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Father of murdered teen speaks at Maple Hts. meeting

By Judith Goldsworth

The father of a 14-year-old boy who was shot to death earlier this month in the Broadway-Lee area of Maple Heights spoke at the city council meeting last week, with 13-years-old, killed my 14-year-old son. They shot him in council members pledging to do more for the city's youth the back. These kids went and got guns." to help deter further incidents.

Sha'Shawn Anderson, a student at Milkovich Middle School in Maple Heights, was shot in the back on Adams Street the afternoon of Monday, Nov. 1, by two fellow Milkovich students, ages 12 and 13, Police Chief Todd Hansen reported at a council meeting earlier this month.

The two juvenile males were taken to the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Center and charged in his

death, Hansen stated.

Henry Anderson, Sha'Shawn's father, said, "I am here for one reason, and one reason only. Young boys, 12- and

Anderson continued: "We need things for after school. We need something done. We need some Boys and Girls Clubs, and we need the schools to open up after school for programs to do something. What are our kids going to

"My son is dead," Anderson said. "I'd do anything in my power to get justice for my son and the two kids who killed him... We've got kids killing kids because they've got nothing to do after school."

"We've got to give them something more to do besides playing basketball and football when the school is closed," he said. "I've got this pain, and I need somebody to do something," Anderson concluded, to the applause of the audience.

G.H. Council President Vaughn schedules safety meeting to address concerns at local bars, other issues

By Ellen Psenicka

At the regular Garfield Heights Council meeting Monday night, Council President Tom Vaughn called for a meeting of the Safety Committee on Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 6:30 p.m., to discuss growing safety issues at some of the local bars and other concerns in the area. He said any interested residents are welcome to attend.

The committee is planning to invite owners of liquor establishments in the community, such as Aura, Showcase, Bonkers, Kurts Getaway, Recovery Room and Venture Inn to help address the incidents of gun violence here.

Mayor Matt Burke, in his report at the meeting, said he is working with other mayors and managers to look at legislation that would allow our communities to opt out of the state's new fireworks legislation, known as HB172, and working on determining how the bill recently signed by President Biden allocating over \$1 trillion earmarked for the nation's infrastructure will affect Garfield Heights.

Not on the council agenda was a motion by Ward 2 Councilman Charles Donahue to reinstate the practice of having police deliver the council packets to each go to a second reading.

councilman's home with upcoming legislation to be voted on the following week. It was passed unanimously.

Other bills passed at the meeting included:

- Revising the Codified Ordinances by adopting current replacement pages that are amended to conform with current state law required by the Ohio Constitution;
- Renewing an agreement with Cuyahoga County and Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court to continue participating in the Cuyahoga County Community Diversion Program for low level juvenile offenders;
- Authorizing the sale and disposal of a 2001 Freightliner truck which has been determined to be no longer needed
- Applying for the 2021 Assistance to Firefighter Grant through the Department of Homeland Security.

An emergency resolution ratifying the appointment of Mark Svoboda to replace Clifford Kelley's term to the Recreation Board of the city of Garfield Heights, for the with youth violence, as well as other issues with the term effective immediately and ending Dec. 31, 2026, will

Officials addressing issues

Councilman Stafford Shenett, chair of the Community Life and Education Committee, thanked Anderson for coming to the meeting and sharing his story with city officials in the midst of his grief. Addressing Sha'Shawn's death, Shenett said, "It's a terrible tragedy, and we couldn't know your pain," but said the CLEC had held a meeting recently to address the murder and other issues of violence facing Maple Heights youth.

CLEC members, along with representatives of the activist community in the city and Maple Heights School Board members, talked about several different ideas about how to engage the youth, to try to curb some of the issues that are causing them to go astray, Shenett said.

Maple Heights School Board members who were present discussed different programs in the schools to help deal

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Independence Council votes in new service director

Tuesday, Nov. 9, and passed legislation hiring Ronald \$28,985; McKinley as the city's new service director. He has actually been on the job for about two months now, but it is a charter responsibility for council to formally pass an ordinance to hire him.

