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**Community Friends Church**, 4509 Warner Rd., Cleveland 44105. Candlelight Service, Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at 5:30 p.m. Regular Sunday Service Dec. 26, at 10:30 a.m.

**Concordia Lutheran Church**, 6705 Brecksville Rd., Independence 44131. Christmas Eve Service, Dec. 24, 7:30 p.m. Christmas Day Service, Dec. 25, 10 a.m. New Year's Eve Service with Communion, Dec. 31, 7:30 p.m. 216-524-2188.

**Holy Name Church**, 8328 Broadway Ave., Cleveland 44105. Christmas Eve Vigil Masses, Dec. 24, 4 p.m. Family Mass, 10 p.m. Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. No MASS at 6 p.m. 216-271-4242.

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**Our Lady of Lourdes Parish**, 3395 E. 53 St., Cleveland 44127. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 4 p.m. Mass (English), 7 p.m. Mass (Spanish). Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 10 a.m. Mass (English). NO Sunday Vigil Mass on Christmas Day. Sunday, Dec. 26, 10 a.m. Mass (English), 12:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish). New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, 4 p.m. Mass (English), 7 p.m. (Spanish). New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 10 a.m. Mass (English), 12:30 p.m. (Spanish). 216-641-2829.

**St. Casimir Church**, 8223 Sowinski Ave., Cleveland 44103. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, bilingual choir concert and sing-along begins at 9:30 p.m., followed by the traditional Pasterka or Shepherd's Mass, 10 p.m. Along with the traditional Wigilia dinner, this is the highlight of any Polish Christmas. Christmas Day, Dec. 25, Solemn Mass celebrated at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 26, Solemn Mass at 11:30 a.m. New Year's Day, Jan. 1, Mass at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 2, Feast of the Epiphany, Mass at 11:30 a.m. 440-749-7415.

**St. John Nepomucene Parish**, 5000 Fleet Ave., Cleveland 44105. Christmas Eve, Masses at 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. Christmas Day, 10 a.m. Mass. No Vigil Mass on Dec. 25. Sunday, Dec. 26, 10 a.m. Mass. New Year's Eve, 4 p.m. Mass. New Year's Day, 10 a.m. Mass. Vigil of the Epiphany, Jan. 1, 4 p.m. Mass. Epiphany, Jan. 2, 10 a.m. Mass. 216-641-8444.

**St. Monica Church**, 13623 Rockside Rd., Garfield Heights 44125. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 4 p.m., 6 p.m. Evening Song begins at 11:30 p.m. followed by Midnight Mass. Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m. Masses.

Sunday, Dec. 26, 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m. Masses. 216-662-8685.

**Saints Peter & Paul Church**, 4750 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights 44125. Christmas Vigil, Dec. 24, 4 p.m. Family Mass, 10 p.m. Midnight Mass. Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 8:30 a.m. Mass. Solemnity of Mary, New Year's Eve, 4 p.m. at St. Therese Church. 216-429-1515.

**St. Therese Church**, 5276 E. 105 St., Garfield Heights 44125. Christmas Vigil, Dec. 24, 5:30 p.m. Family Mass. Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 10:30 a.m. Mass. Solemnity of Mary, Dec. 31, 4 p.m. Vigil Mass. 216-581-2852.

**Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus**, 3649 E. 65 St., Cleveland 44105. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, Solemn Vigil Mass of Christmas at 5 p.m., bilingual choir and sing-along at 11:30 p.m., Traditional Pasterka or Shepherd's Mass at midnight. Christmas Day, 8:30 a.m. Mass in English, 10 a.m. Mass in Polish, and 11:30 a.m. in English. Sunday, Dec. 26, Mass at 8:30 a.m. in English, 10 a.m. in Polish and 11:30 a.m. in English. New Year's Eve Vigil Mass Friday, Dec. 31, 5 p.m. New Year's Day, Jan. 1, in English at 8:30 a.m., Polish at 10 a.m., and English at 11:30 a.m. Epiphany, Jan. 2, Feast Day Masses at 8:30 a.m. in English, 10 a.m. in Polish, 11:30 a.m. in English. 216-341-9091.

