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## Interim president named at CCC



John Simon

The Catholic Diocese of Cleveland has named John Simon '72 interim president of Cleveland Central Catholic High School. Simon assumes the duties of interim president after the resignation of President Leo Hyland, who is leaving the school at the end of the current school year after accepting another position. Simon takes up his new duties effective June 1, 2021, as the Office of Diocesan Education conducts a search for the high school's next president.

In making the announcement, Frank O'Linn, Ed.D., secretary for education and superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Cleveland, praised Simon for his past leadership on the school's advisory board as its president and his willingness to continue service as interim president for the school. "Mr. Simon has distinguished himself as a servant leader among the Cleveland Central Catholic school community. He possesses the wisdom and vision to continue the excellent tradition of Catholic education by serving as its interim president. I offer my sincere thanks to Mr. Simon for answering the call to the benefit of all the students, faculty and staff of Central Catholic."

Simon is a 1972 graduate of St. Stanislaus/Cleveland Central Catholic. The current Cleveland Central Catholic was created during Simon's sophomore year.

"I am extremely grateful for the education I received at Cleveland Central Catholic High School and for the generosity and financial support provided back then to help with my tuition," said Simon. "God's unconditional love for us, his teachings to love thy neighbor as thy self, were my personal experiences in action at CCC. I am only trying to repay the gift I was given by helping other CCC students have a chance to succeed."

Due to his deep love and devotion to the school over many years, Simon is affectionately known by many in the school.

## One dead, two injured in Alvin Ave. shootings

On 5-31-21, at about 10:30 PM Garfield Hts. Police officers, and officers from surrounding cities, responded to the 13200 block of Alvin Ave. in Garfield Heights for a shooting in front of a house and on the street. Officers located two juveniles (one male, one female) and one adult male who had been shot. The juveniles were transported to the hospital for treatment. The adult male was pronounced dead on the scene. Later, officers learned that two more adult males had been transported from the scene in personal vehicles to local hospitals. During one of personal vehicle transports, the driver accidentally shot himself in the leg after dropping off the victim of the Alvin shooting. That male was also medically treated.

A large area near the 13200 block of Alvin Ave. was secured and an initial investigation showed that an annual block party was just finishing when an argument between unknown parties led to random shots being fired into the crowd out in front of a house and on the street.

Garfield Hts. Detectives, investigators from the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner responded to the scene to continue the investigation.

The Garfield Hts. Police Dept. will release the names other details about the victims when identities are confirmed and families are notified.

## Garfield Heights resident makes Dean's List

Heidelberg University has announced the names of 407 students who have earned academic recognition on the spring semester dean's list. Included on the list is Natalie Joritz, a sophomore theatre major from Garfield Heights.

## Male shot during robbery in Maple Heights

Maple Heights police are investigating a shooting on Applegate Avenue last Tuesday, May 25.

According to a press release from Maple Heights Police Chief Todd Hansen, officers were called to Applegate Avenue for a report of male shot and two suspects who were running away from the scene. The victim, a 26-year-old male, was taken to University Hospitals Bedford Medical Center by a family member before the police arrived, according to the release. He was shot twice and was being evaluated at the hospital for non-life-threatening injuries.

Chief Hansen said the suspects were described as black males wearing black hoodies and masks. Both suspects were armed and fled on foot.

Maple Heights Police Department continues to investigate the crime. Anyone with information related to this case is urged to contact the Maple Heights Detective Bureau at 216-587-9624 or Detectives@mhpdc-ohio.com.

Information can also be given to Crime Stoppers anonymously by calling 216-252-7463.

## Cleveland City Council news

Cleveland City Council met virtually last Monday, May 24, and approved legislation allowing the Port Control to execute a lease with a new company taking over the former 100<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group Restaurant, which closed at the end of 2020 after 37 years. In its place will be a new, renovated restaurant and banquet concept called the Aviator Event Center.

Other highlights from the meeting include:

- Introduced an ordinance authorizing the director of the Department of Aging to conduct the "Age Friendly Home Investment Program" aimed at helping seniors and disabled adults with home repairs.

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## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE RETURNS TO GARFIELD



Shown above are scenes from the Memorial Day parade and observances in Garfield Heights, which returned after a years hiatus due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Photos by Wendy Walters

## G.H. pool to open June 12; get pool passes now

The swimming pool at the Dan Kostel Recreation Center, 5411 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights, will open for the summer on Saturday, June 12. Pool hours are 2-7 p.m., weather permitting.

