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Garfield Hts. resolutions honor house fire hero, former Councilman Suster

By Ellen Psenicka

Garfield Heights Council met Monday night, with president pro tem Mike Dudley serving as council president and running the meeting in the excused absence of Ward 3 representative and Council President Mike Nenadovich. On board at the meeting was Ward 4's newest councilman, Avery Johnson, selected to serve in an interim capacity until the November election, where he is also a candidate for the position.

Mayor Matt Burke, in his report, praised the actions of resident Michael Clyde, who saw smoke coming from a home at 4923 E. 86 St., and kicked in the door and alerted the residents inside. Council voted Clyde a resolution to honor him for his quick-thinking and selfless bravery.

Also receiving a proclamation was former councilman Joseph Suster, who celebrates his 80th birthday today, May 26. Mayor Burke has declared Wednesday, May 26, as "Joe Suster Day" throughout the city. Suster and his wife, Donna, will mark their 60th wedding anniversary on May 27.

Burke also noted that a citywide flea market is being planned for July 24-31, and Cranwood Fields Park on E. 131 St. is being cleaned up by the service department so it can be used by residents for family activities.

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N.N. office closed for Memorial Day

The Neighborhood News office at 8613 Garfield Blvd. in Garfield Heights will be closed this Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day.

Deadlines for advertising and news items for next Wednesday's edition will be extended until 12 noon on Tuesday, June 1.

The staff and management wish all our readers a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend. We join with veterans' groups throughout this great land in asking everyone to pause to remember those who gave their lives defending the cause of freedom.



Local Memorial Day observances

BEDFORD

The Bedford Memorial Day parade will be held Monday, May 31, beginning at 10:15 a.m. The parade steps off at Bedford City Hall, 165 Center Rd. Ceremonies will be held at Bedford Public Square on Broadway Ave., and conclude at the Bedford Cemetery on Broadway.

This year is the 100th anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknowns. Gary Haba, former member of the U.S. Army Old Guard, will be the speaker. Fr. Edward Estok is the chaplain. The parade is sponsored by the Bedford Veterans Memorial Day Parade Committee.

CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS

A parade will step off at 10 a.m. on Memorial Day from Klima Gardens en route to the war memorial at the Cuyahoga Heights Village Hall, 4863 E. 71 St., where a memorial service will be held.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS

Garfield Hts. will have a vehicles-only Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 31, starting at 10 a.m. The parade will kick off at Maple Leaf Dr. and Turney Rd. and will proceed north on Turney Rd. to Granger Rd. It will then head east on Granger Rd., drive through the parking lot of The Village at Marymount and then turn west on Granger. Participants will take Granger Rd. to Jennings, where they will drive through their campus before heading to the back entrance of the Civic Center east on Granger Rd., where the parade will disperse.

American Legion Post #304 will hold its ceremony at the Veterans Memorial for PARTICIPANTS ONLY. The ceremony will NOT be open to the public. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to watch the parade in person by staying socially distant and lining Turney Rd., or you can watch the Live Stream, which will be organized and presented by Weldon PC, at GarfieldHeights.info. Both the parade and ceremony will also be recorded so that it can be viewed after the event at GarfieldHeights.info by clicking video feed.

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Juveniles arrested in M.H. double homicide

Maple Heights police, with the help of the US Marshals Fugitive Task Force, have arrested three juveniles in connection with a double homicide on Saturday, May 8, in the area of Gardenview Dr. and Mayville Ave.

Police found two men there with multiple gunshot wounds, one of them dead and the other pronounced dead at Marymount Hospital. The victims were identified as Ryan Tyler, 31, and Zachery Cutner, 29.

"The investigation and prosecution continue," said Police Chief Todd Hansen, "but the main suspects believed to have perpetrated the crime have been taken off the street. We thank all the agencies that assisted in this process and also thank the community for providing tips and information that helped lead us to the suspects."

Anyone with information related to this case is urged to contact the Maple Heights Detective Bureau: 216-587-9624 or Detectives@mhpd-ohio.com

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Garfield Heights Council

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He said the Civic Center will be reopened for business on June 7, following CDC guidelines, but the Senior Center opening will have to wait a while longer.

Passed by council at Monday night's meeting were the following resolutions and ordinances:

- To participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or local transportation improvement programs for the Multi-Street Reconstruction & Waterline Replacement -Phase 6- Project to secure

OPWC loan funds requested;

- To apply for a grant available by the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership for the Garfield Heights Police Department;
- To purchase one 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe from Ganley Chevrolet of Aurora;
- To enter into an agreement with North Coast Two Way Radio for the outfitting of the Tahoe with K-9 equipment;
- To update the salaries of the police department in accordance with the city charter;
- To reflect increased salaries of the fire department as per the city charter.