**The Rock Community Church**, 9403 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Heights 44125. Candlelight Worship Service on Christmas Eve at 6 p.m. 216-429-2636.

## Burke closes G.H. Senior Center amid Covid concerns

Due to the continued spread of Covid-19 and variant virus cases, Garfield Heights Mayor Matt Burke has announced that the Senior Center has been closed until further notice.

"I am concerned for everyone's safety," Burke said, "and this is the wise thing to do to protect our residents and their loved ones."

He also asks that residents limit their visits to city hall. However, municipal business will continue and staff is available to serve the community.

"I am asking that we all practice social distancing, washing hands, using the hand sanitizers and wearing masks," said the mayor. "Please stay safe this holiday season and do your part for your neighbors."

Burke said the reopening of the senior center will be considered sometime in January.



## NN Holiday Schedule

**NO ISSUE NEXT WEEK**

This December 22nd issue is the last one of the year for The Neighborhood News; there will be no December 29th issue and publication will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 5.

The office will be closed on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th, through Thursday, Dec. 30. The office will reopen on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31. Normal deadlines for the Jan. 5th issue will apply.

We wish all our readers a very happy and holy holiday season and blessings to you and yours in the year ahead.

## Discount Drug Mart to house police substation in western Maple Heights

By Judith Goldsworth

A substation of the Maple Heights Police Department will be located in the Discount Drug Mart at 6148 Dunham Rd., in the Turney-Dunham Plaza at no cost to the city, Mayor Annette Blackwell announced at council's Dec. 15 meeting last week.

In her report to council, Blackwell said that she had been trying for some time to get a substation located in the store to better serve residents in the western half of the city, as the police station's headquarters were located in the eastern half of Maple Heights, at 5373 Lee Rd.

Blackwell said she had repeatedly asked the company what the city could do to get the substation located in the drugstore, adding that she had written personally to the company's headquarters, and finally got a response.

"More than likely we will have the Dunham Road West Side Police Substation open in mid-to-late-January," she said, to the applause from council and the audience.

"It's not going to reduce crime," she said, "but it's a presence. And it gives our officers a place to do some reports, and it gives a sense of security."

Police Chief Todd Hansen stated that the Police Substation would be an exciting opportunity for a great boost for the west side of Maple Heights, which he said was initiated as a partnership between Drug Mart and the police department.

Hansen said the project actually started a few years ago, at the end of former Police Chief John Popielarczyk's term. He said Drug Mart worked with the property owner and got MHPD a portion of the storefront in what was formerly Fat Billy's Pizza, on the north end of the plaza. Drug Mart renovated the interior and got it ready for use, Hansen said.

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## Slavic Village to honor holiday decorators

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Participation is easy - no application is necessary. Just keep your lights on from now till New Year's Day so judges can spot your work.

After the first day out, organizers reported that there appeared to be an uptick in seasonal glitter compared to last year, at least on the streets they looked at so far. They speculate that the milder-than-usual December weather may have made the outdoor work easier. Or it could be that, with all the challenges of 2021, people were determined to end the year on a positive note.

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**Congratulations to Councilwoman-Elect Rebecca Maurer**

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# Bedford Council accepts J&J opioid settlement funds

By Judith Goldsworth

At its last meeting of the year, Bedford Council approved a resolution authorizing the execution of a participation agreement to accept the terms of the Johnson & Johnson National Opioid Settlement, representing an \$808 million settlement reached between the state of Ohio and major drug distributors for their role in the opioid epidemic in the state.

Councilman Vic Fluharty, in his position as vice mayor, ran the meeting in the absence of Mayor Stan Koci and City Manager Mike Mallis.

Council also passed a final ordinance to amend the 2021 city budget, which was required before the end of the year, Finance Director Frank Gambosi explained.

## Also on agenda

Council okayed two pieces of legislation for equipment at the city's Wastewater Treatment Plant to comply with Environmental Protection Agency standards - one for a contract with Thomas Scientific for the purchase of a laboratory dishwasher at a cost of \$16,671.52; the other for a contract with National Pump and Process for replacement of pumps for the sand filtration system at the treatment plant, at a cost of \$25,752.

