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## Garfield Heights names Juneteenth as permanent recognized holiday in city

By Ellen Psenicka

At its Monday, Sept. 27th meeting this week, Garfield Heights Council declared June 19th, known as Juneteenth, to be a permanent holiday in the city, and mandating all city buildings be closed and all administrative and AFSCME union employees to receive a paid holiday.

Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, the date many of those enslaved African-Americans in Texas learned they had been emancipated following the Civil War. On June 18, 2021, President Joe Biden declared June 19th to be a recognized federal holiday.

In Mayor Matt Burke's report to council, he mentioned there will be a Safeguard Our Kids event concerning missing children on Thursday, Oct. 7, at 6 p.m. in the Red Oak Picnic Shelter in Garfield Park Reservation, hosted by Burke, GHPD Juvenile Detective Seawright, Barbie West, Abundant Love Community Outreach and Queen IAM Youth Empowerment.

Discussed will be prevention tips, red flags, characteristics, social media tips, child ID packets, community resources and how the GHPD handles missing kids and how the public can help.

Other ordinances and resolutions passed by council Monday included:

- Entering into an agreement with the city engineers, OHM Advisors, for the Midwest Neighborhood Storm/Sanitary Sewer System Reconstruction Project – Phase 4, and authorizing payment of costs through funding by the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District.

- Amending a section of the city's codified ordinances titled "Location and Capacity." In Chapter 307 it states that the city shall contract with at least two agencies located within the city for the purpose of towing and storage of vehicles for the Garfield Heights Police Department. Currently the city has only one towing company that meets city requirements. The amendment passed will permit the city to contract with towing and storage facilities that are located no further than five miles from Garfield Heights.

- Directing the city engineer to prepare the necessary plans and specs and go out for competitive bids for the Granger Road Hill Storm Sewer Project – Phase 2, and authorizing payment of costs for this project.

- Directing the city engineer to prepare the necessary plans and specs and go out for competitive bids for projects improving roadway conditions for Transportation Blvd. and Vista Way, approximately between Antenucci Blvd and Giant Eagle.

- Applying for grant funding for Title III grant funds through the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging to maintain the current level of services for seniors and to expand these services in 2022-23.

The next scheduled meeting of council will be Tuesday, Oct. 12, as Monday, Oct. 11th, is Columbus Day, a federal holiday.

## Judge Weiler is retiring Independence City Council passes amended 'Keeping Chickens' ordinance



Judge Weiler

Judge Jennifer P. Weiler has announced her intention to retire from the Garfield Heights Municipal Court effective Sept 30, 2021.

She was first elected as judge for a six-year term commencing Jan. 1, 2000. She was subsequently elected for three additional terms with the current one due to expire Dec. 31, 2023. In addition to her duties at the court, Judge Weiler is the principal editor of the best-selling legal treatise "Ohio Driving Under the Influence Law," published by Thomson Reuters-Westlaw.

Judge Weiler said, "I am very blessed to have been a judge and am grateful to all the communities I have had the opportunity to serve." She looks forward to spending more time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine will choose a replacement to serve out the balance of Judge Weiler's term.

Independence Council met in regular session Tuesday, Sept. 14, and passed an ordinance to add a new section to the codified ordinance of the city regarding the keeping of chickens.

The legislation passed stipulates that a maximum of six female chickens may be kept on a residential lot up to 20,000 square feet in area and no roosters are permitted. Chickens must be kept in an enclosed or fenced area in the rear yard only, not visible from the right-of-way, with a variety of minimum restrictions based on the chicken coop's proximity from side yard lot lines, rear lot lines and from adjoining dwellings, based on the width of the lots.

Several stipulations are made in the legislation for the design of the chicken coops and their upkeep. Council removed from the original legislation a stipulation that those wishing to keep chickens on their property must receive a permit from the Building Department.

The amended ordinance will take effect and be in full force 90 days following the signature by the mayor to allow all existing owners of chickens in the city time to comply with the provisions of the new legislation.

