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From the Mayor's Desk

Our youth are a top priority

By Maple Heights Mayor Annette Blackwell

I wanted to take this opportunity to address the fear, uncertainty and frustration in the city of Maple Heights concerning our youth.

There are many comments being made and a perception that there is nothing for our youth to do given that the city pool is not open and there is no recreation center. More concerning to me is that it is believed that this administration is apathetic about youth engagement and the plight of our young people.

I want to take this opportunity to share my sincere passion and commitment to our youth and the families of the city of Maple Heights. My family and I have lived in the city for almost 25 years. I raised my three children here and now five grandchildren are growing up here – so I have a very personal and vested interest in youth enrichment and their success. This includes advanced opportunities, internships, fellowships, mentorship, recreation and sports activities, even foreign exchange student experiences to develop an international student awareness to achieve and compete globally and to see a world bigger and farther than Maple Heights.

Prior to becoming the city's mayor, I was the Maple Heights City Schools successful 2012 Levy chairperson and for three years the Parent Academy Coordinator, a parenting skill-building program whose primary focus was to improve child school behavior and performance. Therefore, my contribution to this city began in the city schools. When I ran and won for mayor, I knew that I would be in a more influential and impactful position to better serve all the needs of the families in the city. I am honored to say that the members of this administration have consistently and intentionally worked hard to achieve an improved quality of life for every citizen and business owner here.

We overcame the city's fiscal challenges and are out of debt! We have renovated the city's largest park, Stafford, by reinstalling the basketball hoops, renovating picnic pavilions, securing a state grant to reopen the city's spray ground in 2022, and are working towards securing funds to reopen the pool in 2023. We entered into an agreement with Jump Start Sports to bring youth basketball, soccer and T-ball to our little ones in 2017 and 2018, won the engagement with MyCom, a multi-city youth mentoring network, which has created book clubs and recommended reading lists and introduced our students to celebrity mentors, Kareem Abdul-Jabar, Keke Palmer, Hill Harper to name a few. And we are working with a local author to bring a little theater to the city. The championship youth boxing club, DNA Boxing, has recently opened.

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Ribfest back at Bedford Commons this weekend

The Rotary Club of Bedford will hold its 39th annual Ribfest at Bedford Commons this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 23-25. Ribfest hours will be Friday, 6-11 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 11 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 6 p.m.

Rib vendors include Smokin T's, Porky Chicks, Ms. Sharyn's BBQ and more!

Friday's events include live music from Buzzy J and the Verbs from 7-11 p.m., and celebrity rib judging at 7 p.m.

Eli's Coming, a tribute band to Three Dog Night, will play Saturday from 7-11 p.m., and Rick Diamond Entertainment will take the stage from 12-5 p.m. on Sunday. Rib winners will be announced Sunday at 1 p.m.

There will be free parking and free admission all weekend.

Ward 7 Block Watch meets

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch, sponsored by Councilman Tom Vaughn, will meet Tuesday, July 27, at 7 p.m. at the St. Monica Church pavilion off Rockside Rd. Trial-size toiletry items for our troops would be appreciated. All are welcome. For more information contact Gail, 216-662-9213.

Maple Hts. Music in the Park returns to Stafford Park!

The city of Maple Heights will kick off its Music in the Park series on July 27, featuring the band Blue Lunch from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Stafford Park, 5400 Mayville Ave., with a rain location at The Lanes, 21400 Southgate Park Blvd.

The August 24 concert will feature Hubb's Groove from 6-8 p.m., and Kevin Conwell & the Footprints from 6-8 p.m. on August 31.

Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy this free summer entertainment.

RAIN, WIND CAUSE LOCAL HEADACHES



Torrential downpours Friday and Saturday caused some flooding issues along Canal Rd. in Valley View over the weekend as the waters of the Ohio & Erie Canal rose significantly (see photo at left). The wind and rain also impacted the Metroparks' Garfield Reservation as several trees were downed during the weekend storms (see photo at right). Photos by Elena Psenicka

Garfield Heights kicks off Master Plan initiative

The Garfield Heights Master Plan is being developed by the City of Garfield Heights in collaboration with the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission.