Season pool passes and summer ID cards are now on sale during current office hours, and beginning Monday, June 7, the office will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Be sure to get pool passes early and avoid the lines! Bring all birth certificates and proof of residency (two current utility bills or bank statements and pay stub).

For more information visit the Parks and Recreation page on the city website, [www.garfieldhts.org](http://www.garfieldhts.org), or call 216-475-7272.

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### Missing person

Janet Storer Age 59 Missing From: 13600 Block of Lambert Ave. Janet Storer was last seen on May 30, 2021 wearing gray pants and a gray and black fleece jacket. She suffers Black Buick Encore with Ohio license plate GLT3856.

Anyone with any information please call 216-621-1234.

## Sokol Flea Market June 12

Join us on Saturday, June 12th at Sokol Greater Cleveland located at 4939 Broadway Ave. for our first Czech Flea Market. You'll find vintage desks, gym equipment, dishes, paintings, crafts, tools, furniture, garnets and more.

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## Cleveland City Council

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The program will provide assistance for items such as roof and gutter repair and replacement, exterior painting, porch repairs or replacements, installation of ramps or lifts, major electrical or plumbing work and more.

- Introduced legislation to appropriate a parcel of private property for the public purpose of constructing the new City of Cleveland police headquarters along Opportunity Corridor west of East 75<sup>th</sup> Street.

Council's next meeting will be held Monday, June 7, the last meeting before summer recess.

## Library Happenings

Here are the programs for June 2021 at the Southeast Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, located at 70 Columbus Rd., Bedford. For more information, or to register for any program, please call 440-439-4997.

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

Thursday, June 3, 10:30 a.m.

This is a 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 available for help 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**



### Covid-19 Updates: City of Garfield Heights LIMITED REOPENING (PHASE I) Effective: MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2021

I. **LIMITED REOPENING, MONDAY, JUNE 7:** The City of Garfield Heights will begin a limited reopening and entry process to the Civic Center only, to include ONLY Council Members, Residents attending Council Meetings and other pertinent City meetings ONLY. The City is gradually (in a phased approach) beginning to reopen only the Civic Center, in alignment with local and CDC protocols. Future updates will be communicated to employees and residents via The Neighborhood News and posted on the City of Garfield Heights website.

II. **SENIOR CENTER:** Reopening of the Senior Center news coming in future communications.

III. **REAR ENTRANCE:** Civic Center rear entrance will continue to be the only entry/exit to the facility. Current CDC guidelines will be posted at the entrance. Signage stating the following directive will also be posted: "If you are feeling sick, DO NOT ENTER this building." Departmental contact phone numbers will remain posted at the entrance.

IV. **PROTECTIVE WORKPLACE BARRIERS/TEMPERATURES:** Remains in place pending future updates.

V. **SIGN IN SHEET:** Is located at the First floor Information desk. All people, other than employees, will be required to sign in upon entering the Civic Center. This includes Council members, City Committee/Board members, scheduled departmental resident appointments and any other pre-authorized visitors. Scheduled resident Departmental appointments will be communicated by email daily in the morning, to the Front Information desk and in advance when possible. Completed sheets will be stored in HR.

VI. **MASK WEARING/EMPLOYEES:** Is now optional for Employees. If an employee feels safer wearing a mask, please continue to do so. Employees are not required to wear masks unless one or more exceptions as noted within the current CDC policies, are met. Harassment or intimidation to any employee, for the wearing or non-wearing of a mask, will not be tolerated.

VII. **MASK WEARING/ALL OTHERS:** Is now optional for Residents and pre-authorized visitors. Upon entry to the City of Garfield Heights facilities including the Civic Center, adherence to CDC guidelines will be enforced. Current CDC guidelines will be posted at the REAR Civic Center entrance. Mask wearing remains encouraged. Sign in upon entry required.

VIII. **CLEANING and DISINFECTING:** Current protocols will remain in place

IX. **REMOTE WORK:** All employees who have been working remotely full-time or part-time are expected to return to the office full-time beginning Monday, June 7, 2021.

X. **SOCIAL DISTANCING:** A policy of "smart" social distancing is a personal boundary of 3 feet, or the size of a hula hoop, around each person. If it is in a meeting, roughly every other chair, apart. Outdoor events may have more than 20 people if there are smart social distancing efforts in place. For office and social gatherings, we are limiting the size of large gatherings to a maximum of 20 people indoors, depending upon the size of the meeting space.