The following legislation was also among the ordinances and resolutions passed at the Sept. 14 meeting:

- Authorizing the disposal of the city's surplus goods and equipment through GovDeals online auction services;
- Accepting the Consortium bid of Compass Minerals America, Inc. for the purchase and delivery of rock salt for the 2021-22 snow season;
- Purchasing turnout gear for the Fire Department, in an amount not to exceed \$47,345 through the State Cooperative Purchasing Program;
- Granting a special Conditional Use Permit to Cleveland School of Cannabis for an educational use at 6599 Granger Rd.;
- Accepting the bid of Liberty Ford, Inc. to supply Ford passenger, police and commercial vehicle repairs, parts and labor on an as-needed basis through May 31, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$35,000;
- Accepting the bid of Car Parts Warehouse for various automotive and light truck parts on an as-needed basis for the Service Department through Aug. 31, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$45,000;
- Declaring the vehicles parked at 9114 Bramley Dr. in the city to be junk motor vehicles and therefore a public nuisance and authorizing the law director to notify their owner;
- Accepting the proposal of Luminous Harmony to design and enhance the city's current holiday lighting display in Elmwood Park in phases over the next two years and the purchase of additional lighting, electrical components, controllers, support structures and static and animated displays, in an amount not to exceed \$75,577, for a total amount not to exceed \$81,577.00, with partial reimbursement by NOPEC.

## Independence mayor appoints new police chief

Independence Mayor Gregory Kurtz announced last Friday in his mayoral update email that he has appointed Robert Butler as the next police chief for the city.

Captain Butler has been with the Cleveland Metroparks Police Department since 2018 and currently oversees patrol operations. He has also overseen special and administrative operations with the Metroparks Police. Before that he worked for the Cleveland Heights Police Department for 10 years, where he rose through the ranks from officer to sergeant to lieutenant. He is also a part-time law enforcement instructor at Cuyahoga Community, Lorain Community and Lakeland Community colleges.

Recently the International Association of Chiefs of Police honored him with their 40 Under 40 Award. The award recognizes law enforcement professionals worldwide that demonstrate leadership and exemplify a commitment to their profession. If confirmed by council at its Oct. 12 meeting, Butler's first day as police chief would be Nov. 1.



Robert Butler



Dear Ward 12 Residents,

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Councilman for the last 16 years. It is an honor and a privilege to work everyday to better our city and Ward 12, where I have been a lifelong resident. We have accomplished much, but also have much left to do, which is why I am writing to humbly request your vote in the November election. I have served our Ward for nearly 3 decades, first as Executive Director at Slavic Village Development and then as your Councilman. I believe my track record of community impact, results, and collaboration warrant my re-election. Experience, knowledge and respect matter as our ward and city navigate through difficult times and continues to move forward.

I work tirelessly to ensure Ward 12 is safe, enjoys a strong quality of life, and sees economic development and progress. I **helped triple the annual street repair and resurfacing budget** and made sure that every major street has been rebuilt. I've **helped support local businesses** through the pandemic which led to even more small businesses opening. I made sure that the dirt bike track planned for our backyard did not happen, and that an old, problematic landfill became **Brighton Park** for all to enjoy. And, I have stayed focused on ensuring that our housing continues to improve, and blight is removed. Our efforts are working – **home values rose 32%** in the last 4 years.

We have been through an unprecedented time in the last year and I worked diligently to help **keep residents safe**. Please contact me if you want a **vote-by-mail** application to conveniently and safely vote from home. Voting by mail means you simply fill out the application, return it to the Board of Elections, and a ballot is mailed to your home. If you prefer in-person voting, **Election Day** is Tuesday November 2nd, 2021.

Your vote is important, and when you vote, whether by mail or on Election Day, **I ask that you vote for me, Anthony Brancatelli, so together we can continue moving Ward 12 forward**, ensuring our neighborhood is a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family.

If you have any questions or want to contact me directly, **please do not hesitate to call or email me at 216.399.0330 or Ward12Tony@gmail.com.**

Sincerely,  
Anthony Brancatelli  
Ward 12 Councilman

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## Facing eviction? Legal Aid can help!

By Tonya Sams  
Development and Communications Assistant,  
The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland

On August 26, the Supreme Court's decision not to extend the federal eviction moratorium has left many tenants who lost income due to the COVID-19 pandemic fearful of losing their housing. Northeast Ohioans at risk of eviction can get help through the new Free Eviction Help program, a collaboration between The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland and United Way's 2-1-1 service. Free Eviction Help provides free legal representation to tenants facing eviction.