Council passed an ordinance for Mallis to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the

Cuyahoga County Board of Health to provide Phase II Stormwater Services in the years 2022-2025, as part of the city's compliance with the Stormwater Management Program.

The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District "actually helps us promote education and outreach and public participation and involvement with our sanitary sewers and discharges, and with the storm sewers of the city," Gambosi said.

Also approved was legislation for a contract with Meritech to purchase a new Ricoh IM C4500 Digital Color Copier/Printer/Color Scanner for the city's Recreation Department, at a cost of \$10,745.

Council approved a motion to accept the Planning Commission's decision to accept the conditional use approval for Corinne Kelly, managing member for DC Kelly Investments, LLC, of Solon, to operate a Residential Facility Class 2 (Group Home) for veterans in an existing dwelling at 43 Woodrow Ave. There will be some rental income generated at the property, and each occupant will have to sign a lease, Kelly said.

Kelly listened to Councilman Donald Saunders' comments about parking concerns in the area, especially regarding parking on the street, and she stated that a large driveway and garage were already part of the intended group home property.

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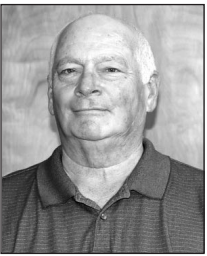
Irene Sciborowski is returning to play Christmas Carols on the grand piano given in honor of her late mother. Pastor Jeff Bodziony will deliver the message. Masks are suggested.

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Shown above is the family of Mayor and Mrs. Ralph J. Perk. Although Mayor Perk and his wife, Lucy, (inset) are now deceased, their children continue in public service. Ralph J. Perk, Jr. is a retired judge of the Cleveland Municipal Court. Judge Perk's wife, Kelli, is the Director of Risk Management for the County's ADAMHS Board. Tom Perk is a retired Cleveland firefighter and retired councilman in Valley View, and Ken Perk is a former member of the Cuyahoga Heights School Board. The Perk family extends to the entire community their best wishes for a happy and holy Christmas holiday and a healthy and prosperous year ahead.



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## Cuy. Hts. Council OKs new deputy police chief

Cuyahoga Heights Council met in regular session on Wednesday, Dec. 8, and passed an ordinance confirming the promotion of Kenneth Schoeffler to the position of deputy chief of police in the Cuyahoga Heights Police Department.

Other legislation passed included:

- Authorizing the village to enter into a Delinquent Debt Collection Agreement with the Ohio Attorney General;

- Entering into a Municipal Lease-To-Own Financing Agreement with First Capital Equipment Leasing Corp. for four new 2022 Ford Police Interceptor utility vehicles with law enforcement upfits and equipment for the police department;

- Amending the appropriations for the expenses and other expenditures of the village during the period Jan. 1, 2021 through Dec. 31, 2021;

- Approving the submission of the village budget for fiscal year 2022 and asking appropriations for the expenses and other expenditures starting Jan. 1, 2022 and ending Dec. 31, 2022;

- Applying to participate in Cuyahoga County's 2022 Supplemental Grant Program;

- Applying to participate in the 2022 Cuyahoga County Municipal Grant Program;

- Authorizing the expenditure of funds to study potential upgrades and modifications to the Municipal Pool, not to exceed \$30,000;

- Authorizing a change order and change of scope to the Nicky Boulevard Storm Sewer Extension and Slope Stabilization Improvements Project;

Finance approval was given to repairs on a snowplow and truck not to exceed \$9,500, and for Nicky Boulevard ground water monitoring, compliance and hydrological not to exceed \$25,000.

Also at the meeting, Mayor Jack Bacci presented Councilwoman Cheryl Harris a proclamation for her 12 years of service as a public servant. Harris did not seek re-election this past November and chose to retire.



**Outgoing Councilwoman Cheryl Harris was presented a proclamation by Mayor Jack Bacci for her years of public service.**

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# Community Police reports

## Cleveland

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### Fatal Overdose

•On Dec. 14, at 3:37 a.m., a fatal overdose of a 62-year-old man, with evidence on scene, was reported in the 6500 block of Fullerton Ave.