The next regular meeting of council is scheduled for June 14.

Makes Dean's List at Goshen

Goshen College in Goshen, Indiana, recently recognized 173 undergraduate students for excellence in academics on the spring 2021 Dean's List, among them Eric Miller, a Senior Film Production major from Garfield Heights. He is a graduate of Garfield Heights High School. The Dean's List includes students earning at least a 3.75 GPA, while completing at least 12 hours of coursework for a letter grade.

Independence Council updates penalties for commercial false alarms

Independence Council met for its regular monthly meeting on May 11, and passed legislation to require commercial property owners to pay \$75 for each false alarm on their premises after the first false alarm.

If there are six or more false alarms in any calendar year, the property owner could have their alarm permit revoked.

A second related ordinance passed adds business false alarms as a criminal nuisance. In the event of a criminal nuisance, the city may use law enforcement or administrative actions to abate

the nuisance and charge the property (as a lien) the cost.

Other legislation passed by Independence Council includes:

- Authorizing a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Board of Park Commissioners of the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District on behalf of the Cleveland Metroparks Police Department to share municipal resources;
- Authorizing a \$9,000 increase in the amount of funds requested for professional fireworks services by American Fireworks Company for the city's 2021 fireworks displays;

•Granting a special conditional use permit for accessory uses to Saucy Brew Works for property located at Rockside Woods Blvd.;

•Accepting the proposal of Anthem/ERHealth for group medical, prescription drug, dental, vision and life insurance coverage for all eligible city employees from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022;

•Accepting the proposal of the James B. Oswald Company for professional insurance broker services for the purchase of health care insurance for the city, in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.



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The Village of Cuyahoga Heights Police Department will be giving an open competitive, professional competency examination for the position of full-time Patrol Officer on **Saturday-August 21, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** at 4863 E. 71st, Cuyahoga Heights Village Hall (upstairs). Beginning, Wednesday-May 26, 2021 applications for testing may be obtained at the Cuyahoga Heights Village Hall, 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 21 years of age on the date of the written examination. No person shall be eligible to take the examination if he or she is older than 35 years of age on the date of the written examination. All applicants must supply (with their application) a valid Cuyahoga Community College Police Officer Physical Agility Test Certificate (test dates enclosed in packet). All applicants must pass (70% or greater) the professional competency examination to be considered for employment. Potential candidates must be willing to submit to a background check, polygraph, psychological and be physically/mentally able to perform all functions of a Patrol Officer, to be considered for a conditional offer of employment. A successful medical and psychological examination will be required prior to any appointment by the Mayor. Additional information (job description, requirements, restrictions, rules, qualifications, etc.) regarding the position and hiring process will be included in the application packet.

Only applications that are complete & contain the required information/forms will be accepted.

All applications must be turned in to the Cuyahoga Heights Village Hall no later than Wednesday-August 18, 2021 by 3:00 p.m.

N.N.: 5-26-21

Memorial Day observances COVID-19 vaccination clinic opens at Marymount

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Party in Garfield Park

On Saturday, May 29, a Party in the Park, sponsored by Garfield Heights Neighbors IdeaHub, will be held from noon to 4 p.m., at the Metroparks' Garfield Park Reservation's Iron Springs Shelter. Meet neighbors and celebrate Memorial Day weekend. Refreshments and snacks provided for this family-friendly gathering. Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets.

INDEPENDENCE

This year's Memorial Day services in Independence will be held on Public Square Monday, starting at 9:30 a.m. There will be no parade, and everyone who attends will be required to social distance. Limited seating will be available. A video of the services will be posted on the homepage of the city's website on Monday afternoon.

MAPLE HEIGHTS

American Legion Post #309 invites the public to a small Memorial Day service at the Honor Roll location by Maple Heights City Hall, 5353 Lee Rd., on Monday, May 31, at 11 a.m. Mayor Annette Blackwell has been invited to say a few words. For more information, contact Al Glontz, 216-470-3308.

NEWBURGH HEIGHTS

NO PARADE THIS YEAR.

VALLEY VIEW

A Memorial Day parade and service will begin at 11 a.m.

The Cleveland Clinic is opening a new community-based COVID-19 vaccination clinic on Thursday, May 27, at Cleveland Clinic Marymount Hospital in Garfield Heights.