Also passed were the following ordinances and resolu-

- purchase and deliver two 2022 Ford F-250 4x4 regular cab pickup trucks with plow package for the Service Department in an amount not to exceed \$99,920;
- purchase and delivery of three trailers for the Service Department to securely store and transport the city's

Independence City Council met in regular session on landscaping equipment, in an amount not to exceed

- accept the 2021 Annual Appropriations Amendment, with the largest dollar amount in the appropriations \$58,319.37. amendment going to payoff off the \$3,600,000 in bonds that was approved last month;
- •authorize Change Order No. 1 to the city's General Construction Engineering and Inspection Services Contract with Quality Control Inspection, Inc. in connection with the Hillside Road Sidewalk Improvements (West) Project in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 and a total amount not to exceed \$75,000;
 - $\bullet \, authorize \, an \, increase \, in \, the \, amount \, of \, funds \, allocated \,$

to the Brecksville Road North Bridge Aesthetics Project for local enhancement upgrades (decorative lighting and fencing), in an amount not to exceed \$255,620, and for a total financial commitment by the city of \$655,620;

• purchase new and repair of existing roll-off containers for the Service Department in a total amount not to exceed

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The GovDeals on-line auction of vehicles is scheduled to begin during the week of November 22, 2021 and continue until all authorized items are posted to the site. Individual items will be available on the site for a period of one week depending upon the posting date. The closing date of each item to be auctioned will be available on the GovDeals site. All bidding, payment, and pick up requirements are available on the GovDeals Inc web site pertinent to the City of Garfield Heights' on-line auctions. Please review all requirements in detail.

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Father of murdered teen speaks at Maple Hts. meeting

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 $Council woman \, Edwina \, Agee \, agreed \, that \, something \, had \, to \,$ be done and meetings were coming up with Maple Heights youth to listen to them about what they need. Councilman amount of \$4,905 for Klyn Nurseries, to purchase an Richard Trojanski agreed that ayouth councilwas crucial to additional 19 trees for the planting project; 71 trees have addressing the issue, so their voices can be heard.

Legislation on agenda

Council passed a resolution at last week's meeting authorizing a second change order for the Maple Heights Police Department Locker Room Expansion for Caves Road Construction, not to exceed \$51,831.06. The project is being funded through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES), which was passed in March 2020 to assist local governments with unplanned issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the legislation stated.

The multi-phase construction project involves converting underutilized detention space in the police department into a new larger locker/restroom space, and converting the previous locker/restroom space into a larger breakroom space, in order to comply with social distancing requirements necessitated by the pandemic.

Also approved was a resolution authorizing Mayor Annette Blackwell to enter into a contract with Barbicas Paving, LLC, for emergency pavement repairs on Knoll Drive, just off South Boulevard, in the amount of \$29,608.75. A water main break and the subsequent repair work by the Cleveland Water Department made it necessary to perform emergency repairs on the roadway.

City Engineer Ed Hren said about 125 feet of roadway was disrupted, which could make it difficult to plow the damaged section this winter.

Two resolutions were passed at the meeting regarding change orders for the purchase and installation of trees for the Cuyahoga County Healthy Tree Canopy Program, Dunham Road Greenway Tree Planting Project. The project

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is being paid for through a \$39,937.50 county grant, with Maple Heights contributing \$4,437.50 in local funding.

The first resolution authorized a change order in the already been purchased. The second resolution authorized a change order in the amount of \$7,825 for Z-Scape LLC, to install the 19 additional trees.

Council passed an ordinance authorizing Blackwell to enter into an agreement with Summit County to participate in a regionalization program with other political subdivisions to provide health insurance and prescription drug coverage to all full time city employees. Maple Heights' participation in this program will result in significant cost savings and expected future stability in health insurance rate increases, according to the legislation.

And also passed was a resolution for Blackwell to enter into an agreement with James G. Zupka, C.P.A., Inc., to prepare and file the annual GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) financial statements for the city for the years ending Dec. 31, 2021 and Dec. 31, 2022.

An ordinance to amend the city's 2021 budget was placed on first reading, as was legislation to approve the 2022 appropriations budget.

A resolution for a contract with Fabrizi Trucking and Paving Co., Inc., to provide for the Northeast Quadrant Sewer Repairs, Phase 3 Project in the amount of \$231,632, was also placed on first reading. This is an ongoing project to repair storm and sanitary sewers in the area of Hansen, Watson, Raymond, Franklin, Hillgrove, Clare and Gardenview streets. The city has received Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORSD), Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC), and Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works (CCDPW) funding towards the work.

