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Neighborhood News closed Monday

The Neighborhood News offices will be closed on Monday, July 5, for the holiday observance of Independence Day. Deadlines for next week's paper will be extended to Tuesday, July 6, at noon for advertising and news items. See Pages 6 & 7 of this newspaper for area celebrations of the holiday brought to you by our local businesses and city leaders. And have a safe and happy July 4th weekend!

Sen. Rob Portman joins roundtable discussion at Bohemian National Hall



Pictured above is Cleveland Ward 12 intern Maggie Phillips, executive assistant Molly Farris, Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli, U.S. Senator Rob Portman and Judge Ralph Perk Jr., president of the American Nationalities Movement.

U.S. Senator Rob Portman was the special guest Monday afternoon at the American Nationalities Movement roundtable discussion at Bohemian National Hall in the North Broadway neighborhood of Slavic Village.

Portman provided an update on his work in the United States Senate, answered questions on current events and issues impacting the American Nationalities Movement, as well as providing details of his recently concluded delegation visit to Eastern Europe.

'LGBTQ+ Pride Month' resolution in Maple Heights fails to pass on third try

By Judith Goldsworth

A resolution to recognize the month of June, 2021 as "LGBTQ+ Month" in the city of Maple Heights and to "denounce prejudice and unfair discrimination" on any basis, including sexual orientation or gender identity, failed on its third reading at a special council meeting held Monday, June 21.

The vote was three yes votes from council members Richard Trojanski, Toni Jones and Dana Anderson, two abstentions from council members Stafford Shenett and Christian Ostenson, and two no votes from council members Tanglyn Madden and Edwina Agee. At least four votes were needed for passage, Law Director Frank Consolo confirmed at the meeting.

Trojanski, who has publicly stated his status for years as an openly gay member of council, sponsored the resolution.

He commented after the meeting: "Maple Heights City Council sends a bad message by once again voting down this resolution. While equality and recognition is one aspect of the issue, the more important one that Councilpersons Agee, Shenett, Ostenson and Madden fail to understand is the negative economic impact by turning away potential LGBTQ+ homeowners, businesses and anyone considering working as a city employee, when city council says, 'You're unwelcome here.'"

Anderson said, "This legislation is not stating whether you agree with the lifestyle or not. It is strictly about equality and treating people fairly, so as far as some people saying about their religion, and I understand, I'm not knocking that... It's about equality. It's about treating people fairly, no matter what race, color, gender, no matter what."

Agee also commented, stating, "I did a survey in District 7, and the residents of District 7 said no, and that's how I vote. It has nothing to do with any personal issues. That's what we are supposed to be doing, talking to the residents, and that's what the residents said in District 7."

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Literacy Cooperative granted \$500,000 gift from Third Federal Foundation to honor retiring director

Marc A. Stefanski, chairman and CEO of Third Federal, announced last week a \$500,000 gift to The Literacy Cooperative to establish the Kurt Karakul Prize. The gift honors Karakul, the retiring executive director of the Third Federal Foundation.

The Third Federal Foundation was formed in 2007. Karakul was the first director of the Foundation, leading impactful initiatives in education, housing and healthcare in the communities Third Federal serves, and most directly, in Slavic Village, where the company was founded in 1938.

Karakul has been an important and valued member of The Literacy Cooperative's Board of Trustees for nearly a

decade, and he will continue his service after retirement. The Literacy Cooperative is thankful for his years of dedicated service to literacy and the Greater Cleveland community.

"This very generous gift represents an opportunity to raise awareness around the importance of literacy in honor of Kurt," said Bob Paponetti, president and CEO of The Literacy Cooperative.

It will allow The Literacy Cooperative to develop an award focused on those who, like Karakul, are literacy champions and making a positive impact on the communities in which they live and work.

'LGBTQ+ Pride Month'

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Madden commented that statistics from the city that she reviewed showed that there was "no recognition" of any discriminatory events against the LGBTQ community in Maple Heights.

Addressing Madden's comments Mayor Annette Blackwell stated, "I'm not sure where you got that report... but there is a man [in the city] who is openly gay, that calls my office regularly, who's harassed quite a bit, and he's been harassed since I've been in office, asking for help because he's openly gay."

"We do have these incidents in Maple Heights," Blackwell continued. "And so we are here to protect and represent and advance the quality of life, diversity, tolerance and inclusion."