"Our priority is to provide widespread availability and high community coverage with safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines to help control the pandemic," a Clinic spokesperson said.

COVID-19 vaccinations at Marymount will be available for five weeks on Thursdays from 2 to 7 p.m. to help accommodate people who work during the day and students. Walk-ins are welcome, or people can make an appointment through MyChart (for Cleveland Clinic patients) or by calling the Clinic's vaccine hotline at 216-448-4117.

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Independence

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remain the same.

Newburgh Heights

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Cleveland Council OKs renovations for parks, playgrounds, rec centers

Cleveland City Council held a virtual meeting on Monday, May 17, and adopted two major capital improvement bills, bond funded, that include renovations of parks, playgrounds, recreation centers, pools and several municipal property roofs at a cost of approximately \$21.4 million, and to renovate, replace or rehab various public facilities and buildings at a cost of about \$9.8 million.

Council also adopted a resolution urging the Ohio Legislature to amend the Ohio Public Records Act to provide that recorded footage from police body cameras and dashboard cameras be released to the public within 48 hours after review.

The resolution notes that currently police camera footage is considered "confidential law enforcement investi-

gatory records" and are exempt from release to the public.

But the resolution states that in order to increase police accountability and transparency, the state law must be amended to provide a timeline of when body and dashboard footage will be released publicly, especially in a case of police use of deadly force.

Deadline is Friday to apply for Garfield Hts. council clerk position

Garfield Heights Council has posted a part-time job opening with the city as clerk of council, with the resignation Monday of longtime clerk Barbara Molin.

Annual salary for the position is \$12,000. Qualified candidates may mail or email resumes and cover letters by Friday, May 28, 2021, to: City of Garfield Heights, Attention: Law Department, 5407 Turney Rd., Garfield

Heights, OH 44125 or email to: rpuntel@garfieldhts.org.

For more details, see advertisement on Page of this newspaper.


Food distribution in S.V.

A food distribution will take place on Friday, May 28, from 1 to 6 p.m., at Garden of Life, 5701 Fullerton Ave., in Slavic Village. There will be 1200 boxes of food for those in need in Ward 12, for pickup or drop-off.

The food giveaway is sponsored by Bishop Omar Medina of Community of Faith Collaborative, Community Yahoods, E. 50 St. Block Club, Many Blessings Ministries, Ricks Brothers Foundation and Cleveland Green Again.


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M.H. to apply for grant for police dashboard cameras

By **Judith Goldsworth**

At its teleconference meeting last Wednesday, May 19, Maple Heights Council authorized Mayor Annette Blackwell and Police Chief Todd Hansen to apply for and accept a law enforcement grant, with the city matching 25%, to purchase and install 10 dashboard cameras for the city's police department.

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)- Law Enforcement Equipment (AO3) Program would provide \$20,000 in funding, with the city matching the grant with \$5,000 in the funds if the grant is approved.

Grant for Libby Rd. project

Council passed a resolution accepting a \$475,448 award from the Cleveland Water Department Suburban Water Main Renewal Project Fund, and directed City Engineer Ed Hren to prepare plans and specifications and cost estimates for the Libby Road Water Main Replacement Project, from Broadway Ave. to Lee Rd.

Also approved at the meeting was a resolution accepting a funding award from the Cuyahoga County Healthy Tree Canopy Program, with the city contributing 10%, or

\$4,437.50, towards a \$44,375 total project cost for the Dunham Road Greenway Tree Planting Project.

The legislation also authorizes Hren to prepare plans, bid specifications and cost estimates for the project and to provide for bidding after the city receives the grant funding.

An ordinance to amend and restate the authorized pay schedule for non-bargaining unit city employees for 2021, to include the positions of Accountant, Financial Analyst, Human Resources Coordinator and Seasonal Laborer, was approved.

Also approved was a resolution authorizing Blackwell to enter into an agreement with Safebuilt Ohio, L.L.C. to provide consulting services in connection with the city's building and zoning codes. The city's current agreement with Safebuilt expires at the end of this month. The resolution renews their contract for another 60 months.

A resolution introduced by Councilman Richard Trojanski to recognize June, 2021 as LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, plus) Pride Month in the city of Maple Heights, was placed on first reading,

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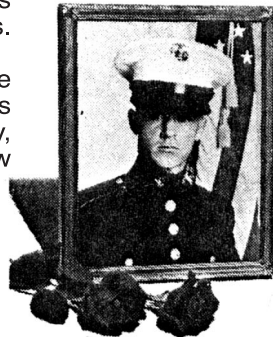
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after a motion to suspend the rules and pass it on emergency failed, with three yes votes, one no vote and three abstaining. A total of five yes votes were required for emergency passage.