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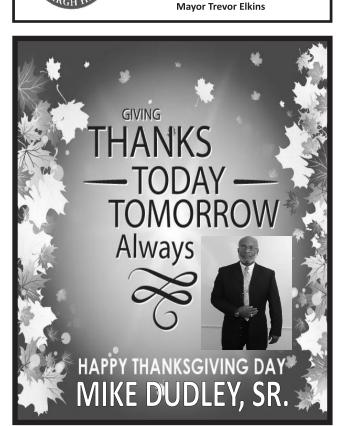
Economic Development Director Patrick Grogan-Myers

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Mayor Annette M. Blackwell City of Maple Heights







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reported that the Cleveland Housing Network (CHN) Housing Partners have launched a Delinquent Property Tax Program to help homeowners with up to \$10,000 in grants to assist with delinquent property taxes due to COVID-19. Funds are limited. More information, including a link to the application, is available at the city's website, citymapleheights.com, he stated.

Grogan-Myers also encouraged residents to participate in Small Business Saturday, this Saturday, Nov. 27, by patronizing small businesses in Maple Heights. "Supporting small businesses in our community by shopping and eating locally is one of the best ways we can all do our part to support the present and the future of the city," he

House sale prices in the city remained in the \$80,000 range, and homeowners were also taking advantage of the city's Side Yard Program, which enables them to buy adjacent vacant lots for \$100, which added about \$7,000 in equity to their homes, Grogan-Myers said.

Hansen said the Maple Heights Police Department will be among several area departments participating in Shop With A Cop this year, but due to the pandemic there will be no in-person shopping trip with police officers again this year. Eligible children will receive a \$150 gift card which they may use for holiday shopping, he said.

Human Resources Director Linda Vopat announced that the city had received a two-year grant from the Department of Senior and Adult Services. The grant is actually for \$57,400 for 2022 and another \$57,400 for 2023, she stated. "We are very pleased with that, and very happy with the work my staff did," she added.

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Major building projects given TIFs at Cleveland Council meeting on Monday

Cleveland City Council held its regular weekly meeting the district would have received if the TIF had not been Monday night and authorized the city to give property tax relief to the developers of three major projects in the city: a 91-unit apartment complex at E. 30St. and Euclid Ave., the renovation of a downtown Cleveland hotel and the establishment of a mixed-unit facility that includes a grocery store at E. 105 St. and Cedar Ave.

Through council's approval, each project will receive a Tax Increment Financing Agreement known as a TIF. The agreement between the city and the developer diverts the increase in future property taxes – based on improvements - for up to 30 years.

However, developers must make payments in lieu of taxes (PILOTs), with a portion of the PILOT to be paid to the Cleveland Municipal School District in the amount

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The apartment project is a \$26 million conversion of an existing building at E. 30 St. and Euclid Ave. into 91 rental units on floors 2 through 8 with a luxury penthouse on the 19th floor and retail and commercial spaces on the first floor.

The project by the Inspiron Group will create 10 new

The hotel project is by Skyline Investments Inc., a Toronto-based company that purchased the 15-story Renaissance Hotel on Public Square and plans to fully renovate it. The \$56 million project will create 166 new jobs at the hotel and retain 69, generating a payroll of about \$86 million.

The finished project will be called Hotel Cleveland.

The grocery store project is by Fairmount Properties which plans to build a mixed-use building with residential space and a Meijer grocery store at E. 105 St. and Cedar Ave. It will be Meijer's first urban store in Ohio. The Meijer store is near the Cleveland Clinic and Opportunity Corridor. The project will create 40 jobs at the site, with a payroll of about \$1.4 million.

full-time jobs with an annual payroll of \$400,000.

A second reading of the execution of a cooperative agreement between Cuyahoga County, the City of Cleveland, Gateway Development Corp. and the Cleveland Guardians Baseball Club was passed for a third reading scheduled for next Monday relating to repairs and upkeep of Progressive Field.

The parties to the agreement will provide financing, operations, repairs, upkeep and new construction projects. The agreement sets up an improvement fund to which the parties will contribute. The city, county and state will provide two-thirds of contributions to the fund and the baseball team will contribute one-third. The agreement keeps the team in downtown Cleveland through at least

Fitness programs at Garfield Hts. Senior Center

Now that the Garfield Heights Senior Center is open again, Carolyn Lockett, activities assistant, would like to welcome Garfield Heights seniors and those from surrounding communities to join in the various fitness programs the center offers.