She said that as council representatives the legislators worked for the city. "This is a corporation, and you have a responsibility, as an officer of this corporation, to represent everyone... there is a paycheck associated with this. You are paid. And you take an oath of office to serve everyone. You take your personality out of it; you don't have that luxury," Blackwell said.

"So I want to know what part of the oath of office you are just tossing aside today," she questioned.

Shenett said that council members represented different areas of the city, "but that, at the end of the day, you represent their voice, those who choose to speak." He said his choice to abstain from voting on the issue represented a neutral respect on the discussion from the council, administration and Maple Heights residents.

V.V. Council appoints 3 new part-timers to fire dept.

Valley View Village Council met in regular session on June 8, and appointed Dylan Wester, Joseph Murray and Richard McGinnis as part-time members of the Valley View Fire Department.

Fire Chief Kenneth Papesh noted that Wester lives on Stone Rd. in the village and just graduated from the fire academy, Murray is a full-time member of the Independence Fire Department and McGinnis was in the U.S. Army and in the banking industry and just graduated from fire school on May 8.

Other legislation approved by council included:

- Purchase of a home at 8430 Fosdick Rd. for an amount not to exceed \$167,303.13 as part of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

- Amending the Storm Water Management Plan to update the Comprehensive Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan.

- Authorizing the village to make an offer to buy the property at 8649 Fosdick Rd. at a price not to exceed \$273,600 as part of the FEMA program.

Mayor Jerry Piasecki said there have been two water main breaks on Schreiber and Morningside over the past week and he will request funding to Cleveland Water to replace the Schreiber Rd. main. Piasecki asked residents to keep their receipts for repair of water damaged areas for submission to the water department. Law Director Dave Lambros noted that residents should be reporting damage to their insurance companies.

Finance approvals

The following Finance Department requests were passed:

- To hire RCU for the Design Development Architectural Concept for the monument sign at the intersection of Cloverleaf Pkwy. and Granger Rd. at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.

- To contribute as a municipal member to the Mill Creek Watershed Partnership at a cost of \$5,000.

- To hire Waid Corporation to clean the wet well at the Strathmore pump station at a cost of \$3,800.

- To authorize the recreation director to purchase replacement parts for various playground equipment from Miracle Midwest at a cost of \$18,111.20.


- To renew the HVAC agreement at the community center with the Geopfert Co. at a cost of \$3,172.

- To authorize the police chief to renew the annual support agreement with TAC at a cost of \$7,800.

- To hire David Lewin to review slope stability for the Precision Metal Products Project at 5745 Canal Rd. at a cost of \$5,000.

- Lewin was also authorized to review slope stability for the Project Buffalo at 5585 Canal Rd. at a cost of \$15,000.

In his report to council, Fire Chief Papesh thanked Recreation Director Todd Von Ville and his crew for their help with the conference on Fire Works Safety on Monday, June 7, in Valley View Woods. There were 150 fire inspectors present.





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Shalira Taylor files for Ward 12 council seat

Earlier this month Shalira Taylor filed petitions with the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections as a candidate for the City of Cleveland's Ward 12 council seat. "Ward 12 is not a development project for the city of Cleveland, out of town investors or anyone else," Taylor said. "It's a community with a rich history of vibrance and unique cultures. The future of Ward 12 is a bright one, where our neighborhood takes its rightful place as the heartbeat of Cleveland."



Shalira Taylor

Taylor is proud to say she is a Clevelander born and raised – a neighbor, business owner, community activist and volunteer, who has spent her life advocating for the best solution to her community's problems.

"I love the city of Cleveland; I want the best for us, and I am not afraid to stand up for her," she said. Through her candidacy, Taylor promises that she will never place political capital, partisan politics or personal gain above the interests of Ward 12. She said she is committed to a vision of Ward 12 that includes local ward meetings for the residents of all of Ward 12, a safety plan that balances city government goals with individuals' rights, and accountability for anyone operating in the Ward and within the city limits (including landlords, nonprofit organizations, and elected officials).

Community connectivity and collective success have always been most important to her. Taylor's involvement in the community extends through her membership in organizations like the Order of The Eastern Stars, Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society and The NAACP. She sits on two nonprofit boards that focus on the nourishment, security and well-being of children and participated in voter outreach in 2020 during the pandemic.

"Ward 12 is a fantastic place to live, and somewhere I am proud to call home," she said. "The pathway to an equal city of Cleveland and community is ahead of us and I am ready to lead the charge. Together we can have a brighter tomorrow."