The program has already helped many people in this region stay in their current housing or find new living accommodations. Another benefit is that children can remain in school without worrying about disruptions caused by displacement and homelessness.

People who contact Free Eviction Help may also qualify for Cleveland's Right to Counsel (RTC) program, which applies to households with at least one child and incomes at or below the federal poverty guideline. Through RTC, eligible tenants now have the explicit legal right to free legal representation in their eviction cases.

Hazel G. Remesch, Legal Aid's managing attorney in the housing law practice group, has been able to help many clients from being evicted.

"There is a lot of trauma that comes with facing eviction," said Remesch. "The uncertainty causes stress. We help our clients by putting dignity into the process. They know that they have an advocate by their side, helping them make informed decisions. We are able to give them a softer landing than they would have without an attorney."

Remesch reflected on a recent eviction case, saying, "The client had a history of acute seizures, was a rape survivor and suffered from PTSD. She was not able to pay her rent for a year, but because of her (Legal Aid) attorney, she was able to get rent assistance and stay in her unit. She ended up getting approved for \$12,000 in rent assistance, which covered three months of future rent."

Resources are also available through United Way's 2-1-1 and also the Cleveland Housing Network (CHN) Housing Partners Family Stability Initiative. CHN provides assistance with eviction cases, helps homeowners avoid foreclosure and assists with paying utilities.

To find out if you qualify for help, contact Legal Aid at 216-861-5835 or apply via 2-1-1 chat box/phone number. You can also learn more about your rights and apply for help online at [www.FreeEvictionHelp.org](http://www.FreeEvictionHelp.org)

## Unclaimed Life Insurance Funds net Ohioans over \$80,000,000

Department of Insurance Director Judith L. French is reminding Ohioans during September Life Insurance Awareness Month that a free, web-based search service is available to help them find a missing life insurance policy or annuity contract in which they are the beneficiary.

The Life Insurance Policy Locator, provided by the department and National Association of Insurance Commissioners, has matched nearly 5,000 Ohioans with a total of \$81 million in unclaimed life insurance proceeds.

Individuals who believe they are beneficiaries and executors, or legal representatives of a deceased person may submit a search request. Insurance companies receive the request, search their records, and directly contact the requester if there is a match. Call 1-800-686-1526 or visit: [www.insurance.ohio.gov](http://www.insurance.ohio.gov). with questions.

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The City of Maple Heights is inviting bid proposals for Residential Waste Collection and Recycling Services within the City of Maple Heights, Ohio. Bid Documents can be obtained from the office of the Law Director located at Maple Heights City Hall, 5353 Lee Rd, Maple Heights, OH 44137 or on the City of Maple Heights website at <https://citymapleheights.com>

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on Friday, October 1, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in Council Chambers at Maple Heights City Hall, 5353 Lee Rd, Maple Heights, OH 44137.

Bids will be received at the office of the Law Director located at Maple Heights City Hall, 5353 Lee Rd, Maple Heights, OH 44137 until 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 and will be opened publicly and read aloud at that time in Council Chambers. Bidders must submit one (1) original, two (2) duplicate copies, and one (1) electronic copy of its Bid in one sealed envelope clearly marked "RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION, DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING SERVICES BID." Bids will be valid for 180 days after the Bid opening date.

Each Bid must contain all Bid Forms and be accompanied by separate Bid Bond payable to the City of Maple Heights in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the first year Bid price as security that, if the Bid is accepted, a Contract will be entered into with the City of Maple Heights in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Form of Contract contained in the Bid Documents.

The Bid Bond will be returned when the Contract has been executed by the Successful Bidder, or when any Bid is, or all Bids are rejected. The City of Maple Heights reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bids and waive any non-conformities or irregularities contained therein.

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# Maple Heights Council increases prohibited street parking hours

By Judith Goldsworth

After addressing many complaints from residents on the issue of overnight street parking in the city, Maple Heights Council passed an ordinance to increase the hours vehicles are prohibited from parking on streets at its meeting Sept. 15.