Activities include:

Line Dancing with the Line Dancing King Rob Johnson, Jr.: Tuesdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m. Cost: \$3.

Cardio Drumming: Coming soon Mondays at 1 p.m. Chair Aerobics: Wednesdays 10-11 a.m. Cost \$3.

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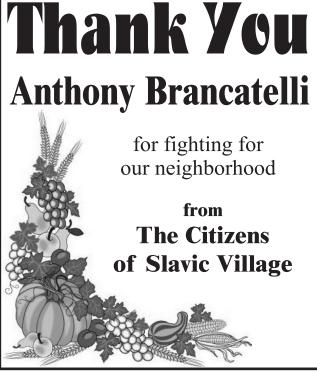
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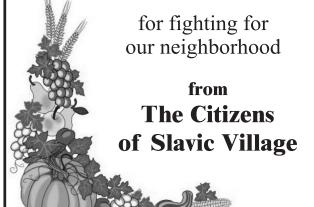
The Senior Center is located in the Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. It is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call Carolyn at 216-475-3244, ext. 2435 for more details.

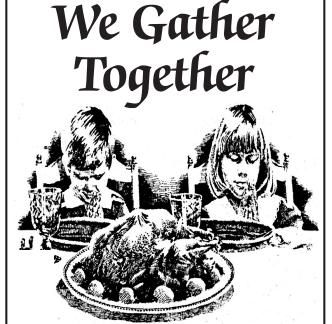
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Owner Carlo Sarti started his barbershop in 1969 on Warner Rd., then moved to Turney Rd. in Garfield Heights in the former Tweedy's strip until 1977, and has been in his present location at 5902 Turney Rd., for the last 45 years.

His clients have come from not only Garfield Heights but all the surrounding suburbs and he counts them all as family.

Carlo said he's cut hair for local police and firemen and judges, students and hundreds of other "regulars" throughout his long career. "I even counted Bishop Pilla and Senator Sherrod Brown as customers," Carlo said proudly.

"I am so grateful to all of them for giving me the chance to do something I love for people I really care about," Carlo said. "I've had a wonderful life."

And his life cutting hair is far from over. He said he plans to join his son at Carlo Sarti, Jr.'s shop at Broadview and Wallings rds. in Broadview Heights after he packs up and leaves his Turney Rd. address on December 4th.

"I just got an opportunity to sell my building and work with my son," Carlo said and hopes to see his old customers in the new location, also called Carlo's Barber Shop.

If his deal for the Turney Rd. location goes through, it will become a beauty shop in its new life, Carlo said.

Summing up his life in Garfield Heights behind the barber's chair, Carlo said, "I have $never\ gon\ \check{e}\ to\ work\ one\ day\ that\ I\ was\ n't\ happy\ to\ go."\ He\ seems\ to\ be\ a\ very\ lucky\ man$ - just ask him!

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Shown above in a photo at Carlo's Barber Shop about 15 years ago are barbers, from left: Bill Weiss, Carlo Sarti, Sr., Rob Gangali, Nick Barrela, Dave Wolfe and Carlo

Free Thanksgiving Dinner at GHUMC

Everyone in the community is invited to a Free Thanksgiving Dinner this Thursday, Nov. 25, from 12 noon to 2 p.m., at the Garfield Heights United Methodist Church, 4977 Turney Rd. Come have dinner in the dining hall or stop at the Wadsworth Ave. door for pick up. Senior citizens or homebound persons may get meals delivered by calling 216-641-4199. Please observe health and safety protocols by social distancing.