Also placed on first reading: an ordinance to amend and re-state certain sections of the city's codified ordinances concerning fee schedules for residential and commercial rental registration and licenses; an ordinance amending and re-stating certain sections of the codified ordinances concerning permitting Type B (permanent residence providing day care for up to six children at a time) day care homes in residential districts; an ordinance repealing a section of the codified ordinances which created a special revenue fund entitled "Housing Reinvestment Grant Fund;" and a resolution authorizing Blackwell to apply for, and if awarded, to

enter into a contract with the Cuyahoga County Division of Senior and Adult Services for congregate meals/transportation from Jan. 1, 2022-Dec. 31, 2023.

\$10M in tax credits for Hazelwood project

Economic Development Director Patrick Grogan-Myers reported during the meeting that while the city was seeing positive housing trends, May 2021 "may go down in city history as one of the most successful housing development months." At its last meeting, council approved entering into a development agreement for the construction of four market-rate, single family homes.

"We built off that success today when we heard from the Ohio Housing Finance Agency that the Hazelwood Court Project has been awarded \$10 million in Low Income Housing Tax Credits to help finance the construction of 53 units of senior affordable housing in the city," Grogan-Myers said.

He said the total project is estimated to cost approxi-

mately \$11.8 million, representing the largest investment in affordable housing, and housing generally, in the city in over a decade.

Also during his report, Grogan-Myers said that as of Monday, May 17, the city's Building Department had cited 654 properties for tall grass, compared with 329 in 2020 and 359 in 2019.

He credited several factors to help improve the 2021 numbers, including having two full time staff members, Building Inspector Parrish Miles and Housing Manager Brendan Zak, available to cite tall grass; Zak's adoption of a data-driven approach to understanding which streets and blocks have been cited every week by the Building Department, to ensure the city is equally covered; and increased collaboration between the Building and Service departments to help the Building Department identify streets with numerous tall grass violations.

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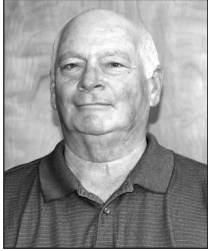
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- Shooting, May 20, 6:31 p.m., 4900 block of Anson Ave. 15-year-old boy suffered a gunshot wound to the chest. EMS transported him to MetroHealth Medical Center.
- Burglary, May 21, 9:58 p.m., 6300 block of Fleet Ave.
- Assault, May 21, 1:37 p.m., 6100 block of Hosmer Ave.
- Burglary, May 21, 9:52 p.m., 5800 block of Broadway Ave.
- Burglary, May 21, 8:17 p.m., 5800 block of Broadway Ave.
- Two Shootings, May 23, 8:53 a.m. and 9:13 a.m., both in the 6700 block of Chambers Ave.
- Assault, May 24, 6:03 a.m., 7100 block of Worley Ave.
- Burglary, May 24, 11:14 p.m., 5800 block of Broadway Ave.
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Felonious Assault

On May 19, officers were called to the Aura Bar, 4912 Turney Rd., for a felonious assault-shooting about 1:49 a.m. They found a man in the rear kitchen area of the bar laying on the floor conscious and breathing with a gunshot wound to his upper thigh on his right leg. As

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Monday, June 7, 2021	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 9, 2021	Southeast Area Law Enforcement (SEALE) Board of Trustees Meeting (if needed) Work Session - 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting - 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 15, 2021	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Monday, June 21, 2021	Council Summer Session - No meeting
Tuesday, June 22, 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.

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Letters to the Editor Welcomes newest Garfield Hts. councilman



Shown here at swearing-in ceremonies for the newest Ward 4 representative are, from left: Mrs. Avery Johnson, Councilman Johnson, Ward 1 Councilman Michael Dudley and Mayor Matt Burke.

As Garfield Heights City Council president pro-tem, it was an honor to swear in our newest member, Ward 4 Councilman Avery Johnson. We met approximately 13 years ago at a Ward 1 gas station. At that time we discussed various programs related to the Garfield Heights community.

With conversations continuing throughout the years, he has shown a great interest in our community and worked on several programs within the city. But his public employment had forbidden him from seeking public

office in Garfield Heights. There's no doubt he'll do a good job in helping to move our city forward.