The 2021 Master Plan serves to outline the community's vision for the future and describes specific action steps community leaders can undertake to accomplish that vision. It will include topics such as transportation, housing, economic development, parks and recreation and business district development. The Garfield Heights Master Plan will also provide implementation strategies, potential funding sources and partner agencies that can help get new projects initiated in the city.

This is your community's plan! But officials need your help and input to ensure the plan reflects what you want to see in Garfield Heights. The Master Plan will help prepare the city, residents and businesses for the future, and shape future development to match the community's needs and priorities. A community that undertakes a master planning process will have direct input from its residents and will provide a competitive edge when applying for grants and other similar funding opportunities.

The Garfield Heights Master Plan will take approximately 18 months to complete and there will be numerous community engagement opportunities to share your ideas

for the city. The Cuyahoga County Planning Commission will be hosting a virtual public meeting on Monday, July 26, at 6:30 p.m. Go the project website to learn more: www.countyplanning.us/GarfieldHeights

To kickoff the project, a community survey is running from July 17 through August 23, and will be available online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/GFH_PM1 or paper copies of the survey can be picked up at project display boards located at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd., the Dan Kostel Recreation Center, 5411 Turney Rd., or the Garfield Heights Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 5409 Turney Rd. Please return completed paper surveys to the Garfield Heights Civic Center or mail directly to the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission at 2079 E. 9th St., Suite 5-300, Cleveland, Ohio 44115.

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Pastor: Rev. Thomas Haren
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Mayor Blackwell's column

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First Lady, Fran DeWine, Governor Mike DeWine's wife, has agreed to work with us on creating a storybook park and our city engineer has applied for grant money to install a Fit-Trail System in Stafford Park, which will be complete with jogging stations and fitness center stations.

A successful city who promises and works to improve the quality of life for all of its residents, including their youth, while ensuring a Return On their Investment, includes the well-being and future of their youth and they are a high priority on its agenda.

Community Police Reports Cleveland

Shooting, July 16, 4:34 a.m., E. 63 St. and Fleet Ave.

Assault, July 17, 12:22 p.m., 4000 block of E. 74 St.

Shooting, July 18, 4 a.m., 3700 block of E. 71 St.

Street Takeover, July 18, 4:01 a.m., Gertrude Ave. and

E. 65 St. Dirt bikes, ATVs, motorcycles involved in street takeover.

Assault, July 18, 4:03 a.m., 7000 block of Harvard Ave.

Assault, July 18, 12:50 p.m., 6800 block of Worley Ave.

Robbery, July 19, 1:04 a.m., 6000 block of Hosmer Ave.

Street Takeover, July 19, 6:11 p.m., E. 65 St. and Broadway Ave. Dirt bikes, ATVs, motorcycles involved in street takeover.

Street Takeover, July 20, 12:35 a.m., Gertrude Ave. and E. 71 St. Dirt bikes, ATVs, motorcycles involved in street takeover.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS

Burglary

On July 13, a man living in the 9400 block of Birchwood Ave. reported to police that his home had been burglarized while he was away, between 4 and 9 p.m. Someone had split open the wooden panel on his back door to gain

entry. He said he noticed nothing missing. He thinks his dog may have scared the intruder away before he could take anything.

Shots Fired

Shortly before 7 p.m. on July 14, an officer was on patrol and was stopped at a stop sign facing south on Blythin and Garfield Blvd. when he heard a whizzing sound and then something strike the driver's side of his cruiser, which made a loud noise. He immediately turned east onto Garfield Blvd. and observed four males running east on Garfield Blvd. towards him. He stopped on Rockwood and inspected his car, but observed no obvious damage. Dispatch advised that they were getting calls of shots fired in the area of E. 84 St. and Garfield Blvd. He went to that location and found two unattended motor vehicles, one of which was running. Both vehicles had marijuana in plain view on the front seats. Area checked with no results.

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BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A MEETING FOR WARDS 2 & 5 ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2021 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF BEDFORD CITY HALL AT 7:00 P.M.

