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Await confirmation from GHPD on weekend shootings

A homicide was reported to Garfield Heights Police about 1:30 a.m. Sunday morning with a shooting occurring outside at the intersection of Turney and Thornton, with the victim coming to rest in the driveway of The Family Pet Clinic.

And three people were reported to GHPD as shot on Oct. 29, shortly before midnight outside The Unkut Lounge at 5011 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights.

This information was taken from an Incident News Media Report from Garfield Heights Police, but the official police report on the two incidents was not forthcoming and Chief Mark Kaye did not answer a call for more information. This unofficial version of events will be updated when more details become available.

MHPD investigates teen homicide; two juveniles in custody

On Nov. 1, around 3:44 p.m., the Maple Heights Police Department received a call of a male shot and lying on the ground on Adams St., near Family Dollar, 17000 Broad- are looking for your input," Asbury said. way Ave.

When police arrived they located a 14-year-old boy, ShaShawn Anderson, with a gunshot wound to his lower back. The Maple Heights Rescue Squad arrived and transported him to Metro Health Medical Center, where he died from his injuries.

Witnesses in the area reported seeing several juvenile males fleeing the scene of the shooting. With the help of witnesses, the MHPD was able to locate several suspects inside a nearby residence. These juvenile males were detained while further investigation is completed.

On Nov. 2, two males juveniles, ages 12 and 13, were transported to the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention made with the departments by the time we're finished." Center in connection with this homicide. Charges are pending.

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 anonymously.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME **ENDS SUNDAY AT 2 A.M.**

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Special parents' meeting set for Bedford High tonight in wake of violent incidents

By Judith Goldsworth

A special parents' meeting will be held at Bedford High School Auditorium, 481 Northfield Rd., tonight, Wednesday, Nov. 3, at 6:30 p.m., to discuss recent reports of violent incidents at the school and how the district is responding to the issues, Councilman Jeff Asbury announced to residents at Bedford Council's meeting Monday night.

According to a statement released in late October, Bedford City School District officials made the decision to temporarily transition Bedford High School students to virtual learning, and security measures will be implemented when the school reopens to in-person instruction

"We must make the safety and security of our students and staff a top priority," district officials stated.

"I'm sure everybody knows what's been happening with the high school," Asbury said of the outbreak of violent incidents, including at Friday night football games, that has been widely reported. "They shut it down now, and they are introducing some new security measures."

The special meeting tonight is intended to seek participation from parents. "If you have a child in the school, and if you're concerned about what is going on there, they

Amended 2021 budget passed

The only piece of legislation that was passed at Monday night's meeting was an ordinance amending previous legislation to make changes to the city's budget for this year.

An ordinance for the budget for 2022 was placed on first reading, as stated by Mayor Stan Koci, to allow further discussion of the legislation before passage.

Finance Director Frank Gambosi stated that his department would go through the budget "line by line" to determine what the city's departments were spending, "and any adjustments or amendments to it have been

Also placed on first reading was an ordinance authorizing City Manager Mike Mallis to buy a John Deere 1200A Bunker and Field Rake for the Parks and Recreation $Department from\,Revels\,Turf\,and\,Tractor\,LLC, at\,a\,state$ bid purchase price of \$14,389.84.

A motion to accept the Planning Commission's decision to accept a request of Dominique Nettles, of Bedford Heights, for conditional use approval to allow the former Dairy Queen restaurant at 401 Broadway Ave., to be used as a daycare centerwas approved. The center will be open 24 hours a day, Monday through Friday, with three shifts per day, the motion states.

Tree lighting Nov. 24, other announcements

Mallis announced that the city's annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on the Bedford Commons the day before Thanksgiving, Wednesday, Nov. 24, at 6 p.m. are forecast for later in the week. Photo by Elena Psenicka

sharp, and workers were already getting the Historic Downtown District ready for the holiday season.

Mallis congratulated the Parks and Recreation Department for being awarded a county grant of more than \$50,000, which will be used towards various senior programs in the city, including offsetting transportation costs, funding meals, "and then a substantial amount of that money will go towards additional new programs, so it's great news for the Parks and Recreation Department and great news for our seniors.'

City officials will be meeting with ODOT officials this week to discuss the Broadway Avenue project which is scheduled to begin next summer, Mallis said, adding that Northfield Road and the Northfield Road Bridge would also be addressed.