For more information on this candidate, call 216-800-5470, visit: www.st4oh.info or email to: taylorfor12@gmail.com.

Letters to the Editor Nenadovich withdraws from G.H. mayoral race

To the Garfield Heights residents of Ward 3:

Due to an illness in my immediate family, I have chosen not to run for the Ward 3 council seat or mayor of Garfield Heights.

My wife and I thank you for all your support for the last 12 years, and the prior four years with the Block Watch. Again, thank you.

I ask that your support be given to Mayor Matt Burke and candidate Jason Seither for the Ward 3 council seat in the primary and November elections.

Council President & Ward 3 Councilmember Michael Nenadovich

will be public." As a long-time council person, the interim mayor had a clear understanding of the rules.

Based on the recent legislative committee meeting discussions, it was revealed the interim mayor informed the mayoral designee on the committee that the committee could meet in private. In addition, he had numerous discussions with the designee and his very own sister, who is not a public official. Why is she personally engaged in official city business? Is that corruption? Is it ethical?

The committee members, on the advice of the mayor, had four meetings that were not open to the public. This poor advice caused so much confusion and chaos among the CRC members and City Council. Since it is clear the interim mayor was responsible for the most recent situation, it seems unfair to punish any member of the CRC for this blunder. In addition, the mayor did not speak up on behalf of the CRC during the council meeting and he did not show up to the legislative committee meeting. Where was he while dedicated, unpaid, voluntary concerned community members got slammed by council.

I'm struggling to understand why any of this happened and question the leadership in our community. I also wonder why the recent Mayoral Newsletter made no mention of some of the pressing issues facing our community, how to get involved, how to contact our council representatives, etc. Yet our tax money was used for what appears to be an expensive self-advertisement.

We need better leadership, communication and competence. We need transparency and accountability.

Concerned Resident,
Melissia Leonard

Concerned about Community Relations Committee meetings

I am a longtime resident of Garfield Heights, but like many of my fellow neighbors, I am extremely disturbed by the recent issues regarding our city.

Over the past year, there have been numerous meetings surrounding the development of the Community Relations Committee (CRC) {Chapter 136 of the City of Garfield Codified Ordinance}, which was created in 2010, but sat dormant for years.

After it was brought up again as a result of Shayla L. Davis and her initiatives to declare racism a public health crisis in Garfield Heights, and despite several reviews and amendments, the appointments of the committee members occurred in April 2020. (Editor's Note: Committee appointments were actually made in April 2021). During the past year, it was made clear that the CRC meetings would be open to the public, as is required by law. Our current mayor, when asked by City Council on 4/12/21 if the meetings would be open to the public, stated, "Yes, the meetings

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N.N.: 6-30-21

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The public is invited to attend a hearing to voice their opinions or to submit written opinions to the address below regarding the proposed Alternative Tax Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2022. A brief overview of the proposed Resolution will be given at the hearing which will be held on July 15, 2021 at 6:00 pm in Village Hall, 3801 Harvard Avenue, Newburgh Heights, OH 44105. A copy of the proposed Resolution will also be available for review at during regular village office hours. Please send written comments to Fiscal Officer Cathleen Nagorski at the address listed above. Any persons who wish to attend and require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please contact Village Hall at 216-641-4650 no later than 72 hours prior to the public hearing.

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Local businesses given 'Key to City' in Maple Hts.

By Judith Goldsworth

In recognition of their dedication to the city and continued service to the community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, more than 20 local businesses in Maple Heights were presented with "Keys to the City" from Mayor Annette Blackwell.



Shown receiving a Key to the City of Maple Heights is K&K Meats owner Dennis Kolar, at right, from Mayor Annette Blackwell and Economic Development Director Patrick Grogan-Myers.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted every aspect of daily life, including the way local businesses have had to operate," Blackwell stated. "In recognition of the hard work, dedication and perseverance that the operators and employees of local businesses have shown to remain in business over the past 15 months, the city is presenting them Keys to the City."

Blackwell said, "Many of our businesses are owned and operated by Maple Heights residents. It is important for us to bring attention to the businesses and their employees who have worked hard to stay in business, employ people and continue to serve the community throughout the pandemic."