Prohibited parking hours, previously from 4 a.m.-6 a.m. daily, were changed to from 2 a.m.-6 a.m. daily. Introduced by Councilman Christian Ostenson, the legislation was passed by a unanimous vote of council.

Also addressing complaints on parking issues in the city described as "nuisances," another ordinance, which allows for towing of offending vehicles, was placed on first reading.

Law Director Frank Consolo stated, "The purpose of this is not to punish, the purpose is to get the cars off the tree lawns."

## Other legislation passed

Council passed an ordinance authorizing Mayor Annette Blackwell to enter into a one-year service agreement with Online Solutions LLC (CitizenServe) for five users to utilize CitizenServe's service in the Building Department, at cost of \$26,500. Each additional year fee after the first year is \$12,000, according to the order form accompanying the legislation.

The cost of the service, recommended by Blackwell and Economic Development Director Patrick Grogan-Myers, includes set-up, training, implementation and data migration, with the intent to streamline and increase efficiency of the Building Department's operations, Grogan-Myers stated. Initial components to be implemented include rental registration and citizens' access pages, but the scope of the services may expand over time, he said.

Passed by unanimous consent were the following pieces of legislation:

- Authorizing the Maple Heights Land Bank to accept title to six parcels of vacant land in the city owned by the Cuyahoga County Land Bank on Thomas Street, Hansen Road, Broadway Avenue, Grasmere Avenue, Fairway Avenue and South Boulevard.

- Authorizing Blackwell to apply to the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging for funding under the Older Americans Act to continue providing meals and transportation services to residents served by the Maple Heights Senior Center. If the two-year grant is approved, beginning Jan. 1, 2022, the funding will provide for congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation and related programs and activities.

- An ordinance to amend the city's 2021 budget to account for certain additional expenditures. As stated in exhibit documents supplied by Finance Director Tinita Tillman, the city's 2021 appropriations are listed at \$34.6 million, with 2021 estimated receipts of \$40.2 million.

- A resolution to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Cuyahoga County Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county fiscal officer.

- An ordinance to enact a cost sharing program with private property owners for removal of dead, diseased or damaged trees and trees whose roots have affected sidewalks and sewers, remains in the Finance Committee for further discussion. Blackwell said that taking trees down was costly, and the city was looking into obtaining grants to help fund the process.

"We will come up with something, and I give you my word, we will have an answer by the end of the year," she stated.

## Ciresi honored on retirement

Service Director Tony Ciresi, who has worked for the Service Department for the past 27 years, the last four as service director, announced his retirement at the meet-

ing, and was honored with a proclamation by Councilman Stafford Shenett and fellow members of the Community Life and Education Committee. Blackwell and city administrators and council members all thanked Ciresi for his many years of hard work and dedicated service to the city and its residents and congratulated him on his retirement.

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The Public Hearing will be held on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 5:15 P.M. at:

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# Community Police reports

## Cleveland

Assault: Sept. 21, 4:43 p.m., 6900 block of Lansing Ave.  
 Robbery: Sept. 23, 3:14 p.m., 6200 block of Broadway Ave.  
 Criminal Damaging or Endangering: Sept. 24, 11:33 a.m., 7100 block of Harvard Ave.  
 Aggravated Robbery: Sept. 24, 4:45 a.m., 6400 block of Broadway Ave.  
 Criminal Damaging Or Endangering, Sept. 24, 7:30 p.m., 6000 block of Fleet Ave.  
 Assault: Sept. 24, 9:35 p.m., 3600 block of E. 57 St.  
 Assault: Sept. 24, 10:55 p.m., 4500 block of Warner Rd.  
 Fatal Overdose: Sept. 25, 4:44 a.m., 8300 block of Ella Ave. 69-year-old female victim.  
 Fatal Overdose: Sept. 25, 9:51 p.m., 8100 block of Laumar Ave. 51-year-old male victim. Pronounced on scene by EMS.  
 Robbery: Sept. 27, 8 a.m., 8200 block of Dorver Ave.  
 Burglary: Sept. 27, 4:50 p.m., 6900 block of Polonia Ave.  
 Assault: Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m., 7900 block of Vineyard Ave.  
 Motor Vehicle Theft: Sept. 28, 12 a.m., 6200 block of Broadway Ave.