Koci reminded residents to turn their clocks back this coming Sunday, Nov. 7, and encouraged residents to check their smoke detectors and change the batteries in them.

COLORS REACH PEAK HERE, FINALLY



It doesn't get much prettier than this at the Trolley Turn Picnic Area in the Metroparks' Garfield Park Reservation as the fall colors showed off a brilliant display yesterday. Enjoy it while it lasts! A few flakes

Cuyahoga County Diversion Center now open to residents seeking care

As of Nov. 1, family, friends or individuals seeking assistance with mental illness or substance use issues can call 216-623-6888 to connect with the Cuyahoga County Diversion Center. The Center is expanding eligibility beyond law enforcement referrals to include calls from friends, family members and individuals needing and wanting care for a mental illness and/or substance use disorder.

Those seeking admission should call the 24/7 Help Line operated by FrontLine Service at 216-623-6888. The behavioral health specialists at FrontLine conduct a phone screening to determine if the Diversion Center or Cuyahoga County Diversion Center is unable to accept FrontLine Service.

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to divert people who need mental health and substance can now make referrals in the absence of a low-level use treatment away from the criminal justice system. That is still the primary purpose," said County Executive Armond Budish. "We can also use this facility to help people with mental illness or substance use issues from further escalating into a psychiatric situation and hospitalization, while still reducing the burden on our jails."

The Diversion Center is a voluntary option for nonviolent adults 18 or older. When it opened on May 3, 2021, the Center accepted referrals from Cuyahoga County law enforcement, for individuals living with mental illanother treatment option is best for the individual. The ness or addiction who were involved in a low-level, nonviolent offense that put them at risk for arrest. Twenty walk-ins. All potential clients must be screened through Cuyahoga County police departments have used the Center for that purpose. Along with the expanded option

"The Cuyahoga County Diversion Centerwas developed for residents, law enforcement and public safety officers

"A person might stay at the Diversion Center for four to five days depending on their needs, and that can be a turning point in a person's life," said Scott S. Osiecki, CEO of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board. "The Diversion Center is an option when people are struggling to manage mental health issues or substance use disorders, when symptoms are getting worse. The Diversion Center staff works with the individual to stabilize the symptoms and connect or reconnect to ongoing care."

A call to 216-623-6888 does not guarantee placement at the Diversion Center; however, the specialists at FrontLine will work with the caller to find the right care.

The Cuyahoga County Diversion Center is a 50-bed facility, with staff onsite 24/7. Services can include assessment, medical evaluation, case management, counseling, medications, Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), withdrawal management (detox), NAMI educational groups, referral and linkage to other community services. Treatment costs are covered by Medicaid or the local ADAMHS Board. Treatment services are certified through the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OĥioMHAS).

Oriana House operates the Center. The ADAMHS Board provides planning, management and oversight of the project. In support of the Center's primary mission of pre-arrest diversion, the ADAMHS Board also has trained 684 participants from 52 law enforcement and public service departments in Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training this year.

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Maple Hts. Council update

By Judith Goldsworth

Maple Heights Council passed a motion at its meeting Oct. 20th, to approve a special recall election on Nov. 23. District 6 Councilman Richard Trojanski is facing recall after enough signatures were gathered from voters in his district and turned into the Cuyahoga County Board of

The motion passed by council was not to recall Trojanski. Council does not have the power to recall any of its members. It was merely a motion to set the date for a recall election which council is mandated to do once a valid recall petition has been filed against a council person.'

Other legislation passed

Council passed a resolution at the meeting to authorize Mayor Annette Blackwell to enter into a contract with submit an application to participate in the Ohio Depart-Terrace Construction Company, Inc., for the Rowena ment of Natural Resources (ODNR) Urban Canopy Res-Avenue Water Main Replacement Project, at a cost of \$1,155,799.69.

The resolution noted that the city, upon application of City Engineer Ed Hren, was awarded a \$754,953 grant for the project from the Cleveland Water Department through the Suburban Water Main Renewal program. Also, upon

Hren's application, the city received a \$670,597 grant for devastated by invasive insects, such the emerald ash borer." the same project from the Ohio Public Works Commission, which will provide funding for up to 28% of the project cost.

Council also passed a resolution authorizing a fourth change order for Metis Construction Service to increase the contract by \$9,128.70 for the new vestibule and elevator addition project at City Hall.

As the various components of the "sprayground" and poolhouse at Stafford Park "are inoperable or otherwise in a state of disrepair," council passed a resolution authorizing Hren to begin preparing plans and specs and go out for bids to repair the Mayville Avenue facility, with the goal of opening it to residents next summer.