•On Dec. 18, at 4:59 a.m., two fatal overdoses, a 49-year-old man and a 60-year-old woman, were victims of fatal overdoses in the 3400 block of E. 66 St. Evidence on scene.

### Shooting

On Dec. 18, at 1:10 a.m., a shooting was reported in the 5800 block of Fullerton Ave. A 23-year-old male was the victim of gunshot wounds to the head and thigh. EMS transported him to MetroHealth Medical Center.

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### Burglary

•On the morning of Dec. 6, officers were dispatched to the 4900 block of E. 93 St. for a burglary report. Two residents told police that in the overnight hours of Dec. 5 into Dec. 6, when they were sleeping elsewhere due to a power outage, someone had burglarized their home.

When they arrived home about 11:20 a.m., they found the front door ajar and the following items missing: two Playstation 5's, Nintendo Switch, 65" TV, Apple Ipad, miscellaneous Nike tennis shoes, black safe with \$5600 in cash inside.

•On Dec. 6, about 11:30 a.m., officers were dispatched to Woodward Ave., for a reported burglary. The victim stated that on that day, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and noon, someone had entered her home and stolen her wallet containing several credit cards, two Xbox game consoles, and an iPhone.



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# Death Notices


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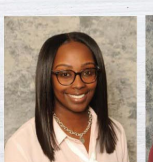




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# Police substation

(Continued from Page 1)

Practically speaking, there are a few things to know about the substation, Hansen said, explaining that it will not be manned 24/7.

"This space is meant to be more of a way station that officers can use to safely do paperwork or take a restroom break," Hansen explained. "The space can also be used for small public meetings or mediation-type meetings. Officers will be around more and visibility on the west side will definitely be increased, but there will not be officers there all the time like the main station on Lee Road."

## LEGAL NOTICE

The Garfield Heights Board of Education will hold its Organization Meeting on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. In addition, the District will also hold a public hearing on the proposed 2022-23 Tax Budget during this time. Draft copies of the 2022-23 Tax Budget along with the 2021 General Purpose Financial Statements are available upon request, pursuant to the requirements of the law.

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The chief added, "This is an exciting partnership between the city and our businesses that will benefit the residents, businesses and community as a whole."

### Legislative action

Numerous pieces of legislation were passed at last week's meeting, including the following:

- A resolution authorizing city officials to apply to the Cuyahoga County Department of Development for \$150,000 in 2021 Community Development Block Grant funding which would be used towards improvements at Stafford Park, including improving the park's trail network to make it accessible to individuals with disabilities.

- A resolution authorizing another application to the county development department, this one for \$50,000 in 2022 Community Development Supplemental Grant would be used for the Maple Heights Exterior Maintenance Grant Program, and to maintain the city's housing stock.

- An ordinance authorizing Blackwell to enter into a

professional services municipal engineering consulting contract with Engineer Ed Hren, Assistant Engineer James T. Shea, and their engineering firm, Chagrin Valley Engineering Ltd., to continue providing engineering services for Maple Heights.

- An ordinance to provide for amendment of the 2021 budget, and another ordinance to approve the 2022 budget for the city.

- Also approved were two motions on last week's agenda: one to observe the New Year's Day 2022 holiday on Monday, Jan. 3, 2022, instead of Friday, Dec. 31, 2021, "for non-bargaining city employees, so that the employee holidays remain consistent in 2021 and 2022," and the other to waive the requirements of the city charter to move the official swearing in of the newly elected members of council on Jan. 5, 2022, from the Maple Heights Senior Center to Maple Heights High School.

Human Services Director Linda Vopat reported that the MetroHealth facility in Southgate continues to provide COVID-19 vaccines to the public. Call 216-778-6100.

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# Maple Heights Council update

By Judith Goldsworth

At a previous meeting Dec. 1, Maple Heights Council approved legislation authorizing Mayor Annette Blackwell to accept funds on behalf of the city from the One Ohio Subdivision Settlement, which represents a \$808 million settlement reached between the state of Ohio and major drug distributors for their role in the opioid epidemic in the state.