To date, according to Blackwell and Economic Development Director Patrick Grogan-Myers, the city has presented Keys to the City to 20 local businesses, including Good Beginning's Day Care, Novak's Flower Shoppe, K&K Meats, Dentistry for Children, Suburban Veterinary Clinic, Farm House Foods Live Fish Market, Gale's Garden Center, Stolarsky & Truxton, DDS, Baraona's Bakery, Nadine's Cake and Candy Store, and School of The Little Ones.

A complete list of businesses recognized is available on the city's website. More will be recognized in the coming weeks, officials said.



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Applications can be found online at newburgh-oh.gov or by calling the Newburgh Heights Housing and Building Department at 216-641-4654 or by emailing ajensen@newburgh-oh.gov. The office is available Monday-Thursday, 9am-3:30pm if more information is required.

An open house of the property will be held on Friday, July 16th from 9-11am and on Saturday, July 17th from 9-11am.

The deadline to submit an application for consideration is on or before August 1, 2021, by 5pm. Late submissions will not be accepted. Applicants must be available to attend a meeting of the Community Improvement Corporation to present a plan. Meeting date in August still to be determined. Applications may be emailed or mailed to the Housing and Building Department, 3801 Harvard Ave, Newburgh Heights, OH 44105.

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Deadline is July 6th to register to vote in Congressional Primary

Voting for the August 3rd Special Congressional Primary Election will soon begin for voters who are in the 27 municipalities and live in the 11th Congressional District in Cuyahoga County. Voters will decide the Democratic and Republican candidates that will advance to the November 2, 2021 General Election Ballot.

Voters still have time to register to vote and participate in the August 3rd Special Congressional Primary Election by registering before Tuesday, July 6, at 9 p.m. This deadline also applies to anyone who needs to update their name or address on their voter registration record. Voters may register online, print a form from the website and mail it in, or drop it off in person. Mailed registration forms must be postmarked on or before the July 6, 2021 deadline.

Vote-by-Mail and Early In-Person voting will begin on July 7, 2021.

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Death Announcement



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To enter, residents need to email their name, address, phone number and a photo of the home to July4thIndy@gmail.com by July 1, 2021. Participants agree to have a photo of their decorated home posted on the city's website and Facebook page.

The two residents with the best displays will each win a \$100 gift card. Judging will be done by city staff, and the winners will be announced on July 4th on the city's website and Facebook page.

"The Spirit of Patriotism decorating contest will bring some of the celebration of our Independence to our neighborhoods, said Mayor Gregory Kurtz. "There are many creative families who I know will add some sparkle to this year's Fourth of July holiday."

Iron Ward Festival returns to Slavic Village on July 5th

Slavic Village's Iron Ward Festival returns next week for its 17th season of free, live music under the evening sky. Time and location are the same: Mondays at 7 p.m., shady Dan Kane Park, East 65 St. and Kenyon Ave., just south of Broadway Ave. The popular "News of the Week" segment will again be featured at intermissions. The shows continue weekly through August.

July 5: KMOB Trio with Al Moses, instrumental guitarists. They'll perform everything from Pat Metheny to Liquid Soul to Dirty Dozen.

July 12: Frank Jones and Hot Property will make a return trip to Iron Ward, to reprise their expert interpretations of jazz, blues, and Motown standards.

July 19: Don Goodman's Blue Groove Band with vocals, performs their sophisticated blend of jazz and pop.

July 26: Ralph Szubski, the Accordion Man, will present his always popular Polish (and Slovenian and American) polka party. In addition, you'll get his goofy down-home comedy.

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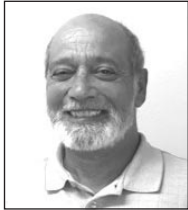
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Shooting, June 16, 6:14 p.m., Broadway & Harvard aves. 18-year-old male victim of gunshot wound to the shoulder. EMS transported to UH.

Shooting, June 17, 3:28 a.m., E. 71 St. & Hosmer Ave.

Shooting, June 17, 6:15 p.m., E. 74 St. & Ottawa Rd.

Burglary, June 20, 3:30 p.m., 6600 block of Broadway Ave.

Assault, June 20, 10:26 p.m., 6700 block of Chamber Ave.

Shooting, June 21, 2:13 a.m., 6900 block of Lansing Ave.

Stabbing, June 21, 4:18 p.m., 7900 block of Harvard Ave. 17-year-old male victim of stab wound to the leg. Transported to Metro.

Shooting, June 22, 5:30 a.m., 3900 block of E. 66 St.