Also concerning Stafford Park, council passed a resolution authorizing Blackwell, Economic Development Director Patrick Grogan-Myers and Hren to prepare and toration Grant Program for the Stafford Park Tree Canopy Project in the city.

The legislation notes that the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Program, through the ODNR, administers financial assistance "to increase the tree canopy in urban areas after being

The tree canopy at Stafford Park "was reduced significantly" as a result of the emerald ash borer infestation, and the city "seeks to restore the urban tree canopy in Stafford Park... the city desires financial assistance under the Urban Canopy Restoration Grant Program to plant trees and restore the urban tree canopy in the park." The resolution authorizes the city to provide all information and documentation required to become eligible for possible funding through the grant program.

Council passed two ordinances to adopt recommendations of the Planning Commission: one to rezone a parcel of land at 16506 Maple Heights Boulevard from Residential Single Family-Medium Density to Institutional-Office Zoning District; the other to rezone a parcel of land at 5387 Lee Road from Neighborhood Commercial, also to Institutional-Office Zoning District. Both parcels are adjacent to the Maple Heights City Hall-Police Department complex on Lee Rd.



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Letter to the Editor

New GHMS football team honored

This fall, under the guidance of Coach Copeland and Coach A, a group of young boys came together to play football. The team got off to a rough start with only 5-8 players showing up for the summer practices. Over the next several weeks, a team was formed. The Garfield Heights Middle School 7th and 8th grade football team had to forfeit the first few games while they gathered enough players to make a team.

The GHMS football team played their first game on September 15th against Maple Heights, Milkovich Middle School They lost by a small margin. The next game was against Heskett, Bedford, on Thursday, September 23rd. Again, the team lost to a top ranked team by 4 points.

score of 36 to 6. These young men came together as a team showing sportsmanship and growth as a true team!

Garfield Heights Middle School then played in Lorraine against Southview coming home with a sound defeat, beating Southview by a score of 46-12.

The last game was played against Lorraine's Longfellow Middle School at Garfield Heights. GHMS won this game by a score of 55-14.

To honor these boys, my daughter, Megan Rooy, wanted to have a small award ceremony for the team. We began by going to Balloon Crew, Inc. and spoke with Susan and Marina Bach. They were very helpful in our purchase of two pillars of balloons with footballs on top. From there we went in search of a venue for the ceremony, which led us to Mary Nichols at the Garfield Heights Dan Kostal Recreation Center. She stated that she would check to see if it would be possible to use the facility for this event.

In the meantime, she sent us to The Trophy Shop on Garfield Boulevard, as she had returned several trophies earlier this year that she was unable to use. We met with Mary Ann who worked with us to get a good deal on trophies for each of the boys and "Coach of the Year" trophies for the coaches. Mary Ann informed us that she heard about our mission from Marina at Balloon Crew and was happy to assist.

We still needed a place to hold this event. Megan spoke with Nichelle Daniels, School Board President for Garfield Heights City Schools. After hearing about what was being planned for the football team, she made two recommendations; the first was to send her an email with our request for the use of the school cafeteria to hold the ceremony, and the second was that we check with Sweetly Shoibhan Pastries and Bubble Tea to order



On September 29th, the team met up with Milkovich Middle School and won by a our cupcakes for the ceremony. The owner, Shoibhan Leather, is a graduate of Garfield Heights High School and supports our community.

> In conclusion, I would like to express my appreciation to Coach Copeland and Coach A for all their hard work and commitment to the GHMS football team, the young men who came together as a team under the leadership of these two fine men and all the aforementioned in our community who pulled together to help us honor these coaches and players! Thank you one and all!

Mary Lou Rooy

E. 93rd St. resident

(Editor's Note: The awards ceremony was held last Thursday afternoon for the GHMS football team. Each team member and the coaches each received trophies.)