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NN: 7-21-21

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August 24th
Hubb's Groove
6:00-8:00 PM

August 31st (Rescheduled)
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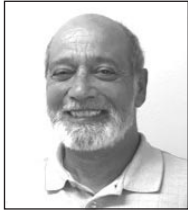
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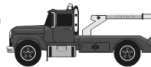
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City Council passes million dollar bill to improve housing stock in Cleveland

Cleveland City Council held a meeting electronically last Wednesday and authorized spending up to \$1 million to fund a program aimed at improving the city's housing stock and the overall quality of life for residents. The money will allow the city to enter into contracts with various neighborhood development corporations, which will interview and hire staff for the initiative.

The aim of the Community Engagement Healthy Home Initiative is to restore all of the city's neighborhoods into safe, healthy and vibrant communities in which to live, work and raise families. Much of that initiative has been underway by nonprofit neighborhood development corporations, focusing on development, preservation, safety and new capital investments.

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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	TO
12501 Rockside Road PP# 543-13-014	Garfield Heights Rockside LLC	U-4 Retail/Commercial	U-11b Industrial Park
PP# 543-12-001	Garfield Heights Land LLC	U-4 Retail/Commercial	U-11b Industrial Park

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, and

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 as follows:

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12501 Rockside Road PP# 543-13-014	Garfield Heights Rockside LLC	U-4 Retail/Commercial	U-11b Industrial Park
PP# 543-12-001	Garfield Heights Land LLC	U-4 Retail/Commercial	U-11b 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?

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.

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On Tuesday, July 13, shortly before midnight, the Maple Heights Police Department was dispatched to the 19700 block of Maple Heights Blvd., for a report of a male juvenile who was shot in the head.

Officers arrived on scene along with the Maple Heights Rescue Squad and found five-year-old Princeton Patterson had died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to his head.

The Maple Heights Police Detective Bureau, with the help of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, is conducting the investigation into the death.

Anyone with information related to this case is urged to contact the Maple Heights Detective Bureau: 216-587-

9624 or Detectives@mhpd-ohio.com. Information can also be supplied to Crime Stoppers.

G.H. legislative meeting

The Legislative Committee of Garfield Heights City Council will meet in Council Chambers at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd., on Thursday, July 22, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Administrative Code Chapter 136 relative to the Community Relations Committee.

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List of Meetings for August 2021

Monday, August 2, 2021	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 3, 2021	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 11, 2021	Southeast Area Law Enforcement (SEALE) Board of Trustees Meeting (if needed) Work Session - 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting - 12:00 p.m.
Monday, August 16, 2021	Council Summer Session - No meeting
Tuesday, August 17, 2021	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 24, 2021	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.

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A Public Hearing will be held at the same address on Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 6:15 p.m. Written comments or proposals must be submitted within thirty (30) days to the agency at the above address, with a copy to the Northeast Ohio Area-wide Coordinating Agency, 1299 Superior Avenue East, Cleveland, OH 44114, Attention: Jim Thompson RE: Section 5310-Public Notice

For further information, please contact: **Linda M. Vopat**
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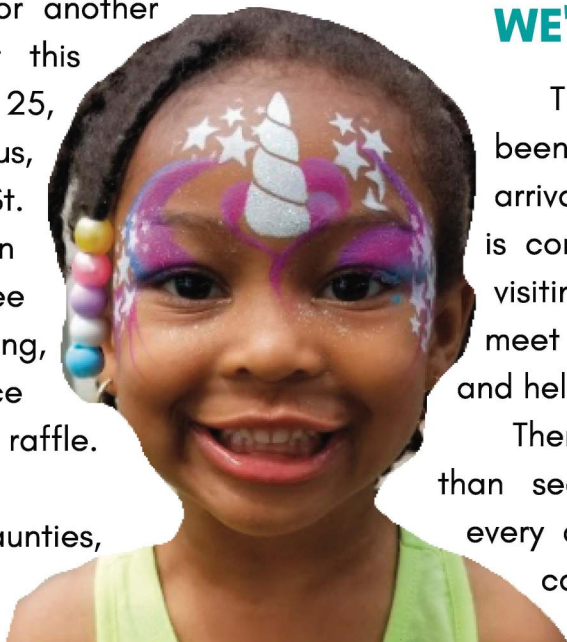
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