Shooting, June 22, 5:31 a.m., 3900 block of E. 64 St.

Shooting, June 24, E. 55 St. & Dolloff Rd. 49-year-old female victim of gunshot wound to the arm. EMS transported to Metro.

Burglary, June 25, 9:31 a.m., 7300 block of Harvard Ave.

Shooting, June 26, 3:35 a.m., 3300 block of E. 65 St. 24-year-old female victim of gunshot wound to the thigh. EMS transported to Metro.

Shooting, June 26, 7:44 a.m., 3300 block of E. 65 St.

Shooting, June 26, 9:12 a.m., 6100 block of Hosmer Ave.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS

Criminal Damage

On June 14, about 8:50 p.m., police were dispatched to a home in the 4800 block of E. 88 St. for a criminal damaging report. The complainant told officers that sometime between noon and 8:40 p.m., someone shot six BB gun rounds into her house causing damage to the front siding of the house and the front window. There were no witnesses to the event and the homeowner requested a report be made for insurance purposes.

Rape

A Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner at Akron General Hospital told a Garfield Heights police officer that one of her sexual assault patients had informed her that she believes she was sexually victimized in Garfield Heights on June 13. The woman told the nurse she believes she was at a bar in Garfield Heights her cousin took her to on the evening of June 12, and that at some point she ended up in an unknown house which she also believes was in Garfield Heights. She requested that the Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit be tested for DNA. GHPD went to Akron General and retrieved the kit, a urine sample from the victim and a pair of shorts she had worn during the incident. The investigation continues.

Breaking & Entering

On June 22, at 10:52 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the city's tennis courts at 12105 Granger Rd. for a damage report. A city employee told police the storage building between the tennis courts and pool had been broken into. The storage building contains the hardware for the camera system for the pool and tennis courts and was damaged, although it was not in working order anyway

and was being replaced. Nothing else was taken or damaged. The employee advised police there have been problems with juveniles in the park area after dusk and going over the pool fence after hours. Special attention will be given the area at night.

Theft of a Motor Vehicle

On June 21, a woman reported her rental car had been stolen from the rear lot in the 4700 block of Turney Rd. about 3:30 a.m. while she visited a friend nearby. She told police she must have left the keys in the unlocked car or dropped them nearby. Vehicle entered into LEADS.

Robbery

On June 24, shortly after 11 a.m., officers responded to Boulevard Convenient, 8808 Garfield Blvd., for a report of a robbery. Prior to their arrival, dispatch advised that a Puerto Rican man showed a gun to a clerk at the store and demanded and was given money from the cash register. The clerk told the owner what had happened and he followed the suspect to his residence in the 8200 block of Reed Ave. Detectives obtained a search warrant and entered the residence, finding a total of \$60, a black Airsoft gun and a black Springfield gun.

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PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on **Monday, July 12, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.**, before the **Maple Heights Planning and Zoning Commission** in the Maple Heights City Hall Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio, to consider the following applications:

2021-PZ-26 An application from the City of Maple Heights requesting approval of a Lot Consolidation of three (3) residential parcels (PPN 784-06-015, 784-06-016 and 784-06-017) in a General Commercial (GC) Zoning District at 5397 Marion Street, Maple Heights, Ohio.

2021-PZ-27 An application from the City of Maple Heights requesting approval of a Lot Consolidation of two (2) residential parcels (PPN 784-10-034 and 784-10-033) in a Residential Single Family-Medium Density (RSF-M) Zoning District at 5665 Jefferson Avenue, Maple Heights, Ohio.

2021-PZ-28 An application from Derrick Campbell of DC Remodeling requesting approval of a Lot Split and Consolidation of two (2) residential parcels to three (3) residential parcels (PPN 785-16-009 and 785-16-010) and approval of the following three (3) Variances from the average lot width requirements of Sect. 1270.05(A): for Parcel A – a variance of 24.99'; for Parcel B – a variance of 24.99' and for Parcel C – a variance of 30.19' in a Residential Single Family – Low Density (RSF-L) Zoning District at 6312 Valley Ranch Drive, Maple Heights, Ohio.

2021-PZ-29 An application from Yolanda Thornton requesting approval of the following: 1) a Conditional Use Permit under Sect. 1282.04(K) of the MH Codified Ordinances to operate a Convention/Conference Center and 2) a Variance from the off-street parking requirements of Sect. 1290.06(V) of the MH Codified Ordinances in the Broadway Corridor Overlay (BCO) Zoning District at 16300 Broadway Avenue, Maple Heights, Ohio.

