a 1,500-square-foot covered patio on the rear of the existing structure at 76 Broadway Ave.

#### State grant funding sought

In his report to council, Mallis stated that Governor Mike DeWine had announced earlier on Monday that grant funding would be available for water and wastewater treatment facilities in the state, and the city was planning

Mallis also reported that city officials had been in discussions with the Ohio Department of Transportation regarding the Broadway Ave. resurfacing, and that the original starting date for the project had been 2027.

That wasn't good enough for us," Mallis said, "and we raised some concerns and ODOT agreed to move that up substantially." He said the city had recently been notified that the Broadway resurfacing project would begin in 2023.

#### **Announcements**

Mallis said that the city's Summer Concert Series will continue this month in the Historic Downtown District on Wednesday evenings, August 11 and 25, 7-9 p.m. The annual State of the City Address will take place at the Ellenwood Recreation Center on Tuesday, Aug. 24, he added, with more information on the city's website.

Councilman Jeff Asbury reported that the Bedford Downtown Alliance's First Friday for August, "Putt Around Downtown," will be this Friday, Aug. 6, 6-8 p.m. The Cleveland Pagan Festival will be held downtown the weekend of Aug. 25-27, and that the Hazardous Waste Computer Roundup will be at the service garage from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., August 16 through August 27. (No after hours drop-offs.)

A Flea Market for the benefit of the Bedford Historical Society will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, August 14, Councilwoman Sandy Spinks stated.

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# LIBRARIES PLAN SPECIAL PROGRAMS

#### Southeast Branch (Bedford)

Listed are **FREE** programs for August 2021 at the Southeast branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 70 Columbus Rd., Bedford. For more information or to register for any program, please call 440-439-4997.

Summer Lunch - 18 & younger

Monday-Friday, 3-4 p.m.

Kids ages 18 and under can get a **FREE** grab-and-go lunch provided by the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, while supplies last.

Homework Mentors - 1st-6th grade

Monday-Thursday (school days) 4-6:30 p.m.

Need to brush up on your academic skills this summer? The library is offering **FREE** homework mentoring **by appointment** for students in grades 1-6.

#### **Best Cartoons of World War II**

Wednesday, August 4, 7 p.m.

Join historian Tim Carroll for a visual presentation of WWII-era political cartoons drawn by Web Brown. Come learn about World War II through great cartoons filled with history, humor and justice. A meeting link will be emailed to registered participants approximately one hour prior to the start of the program. Staff will be available for help with connecting to Zoom and technical issues beginning 15 minutes prior to the program. You will need a device with audio and/or video and an internet connection to join. MUST REGISTER

Tunes 'n' Tots Virtual Playgroup - For children 0-5 with caregiver

Thursday, August 5, 10:30 a.m.

Join in this music-themed virtual play group. Learn new songs and movements, connect with other parents and caregivers, and give your children the opportunity to have fun in a safe, virtual setting. A meeting link will be emailed to registered participants approximately one hour prior to the start of the program. Staff will be available for help with connecting to Zoom and technical issues beginning 15 minutes prior to the program. You will need a device with audio and/or video and an internet connection to join. MUST REGISTER

Zoom Virtual Storytime (Family) - Caregivers and their children ages 0-5 Tuesdays, August 10, 17, 24, 31,

Join in the fun for rhymes, songs, fingerplays and stories. A meeting link will be emailed to registered participants approximately one hour prior to the start of the program. Staff will be available for help with connecting to Zoom and technical issues beginning 15 minutes prior to the program. You will need a device with audio and/or video and an internet connection to join. MUST **REGISTER** 

#### **Mindfulness for Teens**

#### Thursday, August 12, 7 p.m.

Have the back-to-school jitters? Come learn about mindfulness and other techniques to help you manage stress during the upcoming school year. A meeting link will be emailed to registered participants approximately one hour prior to the start of the program. Staff will be available for help with connecting to Zoom and technical issues beginning 15 minutes prior to the program. You will need a device with audio and/or video and an internet connection to join. Materials for this program are recommended and are provided free of charge. Please specify the location you would like to pick them up when registering. A staff member will contact you when your items are ready to be picked up. **MUST REGISTER** 

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Thursday's Grand Finale gave the LTA youth a forum to show friends and family all they had learned in the program. The youngsters sang, played instruments and even put on a musical play for a delighted audience. Photos by Ellen Psenicka

# Pop-up vaccine sites at local library branches

The Garfield Heights and Maple Heights branches of the Cuyahoga Country Public Library will hold pop-up vaccine sites next month for those wishing to get their Covid-19 vaccination shots.

Garfield Heights: Wednesday, Aug. 4, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. 216-475-8178 Maple Heights: Tuesday, Aug. 10, noon to 2 p.m. 216-475-5000







#### **ORDINANCE NO.:47-2021**

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** 12501 Rockside Road PP# 543-13-014 Garfield Heights U-11b Retail/Commercial Industrial Park Rockside LLC PP# 543-12-001 Garfield Heights U-11b Retail/Commercial **Industrial Park** Land LLC

WHEREAS, Garfield Heights Rockside LLC and Garfield Heights Land LLC are the current owners of said parcels of land and intend to develop said parcels into U-11b Industrial Park for the purpose of renovating the former Kmart and adjacent land into a light industrial, office warehouse development at 12501 Rockside Road,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, pursuant to its meeting held on May 19, 2021 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-11b Industrial Park 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,

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 develop 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

PARCEL NO./ADDRESS **FROM** OWNER OF RECORD U-11b 12501 Rockside Road Garfield Heights Retail/Commercial PP# 543-13-014 Rockside LLC Industrial Park Garfield Heights PP# 543-12-001 Retail/Commercial Land LLC Industrial Park

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 November 2, 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, 543-13-014 LOCATED AT 12501 ROCKSIDE ROAD, 543-12-001 LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE WEST OF 12501 ROCKSIDE ROAD, FROM ITS PRESENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF U-4 (RETAIL/COMMERCIAL) U-11B INDUSTRIAL PARK CLASSIFICATION?

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.