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Cleveland Metroparks awarded \$950,000 to advance regional transportation projects

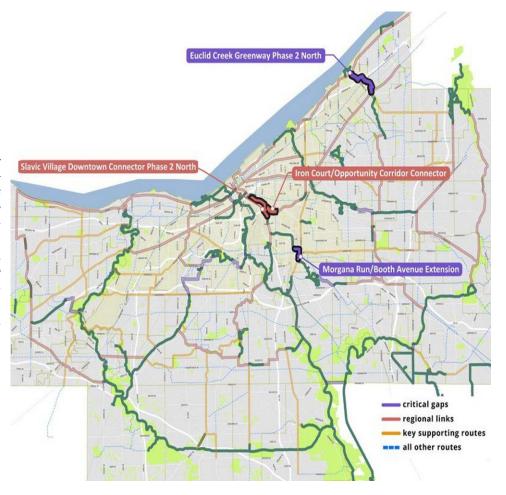
Cleveland Metroparks announced last Thursday it was awarded \$950,000 by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to advance the planning and design of four regional transportation projects that encompass 5.7 miles of trail and bicycle connections on Cleveland's East Side. The projects were awarded federal funding through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grants program and will support an overall \$1.5 million planning project that leverages local funding from Cleveland Metroparks and the City of Cleveland.

This is great news for Northeast Ohio," said U.S. Senator Rob Portman. "I applaud the Department of Transportation for providing Ohio with the resources needed to advance bicycle and pedestrian trail planning," said Portman. "This project will increase community access, while also creating needed jobs.

Last July, Portman sent a letter to U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg in support of Cleveland Metroparks' application for the RAISE grant.

The four projects in the RAISE award are derived from the Cuyahoga Greenways Plan, a countywide trail and bikeway master plan that was completed in late 2019. The plan's development was funded through the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency's (NOAĈA) Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) program and the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission, the project sponsor. The award is a direct result of collaboration between Cuyahoga County, the city of Cleveland and Cleveland Metroparks through the Cuyahoga Greenway Partners to advance several priorities in the ambitious Cuyahoga Greenways Plan.

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Cleveland Metroparks

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priority trail projects for implementation by developthe remaining two through tively named the RAISE Cleveland Bicycle & Pedesawarded application encom- Run Trail. passes the following projects:

Slavic Village **Downtown Connector Phase 2** North

Awarded funds for the full design of 2.2 miles of bicycle connection from E. 14th St. to the intersection of Broadway and Dille aves. It will connect the Slavic Broadway Area. Village neighborhood and completed Morgana Run Trail to the Towpath Trail Cleveland through Metroparks Washington and Ohio & Erie Canal reservations along with Downtown Cleveland. It will also connect to the all purpose trail built as part of ODOT's Innerbelt Project along Orange Ave. that connects to E. 14th St. and on to the E. 9th St. Extension.

Morgana Run-Booth Ave. Extension

Awarded funds for the full design of a 0.8 mile all pur-

The award advances four pose trail to link the completed Morgana Run Trail to the Mill Čreek Falls area ing full design documents of Garfield Park Reservafor two projects and moving tion. It will also connect to the Warner Road bike lanes the feasibility stage. Collec- and Mill Creek Connector Trail, as well as the future Slavic Village Downtown trian Planning project, the Connector via the Morgana

Iron Ct. to **Opportunity** Corridor

posed 0.7 mile connection from the Western Terminus of Opportunity Corridor Trail at E. 55th to the Slavic Village Downtown Connector Trail near Iron Court/

Euclid Creek Greenway Phase 2 N

Awarded funds for feasi-

bility-level planning of a proposed two-mile bicycle connection between the lower Euclid Creek Reservation to its lakefront portion. The proposed connection would build on Cleveland Metroparks first phase of the Euclid Creek Greenway that will connect Euclid Creek Parkway to Euclid Avenue that will be constructed in 2022.

Projects for RAISE funding were evaluated by the U.S. Department of Transportation on merit criteria including safety, environmental sustainability, qual-Awarded funds for feasi- ity of life, economic combility-level planning a pro- petitiveness, state of good repair, innovation and partnership. Project applications that demonstrated improvements to racial equity, reduce impacts of climate change and create good-paying jobs were prioritized.

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GH. Ward 7 Block Watch to meet

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch, sponsored by Councilman Tom Vaughn, will meet Tuesday, Nov. 30, at 7 p.m. in the St. Augustine Room of St. Benedict School, 13633 Rockside Rd.

Guest speaker will be Judge Deborah Nicastro. Nonperishable items for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry would be appreciated. All are welcome. For more information contact Gail, 216-662-9213.



A Thanksgiving Prayer

Lord, we are so thankful for all that gifts that You bestow upon us each and every day,

The gifts love and compassion are among the many that You provide. Give us the grace to nurture others with the unconditional love You show us.