2021-PZ-30 An application from Danielle Sims-Swift requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit under Sect. 1278.04(Q) of the MH Codified Ordinances to operate a hair salon and braiding center as a Personal Services Business in a Neighborhood Commercial (NC)) Zoning District at 5396 Lee Road, Suite C, Maple Heights, Ohio.

2021-PZ-31 An application from Trinette Veasey requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit under Sect. 1278.04(H) of the MH Codified Ordinances to operate a Child Day Care Center in a Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District at 5074 Warrensville Center Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

All Applicants and/or their representatives are required to attend. Members of the public are invited to attend but 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. Please call the Clerk's Office at least one week before the meeting at 216-587-9000 to arrange for handicap assistance to the second floor if necessary.

Leonette Cicirella Johnson
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The Neighborhood News
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Legal Advertisement

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The Village of Cuyahoga Heights will be giving an open competitive, professional competency examination for the position of Firefighter/Paramedic on August 25, 2021 at 6:00 pm at 4863 E. 71st, Cuyahoga Heights Village Hall, upstairs. Beginning July 1, 2021, until August 16, 2021, applications for the test may be obtained at the Cuyahoga Heights Village Hall, 4863 E. 71st, Cuyahoga Heights, Ohio, weekdays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Every applicant must be a U.S. Citizen and be at least 18 years of age as of the date of the written examination. No person shall be eligible to take the examination if they are 37 years of age or older on the date of the written examination. All applicants must pass a professional competency examination. The professional competency examination will be on Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department SOG's and Medical Protocols, copies of both can be made available. To receive an application, you must have a valid Cuyahoga Community College Firefighters Physical Agility Test certificate with a validated passing time of 4 minutes and 30 seconds or less, submit a current copy of a valid Paramedic Certification, and have proof of successful completion in State of Ohio Firefighter Level 2 Certification Course. Medical and psychological examinations may also be required. The applicant must be in a physical condition capable of performing the physical functions required of a Firefighter/Paramedic. All information regarding requirements/restrictions for taking the exam will be included in the application packet, along with a copy of Cuyahoga Heights Cod. Ordinance 246, passed 09/2020. **Note only the first fifty (50) valid applications received by the Village on August 16, 2021, by 3:00 p.m. will be eligible to take exams.**

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Community Police Reports

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Animal Complaint

On June 25, about 9:30 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the area of Monica's Flowers, 4624 Turney Rd., for a loose dog complaint. The officer found the grey and white pit bull in the shop's rear parking lot and he attempted to get the dog into the cruiser. The dog lunged at him, attacking and biting his boots. The animal warden was contacted multiple times but could not be reached. Officers made contact with a resident in the 9500 block of Sladden Ave., who said the dog belonged to his cousin, who lives with him. He told police the dog had bit him that day and he had to seek medical treatment at Marymount Hospital. Another officer arrived to help lure the dog into the cruiser and again attacked the first policeman on scene. A third officer arrived and Tased the dog twice to be able to get a snare around the dog's head. The dog continually bit the snare which caused its mouth to start bleeding. They got the dog into the cruiser and were enroute to the dog kennel at 13600 McCracken Rd., when the dog was observed to be fatigued but still moving around. When they arrived at the kennel and checked on the dog he was not moving and was found to be deceased.

Felonious Assault

On June 26, about 12:15 p.m., an officer was traveling south on Turney Rd. and saw a black Ford pickup in front of a driveway in the 5200 block of Turney, pulling up to the drive at a high rate of speed and reckless manner. The officer made an abrupt U-turn and blocked the pickup from fleeing the area. The driver was detained and said he needed help. The officer checked the driveway and found another male down and injured. GHFD was called to give aid. The pickup driver said he had backed into the driveway to load some belongings from a female who was staying in the home's basement. This is when the driver and the man found in the driveway began arguing over money the driver said he was owed. The injured man became enraged and picked up a tire iron and approached the driver, who got in his truck and started to pull away. The other man then picked up his own push

mower and threw it into the bed of the truck. The driver told police he then drove back to the driveway and the other man was run over by the truck and also damaged the attached garage of the home. The driver then backed out and drove east on Durby where he was blocked by the officer's patrol car. The injured man appeared to have a broken nose and cuts and scrapes and was transported to MetroHealth Medical Center. The pickup driver was held for felonious assault.