## Other legislation passed

Council passed a resolution authorizing Blackwell to enter into a contract with Fabrizi Trucking and Paving Co., Inc., which bid \$231,632 for Phase 3 of the Maple Heights Northeast Quadrant Sewer Repairs. It includes storm and sanitary sewer improvements on the streets of Hansen, Watson, Raymond, Franklin, Hillgrove, Clare and Gardenview in the city.

In correspondence to council regarding the project, City Engineer Ed Hren stated that the earliest start date for the project would be Feb. 1, 2022, and 70 days would be the time of completion.

The project is being funded in part by a grant received

from the Ohio Public Works Commission and the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, under the Member Community Infrastructure Program, Hren stated. He said the work will also be funded in part by the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works utilizing District sewer maintenance funds, collected under a line item with property tax bills.

Also approved was an ordinance amending and restating the authorized pay schedule for non-bargaining city employees for the years 2022 and 2023, providing a high deductible health insurance plan with a healthcare savings account (HSA) and establishing contribution amounts to the HSA accounts for the non-bargaining city employees beginning next year.

"Bargaining unit employees will receive a 2% pay raise effective Jan. 1, 2022, and an additional 2% pay raise effective Jan. 1, 2023, and the administration recommends that non-bargaining unit employees receive the same pay raise," the legislation states. The mayor and finance director have recommended that the positions of Director of Human Resources, Engineer, Assistant Engineer, Evidence Custodian, and Administrative Interns be added to the authorized pay schedule for non-bargaining unit employees.

Beginning in January, bargaining unit employees will be making monthly deductible contributions of \$150 for single plan coverage and \$300 for family plan coverage into their HSA accounts, with the city contributing

into the employee HSA account the remaining monthly amount necessary to fully fund the annual

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## Newburgh Hts. Council news

Newburgh Heights Village Council met on Tuesday, Dec. 7, and passed the following legislation:

- Consolidating the pay and benefits provisions for all police department personnel, and amending or repealing all ordinances and provisions that are inconsistent with the pay and benefits noted in this new ordinance;
- Passed for a second reading was an ordinance authorizing payment to the Newburgh Heights Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) of \$30,000 for purchase and demolition of certain real estate pursuant to a purchase offer and agreement between the CIC and Jeanne M. Uher to purchase the property located at 4411 Gamma Ave., Newburgh Heights;
- Passed for a second reading was an ordinance authorizing payment to the CIC of \$225,000 for purchase of real estate located at 4429 Harvard Ave. and 4505 Harvard Ave., from John Barr pending acceptance of the purchase offer and agreement;
- Making temporary appropriations for current expenses and other expenses of the village through March 31, 2022;

- Entering into an agreement with Assist Now, the EAP Division of Recovery Resources, for providing behavioral services to village employees;

- Making appropriations for current expenses and other village expenditures through Dec. 31, 2021;

- Authorizing the fiscal officer to advance \$300,000 from the General Fund to the Grants/CDBG Fund;

- Providing that all village employees will not forfeit their 2021 earned but unused vacation days and will be paid for the vacation time in lieu of forfeiture;

- Filing and application with the Cuyahoga County Department of Development for a Community Development Block Grant;

- Accepting the terms of the One Ohio Subdivision Settlement pursuant to the One Ohio Memorandum of Understanding and consistent with the terms of the July 21, National Opioid Settlement Agreement.

Purchases and approvals included 2022 renewal of Software Solutions accounting software at a cost not to exceed \$21,500; annual worker's compensation insurance not to exceed \$27,895; approval of Mike Wasielewski to permanent part-time assistant fire chief; appointment of

Matthew Perkins as full-time patrol officer for NHPD; appointment of Steven Schorpp, Sr. to full-time service department laborer, pending drug testing and vaccination requirements; purchase of five portable radios from Chagrin Valley Dispatch at a cost not to exceed \$14,655.

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**List of Meetings for January 2022**

Monday, January 3, 2022	Organizational Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 4, 2022	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - TBD
Wednesday, January 12, 2022	Southeast Area Law Enforcement (SEALE) Board of Trustees Meeting (if needed) Work Session - 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting - 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 18, 2022	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 19, 2022	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - TBD
Tuesday, January 25, 2022	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](http://www.bedfordoh.gov) or call Tracy M. Simons, Clerk of Council, at 440-735-6510.

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