Councilman Avery Johnson is an 18-year resident of Garfield Heights and a 25-year retired veteran of the United States Army, Sergeant First Class/E7. He is also a retired Ohio state employee and is the former director of Project SAMM Adolescent HIV/AIDS program counselor.

I thank the new councilman's family, friends and Mayor Matt Burke for attending the swearing-in of Ward 4 Councilman Avery Johnson. This was an historical moment within the city of Garfield Heights. Do continue to keep this city in your prayers.

Ward 1 Councilman Michael Dudley, Sr.

Free lunch at church

Jones Road Church, 8000 Jones Rd., Cleveland, will hold its next free lunch this Saturday, May 29, with a hot meal available for pickup between noon and 1 p.m. Just drive up to the front of the church. All are welcome.

Community Police Reports

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police, then paramedics, administered first aid, the victim told officers he didn't know who had shot him. He said he was near the east side of the building walking and suddenly shots were fired and he was struck in the thigh. He was taken to MetroHealth Medical Center for treatment.

On scene in the parking lot, police found a Mercedes Benz with three bullet holes in the rear of the car. After further investigation, a suspect was placed under arrest for investigation of felonious assault.

Animal Complaint

•On May 20, an officer went to the station to take a report for a dog bite incident. The victim stated that on May 19, at 1:10 p.m., he was in his driveway in the 12900 block of Oakview Blvd. A pit bull was on a chain at a nearby house and the victim heard a person at that residence say, "Release him." The dog then ran at the victim and bit him on his left thigh and left upper chest. The dog's owner gave the animal warden the dog for quarantine at the Garfield Heights kennel. Victim taken to MetroHealth Medical Center. Followup and charges to be completed by animal warden.

•On May 22, at 7:27 a.m., police were called to the 12900 block of Maplerow Ave. for two pit bulls running at large. They saw the dogs wandering unleashed and two witnesses said the dogs had charged them when they came out of their homes. Officers decided to use a Taser to snare the animals but it had no effect on them. An officer and the animal warden cornered one dog on a back deck and were able to capture it, but the second dog attempted to charge them in a vicious manner. The other officer deployed a less lethal shotgun and fired two beanbag rounds at the loose dog to keep it from injuring officers. The dog was struck twice, causing it to lose its aggressive behavior and the animal warden was able to snare the dog without further incident. Warden transported the dogs to the county kennel. A phone message was left with the possible owner of the dogs.

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Avery Johnson takes helm in G.H. Council's Ward 4

Here's a snapshot look at new Ward 4 Garfield Heights Councilman Avery Johnson, who was selected to replace former Councilwoman Shayla Davis after her resignation and was present for his first council meeting as Ward 4 representative Monday night. He is serving as interim councilman until the November election, where he will be on the ballot.



Avery Johnson

• Married 18 years to Rochelle Johnson. Two children and four grandchildren who all attend the Garfield Heights City Schools.

• Graduate Of Central State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in social work. Selected by Mayor Frank Jackson to attend Cleveland State University Neighborhood Leadership Program - 1997. Organized the second largest block club in the city of Cleveland in 1998. History of working with adolescents at Outhwaite Estate where he was the education director of Project SAMM, an adolescent HIV/AIDS prevention program.

• Worked for the State of Ohio Department of Youth

Services as a juvenile correctional officer; promoted to Social Worker Level II; promoted to operations manager, with his last held position of Program Corrections Specialist. He retired after 25 years of service in 2019.

• Served 10 years of active duty in the United States Army, 15 years of service in the Ohio Army National Guard and was awarded a Bronze Star for ground combat operations in Baghdad, Iraq. Retired from military service in 2005.

• In 2019, Johnson organized and led the residents of E. 102 St. in Garfield Heights to petition former Mayor Vic Collova and city council to find funding to alleviate the flooding of the residents' homes and street.

Councilman Johnson said he is committed to working with the residents of Ward 4 and looks forward to being an effective legislator for the city of Garfield Heights.



Southeast (Bedford/Bedford Heights/Oakwood Village) Branch Library Programs for June 2021

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

Summer Lunch -18 & younger

Monday-Friday, 1-2 p.m.

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

Homework Mentors - K-8th grade

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

Need to brush up on your academic skills? Homework Center Coordinators at the Southeast Branch are available to answer students' academic questions.

Zoom Virtual Storytime (Family) - Caregivers and their children ages 0-5

Tuesdays, June 1, 8, 15, 6:30 p.m.

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

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God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters. Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace.
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