XI. **QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS:** May be directed to Human Resources.

XII. **CDC GUIDELINES:** The City of Garfield Heights supports recommended protocols including proper handwashing, social distancing, masking, cleaning/disinfecting and



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Shooting, May 24, 11:30 p.m., 6200 block of Lansing Ave.

Shots fired, May 27, 9:36 a.m., 3400 block of E. 71 St. and 8:28 p.m., 5700 block of Fullerton Ave  
Improper discharge of a firearm, May 27, 9:50 p.m., E. 57 St. and Gertrude Ave.

Burglary, May 27, 11 p.m., 6600 block of Worley Ave.

Burglary, May 29, 1:40 a.m., 7100 block of Broadway Ave. Aggravated robbery, May 29, 11:22 p.m., 3800 block of E. 71 St.

# Garfield Heights announces limited reopening plan

The City of Garfield Heights has announced Phase I of its limited reopening plan.

Beginning Monday, June 7, the Civic Center will open to council members, residents attending council meetings and other pertinent city meetings only. Protective workplace barriers and temperature and cleaning protocols will remain in place pending future updates.

Mask wearing will now be optional for employees of the Civic Center as well as for residents and pre-authorized visitors, but is still encouraged.

See the ad on Page 2 of this newspaper for further details outlined in Phase I of the city's reopening plan.

# GH Historical Society meets

Next meeting will be Saturday June 12th at 10 am. We invite all who have interest to join us, and possibly bring along any knowledge of events, or history of our city.

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Leonette Cicirella Johnson  
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City of Maple Heights

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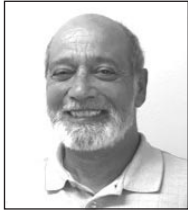
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Theodore "Teddy" Wenglewski, age 74, passed away on May 29, 2021. Beloved husband of 49 years to GeorgeAnn Wenglewski (nee Chudzinski). Loving father of Cheryl (Gary) Jablonowski, Teddy (Danielle) Wenglewski and Carrie (Sean) Kirkwood. Dear brother of Stanley Wenglewski. Cherished son of the late Theodore and Hattie Wenglewski.



Loving Grandfather of 9, Great-Grandfather of 10. Loving Uncle and friend of many. Family and friends are welcome from 2:00 to 7:00 pm on Thursday, June 3, 2021 at Bican Bros. Funeral Home 5215 Fleet Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. Mass of Christian Burial to follow 11:00 am on Friday, June 4, 2021 at St. Stanislaus Church 3649 E. 65th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

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**Teen Zine Scene - Teens (Grades 6-12)**

**Thursday, June 10, 7 p.m.**

Learn how to make zines – short books or magazines that are easily self-published and endlessly customizable. A meeting link will be emailed to registered participants approximately one hour prior to the start of the program. Staff available for help 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. **MUST REGISTER**

**Intro to Chakra Meditation**

**Wednesday, June 16, 10 a.m.**

Jan Webber will lead a guided meditation that seeks to clear blocked chakras and harness the power of these energy centers located throughout the body. 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 15 minutes prior to the program. You will need a device with audio and/or video and an internet connection to join. **MUST REGISTER**

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### PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on **Monday, June 14, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.**, before the **Maple Heights Planning and Zoning Commission** via video/teleconference to consider the following applications:

**2021-PZ-18** An application from the City of Maple Heights requesting approval of a Lot Consolidation of two (2) residential parcels (PPN 786-15-036 and 786-15-035) in a Residential Single Family-Medium Density (RSF-M) Zoning District at 15412 Woodbrook Avenue, Maple Heights, Ohio.

**2021-PZ-19** An application from Matt Greenberg requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit under Sect. 1282.04(C) of the MH Codified Ordinances to operate an Automobile Repair Shop in the Broadway Corridor Overlay (BCO) Zoning District at 17000 Broadway Avenue, Unit B, Maple Heights, Ohio.

**2021-PZ-20** An application from Sunjilee Morgan requesting approval of a Three (3) Year Conditional Use Permit under Sect. 1298.22 of the MH Codified Ordinances to change from a Type B child day care to operate a Type A child day care as a home occupation business in a Residential Single Family-Medium Density (RSF-M) Zoning District at 19316 Stockton Avenue, Maple Heights, Ohio.

**2021-PZ-21** An application from John Tamer requesting approval of a Variance from the 25' rear yard setback requirements of Sect. 1272.06(C) of the MH Codified Ordinances to construct an addition 21' from the rear property line in a Residential Single Family-Medium Density (RSF-M) Zoning District at 5831 West Glenn Drive, Maple Heights, Ohio.