## Garfield Heights

### Criminal Damage

Officer responded to Ss. Peter & Paul Church, 4750 Turney Rd., on Sept. 24, for a report of criminal damage. An employee at the church said he discovered an interior window broken out which could have happened anytime over the last week. He was concerned over an anti-Catholic pamphlet which was left by the broken window. Pamphlet called "The Poor Revolutionist" placed into evidence.

### Weapon Offense

On Sept. 19, at about 2:39 a.m., a patrolman parked in TurneyTown noticed a white SUV traveling at a high rate of speed through the lot. He followed the vehicle and saw it turn into a driveway in the 10300 block of Russell Ave. The driver left the car running and immediately got out of it and went inside the home. Patrolmen escorted driver from the home and away from the car, each holding an arm. Inside the SUV officers found what appeared to be raw marijuana and an open bottle of an alcoholic beverage and a handgun. Suspect arrested and transported to the Garfield Heights jail without incident. He was arrested for improper handling of a firearm in a motor vehicle, handling weapons under disability and cited for open container, turn signals, and driving under suspension.

### Assault

Officer was at Marymount Hospital on Sept. 23, at 2:50 p.m., with an arrested man for treatment after being involved in a car crash and obstructing official business. The uncooperative man refused to identify himself on scene and was found with a gun. He also was found to have several felony warrants. After being treated by the doctor, he refused to put on his shoes and pants, so an officer helped him get dressed. Two Cleveland Clinic officers and the GHPD officer were attempting to escort the suspect to the police cruiser. As he tried to escape, the suspect head-butted one of the Clinic officers in the chest. He refused to walk to the cruiser and had to be carried there by several officers on scene. His unruly behavior continued in the jail and throughout the booking process. He was charged with assault on a police officer and attempted escape and held for his warrants.

### Disturbance

On Sept. 23, about 11 p.m., police were dispatched to the Recovery Room Bar located at 12207 McCracken Rd., for a report of a large bar fight. A bartender there called police and said there was a large fight and that she was hiding in the basement as units arrived. When police walked up to the rear door of the bar a large and extremely loud and disorderly crowd was exiting. While officers were waiting for the crowd to disperse, an unknown male and female started to physically fight. They punched each other in the face and pulled each other's hair. Several officers attempted to pull the two apart. The male folded a patio chair and threw it toward the officers. Police got him to the ground where he began to fight with the officers. After he was sprayed by police with OC spray he became compliant and was handcuffed. Another male on scene continued to act disorderly and attempted to fight officers and was placed into handcuffs. Due to a pending emergency, both suspects were released from the scene and will be issued a citation for disorderly conduct at a future time.

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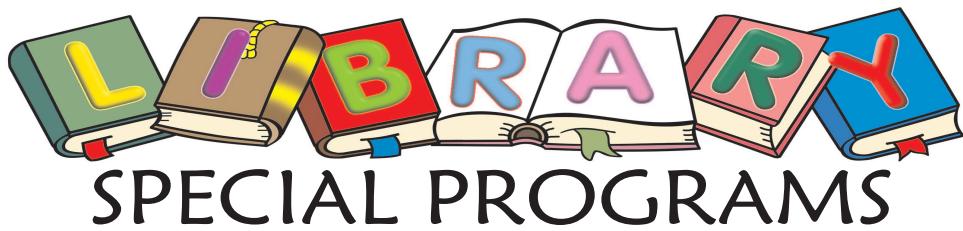
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## Southeast (Bedford/Bedford Heights/Oakwood Village) Branch Library

Here are some of the **FREE** programs for October 2021 at the Southeast Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library, located at 70 Columbus Rd., Bedford, Ohio 44146. For more information, or to register for any program, please call 440-439-4997.

### Kids Café -18 & younger

Monday-Friday, 3-4 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 homework help? Homework Center Coordinators at the Southeast Branch are available to answer students' academic questions for **FREE**.

### Nursery Rhymes at Noon

Tuesdays, October 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, 12 p.m.

Participate each week for stories, rhymes and activities as we add pages to our nursery rhyme book and make a related craft. In-person and virtual. **MUST REGISTER**

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

Tuesdays, October 5th, 12th, 19th, 6:30 p.m.