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being proposed and ideas for future projects also can be sent to psalemi@garfieldhts.org. For additional information, contact the Department of Economic Development at 216-475-5484.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The city of Garfield Heights will have a public hearing at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 15 at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney

Road. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss potential projects to be

funded with the Cuyahoga County Community Development Block Grant and Community Supplemental Grant programs. The competitive

grant programs help strengthen cities, encourages regional collaboration, and improve the quality of life for county residents. All

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nealth or welfare of the community. Comments about potential projects

Cuyahoga County Community Development 2021 Municipal Grant & 2022 Supplemental Grant Programs

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The Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Maple Heights Senior Center, 15901 Libby Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

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Councilman's Ward 12 pancake breakfast helps neighborhood causes

Breakfast Benefit last Sunday with over 200 residents and friends coming out and additional \$1,000 for the newly created Memorial Fund for residents and small raising \$3,000 for Broadway School of Music & Arts, Neighborhood Pets & Resource businesses in honor of Walter Hyde, owner of Daisy's Ice Cream, who passed away

The councilman extends his thanks to all those who attended as well as the volunteers, cooks, servers and Cleveland Central Catholic students for their efforts in making the breakfast a rousing success.

This year's raffle donors, Fortuna Funeral Home, Vics Floral, Metropolitan Coffee,



Garfield Heights Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library

Here are a few of the FREE programs available at the Garfield Heights Branch Library, 5409 Turney Rd., this month. Call 216-475-8178 to register or for more information.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Identity Portraits This hands-on workshop with artist Shelly Svonavec will allow participants to analyze their personalities and create a self-portrait with paint and collage. Wednesday, Dec. 1, 6:30-8 p.m. Registration required.

CHILDREN and FAMILIES

Family Storytime Children of all ages with a caregiver are welcome to join Ms. Ginaya for stories, songs and fingerplays. Held virtually every Monday, 6:45-7:30 p.m.

<u>Homework Center</u> The Homework Center is now open for small group after-school tutoring sessions for students K-8. Open Mondays through Thursdays, 4-6:30 p.m. Register your student today.

Cleveland Councilman Tony Brancatelli held his 16th annual Ward 12 Pancake Harvard Title, Slavic Village Development and Marilyn Mosinski, helped raise an recently. "Special thanks to Clark Broida for organizing this event for our community," Brancatelli said.



Shown at the check presentation at Sunday's Ward 12 Pancake Breakfast Benefit are, from left: Cleveland Councilman Blaine Griffin, Cleveland Council President Kevin Kelley, Broadway School of Music & the Arts Executive Director Barbara Bachtell, Art House Director Laila Voss and Councilman Tony Brancatelli.

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G.H. ELECTION DAY



This was the scene yesterday in the parking lot of the Garfield Heights branch library, one of the many polling places throughout town where voters picked a mayor, council representatives and school board members. Complete results of the vote from all The Neighborhood News coverage area will be in next week's paper. Photo by Elena Psenicka



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Community Police Reports Cleveland

S.V. Homicide

On Oct. 30, 2021, at approximately 2:40 a.m., officers responded to 3799 E. 54 St. for a male shot. The 32-year-old victim was found inside a vehicle with multiple gunshot wounds to his body. Officers removed the victim from the vehicle and began administering first aid until EMS arrived, continued care and transported the victim to MetroHealth Medical Center, where he was pronounced deceased. Members of the Homicide Unit responded to the scene for investigation. No arrests have been made; detectives are investigating leads in the case.

Shooting

On Oct. 27, at 5:28 p.m., a 56-year-old man was the victim of a gunshot wound to the left leg in the 3700 block of E. 55 St. Medic conveyed him to Metro.

Garfield Heights

Shots Fired

Police responded to the Sunoco gas station, 6009 Turney Rd., on Tuesday, Oct. 19, and spoke with the

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station owner about a "shots fired" complaint. He was informed by one of his employees of a shooting that had occurred at 9:50 p.m. on Oct. 18. After reviewing security video, the owner told police a black BMW SUV was parked at one of the pumps as a man was putting gas in the tank. Another man is seen on the video walking east across Turney toward the Sunoco station and producing a semiautomatic handgun, pointing it at the BMW and firing one round. He then fled west through the lot toward Turney out of view of the camera. The driver of the BMW came out of the Sunoco store and left heading north. At the time of the shooting employees heard a shot fired but never contacted GHPD.

Assault

On Oct. 19, at about 11:26 p.m., officers were dispatched to Bonkers, 5147 Turney Rd., in regard to a group of females fighting and a report of a possible firearm involved. Four women had been in a verbal altercation which turned physical and police were called. One of the females pulled the hair of one of the other women and one of them was observed by police to have a swollen lip and minor scrapes on her knees, but declined EMS. Officers were advised by dispatch that one of the women had an active warrant with Garfield Heights police. She was transported to City Jail on her warrant.



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