**2021-PZ-22** An application from Lakeesha Bussey requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit under Sect. 1284.04(K) of the MH Codified Ordinances to operate a party rental company in an Office-Industrial (O-I) Zoning District at 14600 Industrial Avenue South, Maple Heights, Ohio.

**2021-PZ-23** An application from the Eric M. Bullock, Jr. requesting review of the off-street parking requirements under Sects. 1290.06(AA) and 1290.06(DD) of the MH Codified Ordinances for an Art Gallery and Office located in the Broadway Corridor Overlay (BCO) Zoning District at 15317 Broadway Avenue, Maple Heights, Ohio.

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# Special Maple Hts. Council meeting

By Judith Goldsworth

The need to seek funding for additional cameras, citizen involvement in reporting suspicious activity and constant communication with officials and police were cited as possibilities in deterring shootings in the city, discussed at a special Maple Heights Council meeting held on Thursday, May 20.

The teleconference meeting was called by council members Edwina Agee, Stafford Shenett, Christian Ostenson and Tanglyn Madden, in response to several recent shootings in the city, including the Saturday, May 8, double homicide of two Bedford men in broad daylight at Gardenview and Mayville aves. Three juveniles have since been arrested in connection with this case, according to Police Chief Todd Hansen.

Hansen participated in the meeting, as well as Law Director Frank Consolo, Council President Ron Jackson and Councilwoman Dana Anderson, to discuss numerous concerns in addition to the shootings, including housing and parking issues, trash pickup and citation followup. Council members Toni Jones and Richard Trojanski were absent.

Jackson said that a town hall-style meeting for the public was planned for the near future to allow citizens to comment and voice their concerns to city officials.

## Deterrents to shootings discussed

Ostenson commented that he and Hansen and Mayor Annette Blackwell, along with other officials, had talked about cameras in the city and about Stafford Park getting cameras, in an effort to cut down on crime.

Chief Hansen replied, "We outfitted Stafford Park with 10 new cameras, so there's 10 top of the line cameras that are motion-activated, low light, good cameras that we can see from the police station. That is a big upgrade that we did not have last year."

The chief added, "We've had some problems in the park with lower level stuff, like vandalism, and some people have started fires, been doing graffiti, a number of different things, knocking over garbage cans, stuff like that. So we'll be able to track some of that."

Hansen said the police department was also working with Chagrin Valley Dispatch and Cuyahoga County on different camera uses, he said.

He said that some of the cameras that Ostenson had mentioned were "a high level technology, actually multiple technologies put together," and systems at that level could

cost in the \$250,000 range. He also mentioned that other cities, including Cleveland, had received grant funding for that type of camera system.

"The bottom line with the cameras," Hansen said, "is money and grants. And we are constantly following up on that. My concern is making sure that the officers have body cameras first, because that's when most of the interactions occur, that's from a liability standpoint. For us to have our city buildings and properties protected, that's a whole other set of cameras that needs to be added in, then we can start going to the public areas of the city, the parks and main thoroughfares and beyond that."

Anderson said, "The residents and council are like a partnership... If you are hearing something, something that's taking place, it is your duty as a resident to call the police. You can call them anonymously, but also you can let us know."

Hansen said he and his officers continued to investigate crime in the city, including shootings and burglaries. He said he collaborates regularly with council people, Blackwell and Consolo and other departments to take proactive action against crime.

Shenett added that if grants came in to the city, council could determine where to set up cameras, working collaboratively with the police department. "This is something that deters in areas. I think that is something we can put on our plate for future times."

## Other issues discussed

Regarding housing issues, council members stated that in the case of two neighboring properties where the residents didn't get along with each other, councilpersons took an active role in speaking with both parties to resolve the issue.

As far as making landlords more accountable for their tenants, council members stated that landlords needed to register their properties with the city. "It makes it easier to reach out to them," Shenett said.

"I think we need to make the landlords more accountable," Anderson stated, suggesting that holding tenants responsible also needed to be included in leasing agreements.

A booklet to further clarify landlord/tenant issues in the city will be coming out soon, as will a pamphlet to define Quality of Life issues for residents in Maple Heights, council members stated.

Regarding parking issues, Ostenson suggested expanding the hours during which cars could not be parked on city streets, currently 4-6 a.m., to possibly 2-6 a.m.

Council members said residents need to bring their trash cans back from the curb after trash pickup, to the rear of the property, and not to leave them out on the tree lawn for days at a time after their regular pickup day.

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