Come 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. If you have questions about registering for this program,

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Thursday, October 7th, 10:30 a.m.

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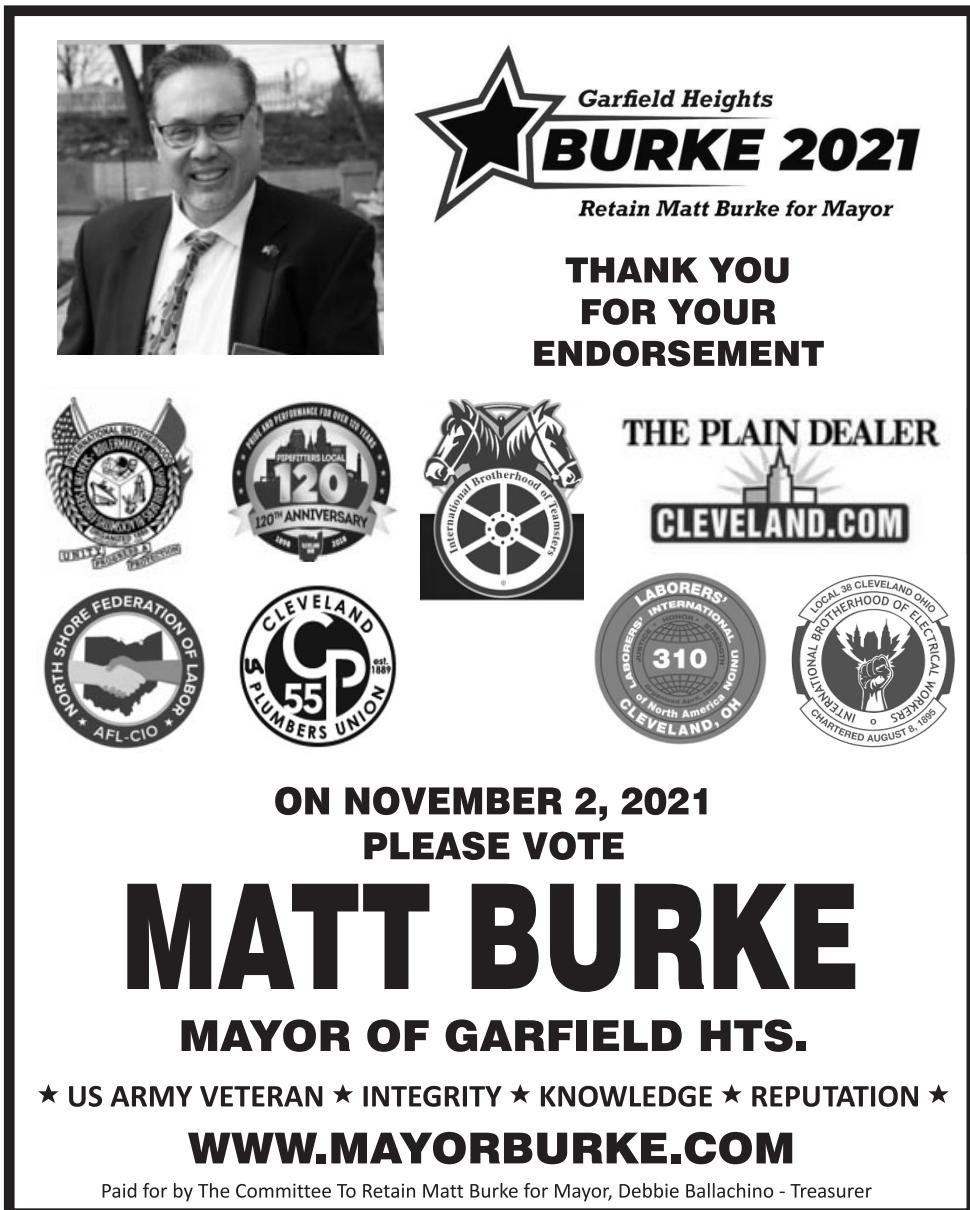
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I believe it to be important that we have at least one Qualified woman serving on Garfield Hts. City Council. My Camp calls it, Taxation With Representation. After the pulling of Garfield City Council Petitions, and careful consideration, my Campaign Manager Naomi Benson and Director John Snell and I realized that only through Ward 1 can this happen. So we decided not to pull a Petition for 2021 City Council, to ensure a woman be seated. Thus making sure at least one Qualified woman would serve on Garfield Hts. City Council.