Maple Hts. working to hire more police officers; shootings, fireworks addressed at meeting

By Judith Goldsworth

Maple Heights Police, with the assistance of Mayor Annette Blackwell and the administration, is working on increasing the number of officers in the department and continuing positive interactions with the community, Police Chief Todd Hansen said at a special Town Hall-type committee meeting that was open to public comment last week.

Residents were invited to participate via ZOOM teleconference in the Community Life and Education Committee meeting, intended as a continuation of a special council meeting held in May for city officials to address concerns about increased violent crimes and other issues.

Hansen acknowledged that when he started with the Maple Heights police in the 1990s, his department had 48 officers, a number that is now down to 27 today, compounded by a workload that can go as high as 120 or more calls for service in a day.

"We've been losing some people lately, and we're authorized to go up to 33 (officers) right now, but I don't know if you've seen the stories in the news, it's not just here, and it's not just Ohio, but it's all across the United States," Hansen said. "Policing has become an extremely difficult position to fill."

In response to a resident's question on whether efforts were being made to obtain and use federal grant funding, Hansen said that at present, all avenues and resources were being investigated.

He added that the process was extensive because, "We have to earn the public trust, have background checks, psychological tests, polygraph tests, medical tests and interviews. We want good people out there, because we are in a lot of people's lives, and we want to make good decisions and get the best people to work here in Maple Heights, and take care of our community."

Residents recognized that officers were extremely busy, but asked whether they could interact more with the city's youth, to offer a positive presence and impact.

Hansen said that officers were present at just about every public event in the city and do their best to interact with youth. "We are always looking for opportunities," he said.

Shootings addressed

Residents who commented at the meeting were concerned about increased gunshots, with the Fourth of July holiday approaching.

Other residents spoke of fireworks so loud that they shook their houses, especially in the Raymond-Nitra area, in the hours between 10 p.m. and 2 a.m. Some of the residents contended that the noises were in fact caused by firearms.

"Give us a call," Hansen said. "We come out on every single one of those calls. We get there quickly, and we search for evidence of gunshots."

Hansen answered a resident's question about a recent incident in the Lafayette neighborhood, confirming it was a stabbing with numerous juveniles involved. "It was an assault and stabbing, and it is all taken care of now. We did get everyone taken care of, and both sides went to the hospital."

Hansen encouraged residents to call if they hear fireworks, because "they're not supposed to be shooting off fireworks anyway. It disturbs the neighborhood, so we come out for fireworks and for gunshots. Please call us, we need to know where stuff is happening. It helps us. Everybody should call; this is important."

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Outreach ministry opens its doors in Slavic Village



Pictured above at the grand opening ceremonies of Fountain of Grace Outreach Ministries are, from left: Mahogani Graves, SVD interim P-16 director; Pastors Albert and Marnetta Lewis; Cleveland Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli.

Grand opening festivities for Fountain of Grace Outreach Ministries, 3210 E. 49 St., at Pershing Ave., were held on June 16, highlighting the new Hope and Recovery Center facility.

Under the guidance and direction of Pastors Albert and Marnetta Lewis, the center provides food and clothing for the community and offers hot, home-cooked meals every Wednesday from 4-5:30 p.m. Over the past four years, the ministry has fed over 10,000 families in Slavic Village, as well as provided backpacks full of school supplies, turkey baskets every Thanksgiving and its "Give a Gift from Jesus" Christmas toy giveaway.

"After not having our own building to operate from, we are now in our own place to continue to fulfill this much needed outreach in the community," said Pastor Lewis.

"Congratulations to Pastors Al and Marnetta Lewis on the grand opening of Fountain of Grace Outreach Ministries in Slavic Village," said Brancatelli. "They are truly a remarkable couple, along with their many volunteers serving the needs of our community."

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7/7/2021: 1 - 7 p.m., Valley View Community Center, 6828 Hathaway Rd.

E. 63rd Block Club to meet

The E. 63rd Street Block Club is hosting a "Meet the Ward 12 Council Candidates Night" at their July 8th block club meeting. All of the Ward 12 candidates have been invited to come and speak. The meeting will be at the PLAV Lincoln Post 13 at 6009 Fleet Ave., side entrance at 7 p.m. 50/50 drawing and light refreshments. All are welcome! The meeting will also be streamed live from Southeast Cleveland Action Group on FB.

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