We give thanks for the gift of community and all those brought into our lives - strangers and friends, families and neighbors, colleagues and caregivers.

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Amen.

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Mayor Matt Burke, City of Garfield Heights, Theresa Kopcik of E. 90 St.; Tony D'eusanio, Local Resident and Realtor, Dawne Cieslak of Bangor Ave.; Dave's Supermarket - Slavic Village, Karen Sever of Sarasota Dr.; Dave's Supermarket - Garfield Heights, Laverne Custer of Brecksville Rd.; Dependable Electric, Steve Sanducci of Rockwood Rd.; Chuck Donahue, Councilman Ward 2, City of Garfield Heights, Patti Tropf of Grand Division Ave.; First Federal Lakewood, Jaspal Williams of Summit Ave.; Fisher Auto Parts, Brian Applegate of Brunswick Ave.; Garfield Jewelers, Carol Kucko of Forest Overlook Dr. and Sue Houska of Mapleview Dr.; Gas USA, Daniel Brian of Silverdale Ave.; Giant Eagle, Nancy Kacik of Stockton Ave.; Harry's Steakhouse, Diana Lappert of Hathaway Rd.; K & K Meat Shoppe, INC., name unavailable; Matrix III Income Tax Service, S.Rogers of Wadsworth Ave.;

Mike's Pizza, Debbie Konieczka of State Rd.; The Neighborhood News, Leon Jarosz of Carol Dr.; PNC Bank, Mike Smothers of Krakow Ave.; R & K Sausage And Catering, Reggie Hall of Johnson Ave.; Rad Air Complete Car Care, David Norman of E. 117 St.; Re/Max Haven Realty, INC., Nancy Fitch of Grannis Rd.; Ricco's Garfield Beauty Salon, Peggy Sajewski of Bangor Ave.; Slavic Village Development, Carol Gasiewski of E. 63 St.; SUBWAY - Turney Town, Chuck Keshock of Thomas St.; Sunoco - Fleet Deli, name unavailable; Sweetly Shoibhan Pastries & Bubble Tea, Beverly and Michael Dean of Lisa Dr.; Tiffany's Pizza and Grinders, J.Boziak of Beman Ave.; Turney Town Shell - Turney Corner Store, Debbie Soltesz of E. 129 St.; Turney Sunoco, Ryan Short of Hathaway Rd.; Turney Town Sunoco, Ann Kobowski of E. 135 St.; Unique Tax And Accounting, INC., Mike Sarama of Dercum Rd.; Walgreens, Gwen Willis of Maplewood Ct.; Weldonpc.com, Jerry Custer of Brecksville Rd.; Shannon Landscaping & Snowplowing, Bob Cermak of Wynde Tree Dr.



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Shots Fired

On Nov. 12, about $11:54~\mathrm{p.m.}$, police responded to the 4900 block of E. 88 St. for a report of suspicious activity. A caller had reported hearing knocking on a second floor door to his residence. Upon arrival, the officer was waved down by someone across the street reporting that a male had just shot several rounds into the air in their driveway. This may have been the knocking that the previous caller had reported. A woman who lives in the house said that her ex-boyfriend had come over to her house and she let him in. They began to argue and the ex-boyfriend left the house followed by the woman. They continued to argue in the driveway and at one point the ex-boyfriend, while facing away from the ex-girlfriend, pulled out a semiautomatic weapon, pointed it in the air and fired off several shots. Âfter ĥe fired off the shots, he left in an unknown direction. Six 9mm casings were located in the driveway. Charges were signed against the ex-boyfriend for discharging a firearm.

Breaking & Entering

block of E. 85 St., told police that at 4:18 p.m. he went to check on the home and found someone had gained entry and took his 55" Smart flat screen television. Police advised he follow up with the Detective Bureau.

Weapon Offense

On Nov. 16, the school resource officer at Garfield Heights High was notified by the Seven Hills Police

on video at the Seven Hills Recreation Center taking keys from a female and then taking her vehicle off the property. Inside the vehicle was the female's firearm. The suspect attends the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center until 11:30 a.m. and then returns to GHHS for the rest of the day. Garfield police took him into custody when he returned to the high school around noon. Seven Hills police on scene escorted the suspect to their patrol car and upon searching the suspect for a loaded firearm in his coat pocket, just like the one that was in the stolen car. GHPD then took the suspect into custody and transported him to the city jail. He was charged with illegal conveyance of a deadly weapon in school safety zone, CCW and receiving stolen property.