I have enjoyed serving the people of Garfield Hts. and have no regrets, nor any complaints. It hasn't been easy, takes time to properly understand how a government functions. I do not regret resigning from the Ohio Department of Transportation in November 2007, as required by Garfield Hts. City Charter Section 9. Which states Members of Council cannot hold Public Employment. I did so to Serve the people of Garfield, and to create a better community, and we did. We are considering a run for State Office, and will be looking forward to your support. Thank you Garfield, City Council and the Administration, Love you. Sincerely,

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**LIBRARY SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

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**Pick-It, Paint-It Pumpkin Patch -grades K-3  
Saturday, October 9th, 10:30 a.m.**

Come to the library pumpkin patch, where you can pick your own pumpkin to sculpt and paint as we prepare for the fall weather. **MUST REGISTER**

**Make Music with Soundtrap -grades 6-12  
Saturday, October 9th, 3:30 p.m.**

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**Do-It-Yourself Builders Club -grades 3-5  
Monday, October 11th, 4 p.m.**

Calling all aspiring carpenters, technicians and engineers! Embrace your inner handyman as we tackle Lego lifehacks, re-purposing recycled household items and remixing old toys. Take home your creations to show off your craftsmanship! **MUST REGISTER**

**Teddy Bear Picnic Storytime -children 0-5 and their families**

**Wednesday, October 13th, 7 p.m.**

Did you know that October 13th is National Bring Your Teddy Bear to Work Day? We've brought our teddy bears into the library for a special Teddy Bear Storytime. Grab your favorite teddy bear and join us for songs, stories and more! **MUST REGISTER**

**Genealogy 101 -2-part series**

**Thursdays, October 14th, 21st, 2 p.m.**

Begin the journey to uncover your ancestors and their

fascinating stories. In this two-part class, participants will learn how to begin their genealogy search and find ancestors among the vast number of records available online. A meeting link will be emailed to registered participants approximately one hour prior to the start of the program. **MUST REGISTER**

**Manga Meetup -grades 6-12**

**Thursday, October 14th, 7 p.m.**

Join us for a discussion of a recent manga series. Both die-hard fans and those new to manga are welcome. A meeting link will be emailed to registered participants approximately one hour prior to the start of the program. **MUST REGISTER**

**Day of the Dead Sugar Skull Painting -Adults 18 and up**

**Saturday, October 16th, 11 a.m.**

Adults, come join the fun by painting your own sugar skull, while learning about the history and traditions of "Dia de los Muertos" ("Day of the Dead"), a celebration of life. In-person event. **MUST REGISTER**

**Chapter Book Champs -grades 3-5**

**Monday, October 18th, 6:30 p.m.**

Whether you finished the book or not, join us for activities and a book discussion about: "New Kid and Class Act" by Jerry Craft. Registration will close one week before the program. If you would like to attend after registration closes, please call the Southeast branch. Virtual. **MUST REGISTER**

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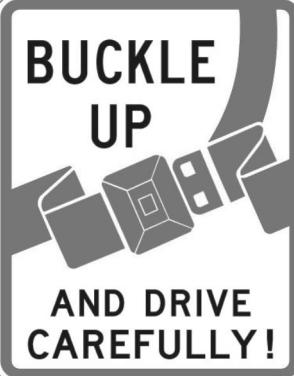
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# Promotion, new hires in Garfield Hts. Fire Dept.



David Stepka, at right, was sworn in Sept. 7, 2021, as a firefighter/paramedic in the Garfield Heights Fire Department effective Sept. 8, 2021.

Brian Kappel, at left, of the Garfield Heights Fire Department was sworn in Sept. 7, 2021, and promoted to lieutenant effective Sept. 8, 2021.

Both men are shown with Mayor Matt Burke at the recent swearing in ceremonies.