Recovered Stolen Auto

On Nov. 16, at about 12:30 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop in the 5600 block of Turney Rd., on a red Chevy Malibu entered stolen from Pennsylvania. The officer told the female driver to exit the vehicle and opened her car door as she was starting the engine. She then put the car in gear and fled, striking the officer in the head with the door jam of the car. Officers pursued the vehicle with speeds exceeding 70 mph. Suspect fled east on Tarkington in Cleveland, and attempted a southbound turn onto E. 176 St., but could not negotiate the turn, causing the suspect to brake, but hitting an electrical guide wire, with an officer taking evasive action and striking the suspect's vehicle when he attempted to stop his police cruiser. The crash caused the suspect's vehicle to roll over, and the suspect was removed from the car and handcuffed. She complained of leg pain and Cleveland EMS and Cleveland police responded. Paramedics On Nov. 16, the owner of a vacant home in the 4800 checked her for injuries. Suspect refused further treatment and was placed under arrest. She was held on RSP, felony fleeing and eluding, felony assault on a peace officer. Also cited for No OL, stop signs and reckless operation. Injured officer responded to Marymount ED for possible head injury.

Disorderly Conduct

On Nov. 19, about 10 a.m., the school resource officer Department about a Garfield High student who was seen at Garfield Heights High was advised of a physical

altercation between two males and others eventually joining in. Report forwarded to the prosecutor for charges. Both males may be charged with disorderly conduct, and both were suspended by the school for five days.

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Death Notices



SISTER MARGARET MARY

Sister Margaret Mary (nee Hedwig Grochowski), the final member of the Sisters of the Holy Spirit in Garfield Heights, died Sunday, Nov. 7, strengthened by the prayers of her loving family and the Jennings community.

Sr. Margaret Mary was born to Alexander and Alexandra Grochowski on Jan. 29, 1926. Raised in Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish, she entered the Sisters of the Holy Spirit on June 10, 1941 at age 15, when the Sisters were living in two duplex houses at E. 123rd St. and Corlett

 $She fondly \, remembered \, the \, move \, to \, the \, new \, Motherhouse$ in Garfield Heights in January 1942. She was received into the Novitiate of the Sisters of the Holy Spirit on Aug. 30, 1942, and was assigned to do domestic work at the newly opened Jennings Hall. She professed final vows on Sept. 6, 1947.

She graduated from Marymount School of Practical Nursing in 1956 and also completed the training program for activities coordinators in 1976. Sister became the first Director of Nursing for Jennings in the 1950s when it added its "Infirmary Wing." She subsequently held roles as the Director of Restorative Care and Life Enrich-

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Always wanting to remain active, she volunteered full time after retirement with Jennings residents who were living with Alzheimer's disease. Her motto was, "If you don't use it, you lose it," and it was often heard by her family members as well as those at Jennings whom she encouraged to participate in exercise and various activities. In addition to professional roles at Jennings, Sister Margaret Mary served in many administrative roles in her eligious community. She was also a member of Jennings' Board of Directors, ultimately becoming an Honorary Life Member.

Sister had a youthful spirit and zest for life, and she will be remembered for her great joy. She was creative and multi-talented, having accomplished exquisite needlework and painting. Staff at Jennings remember her as highly competitive when she bowled with them on the Jennings League at Cloverleaf Lanes. She remained active at Jennings even as her diminished eyesight and hearing slowed her down in the last months of her life, where she was lovingly supported by the staff at Jennings in Garfield Heights and Jennings Hospice.

Sister's family remembers her as dedicated to them and always an example of prayer. She loved her many nieces and nephews and took even greater pleasure in their children. She loved travel and especially enjoyed her rips to Poland and the Holy Land. Her collection of ceramic turtles from all over the world will be shared with family and friends.

Sister Margaret Mary is survived by one living sister,



Wishing you blessings of health and happiness this Thanksgiving.

Garfield Heights City Council President and Ward 7 Councilman

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nephews and their children. She was preceded in death by the following siblings: Helen Stokes (Harry), Zygmond, Alex (Violet), John, Sophie Cummings (Carlyle), Jenny Kontos, and Irene Welch (Thomas).



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