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Bids will be opened and read at the time and place stated above. Those who submitted Proposals or their representatives are invited to attend.

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Tinita Tillman  
Finance Director  
Maple Heights, Ohio

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September 29, 2021  
October 6, 2021

## PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on **Monday, October 11, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.**, before the **Maple Heights Planning and Zoning Commission** in the Maple Heights City Hall Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio, to consider the following applications:

**2021-PZ-37** An application from the City of Maple Heights requesting approval of a Lot Consolidation of two (2) residential parcels (PPN 784-09-101 and 784-09-091) as required under Sect. 1226.02(c) of the MH Codified Ordinances located in a Residential Single Family-Medium Density (RSF-M) Zoning District at 16705 Gerard Avenue, Maple Heights, Ohio.

**2021-PZ-38** An application from the City of Maple Heights requesting approval of a Lot Consolidation of two (2) residential parcels (PPN 783-06-077 and 783-06-076) as required under Sect. 1226.02(c) of the MH Codified Ordinances located in a Residential Single Family-Medium Density (RSF-M) Zoning District at 5558 Hollywood Avenue, Maple Heights, Ohio.

**2021-PZ-39** An application from the City of Maple Heights requesting approval of a Lot Consolidation of two (2) residential parcels (PPN 781-05-026 and 781-05-030) as required under Sect. 1226.02(c) of the MH Codified Ordinances located in a Residential Single Family-Medium Density (RSF-M) Zoning District at 16201 Raymond Street, Maple Heights, Ohio.

**2021-PZ-40** An application from Daejon Street requesting approval of Variances from the requirements of Sects. 1298.19(E)(2)(a)(2) and 1298.19(E)(2)(b)(1) of the MH Codified Ordinances to install a 5' privacy fence in the rear and side yards within 15' from any public sidewalk located in a Residential Single Family-Medium Density (RSF-M) Zoning District at 21114 Raymond Street, Maple Heights, Ohio.

**2021-PZ-41** An application from Taviana Carr requesting approval of a Conditional Use permit under Sect. 1280.04(M) of the MH Codified Ordinances to operate a Child Day Care Center located in a General Commercial (GC) Zoning District at 6180 Dunham 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. Specific Covid restrictions including masks to be worn by all individuals (even those who have been fully vaccinated) and social distancing will be followed.

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.

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# Maple Hts. Council increases prohibited street parking hours

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"It's been amazing, and I thank you all," Ciresi said of his time with the city, adding, "Maple Heights, I will always love you."

## Reports

City officials announced the recent passing of longtime former District 1 Councilman Alex Adams, and noted his deep love for the city, especially its senior citizens. Donations in his memory may be made to Maple Heights Senior Center Development or the Maple Heights Food Pantry, at his request.

Blackwell noted the recent 29% rise in the city's residential property values, following the county's triennial update of valuations. She reminded residents who might have issues with the increase that the county had cut property values in the city by 30% several years ago, and this new increase in valuation represented "a win" for property owners, as their home was most likely the largest asset they would have in their lifetimes.

"Please understand, this is a good thing and means your home is worth money," she said.

Consolo said that he had received information from the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections that issue numbers had been assigned to the six Charter amendments to appear on the Tuesday, Nov. 2 ballot in the city. Those issue numbers are 42, 43, 44, 45, 46 and 47. There will be a summary of the issues prepared for the city's website for the benefit of voters, he said.

In his report to council, Police Chief Todd Hansen stated that Netflix was filming a movie in nearby Bedford, which according to the Netflix casting website is titled "Wheat Germ." As the movie is a period piece set in the 1980s, the production company

may be shutting down Northfield Road for a short time to film vehicles appropriate to the era, he stated.

Hansen thanked council for approving legislation earlier in the month to install surveillance cameras throughout the city, and said his department was working with the company on installation locations. "By the next council meeting, we will have a date when they will start going up," he said.

## St. John's Pancake Breakfast

St. John Lutheran Church, 11333 Granger Rd., Garfield Heights, will hold a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 9, from 8 a.m. to noon. On the menu will be pancakes, sausage, orange juice, coffee, tea or milk. Tickets are \$8 for everyone over 10-years-old and \$4 for children under 10 years.

## G.H. Community Awareness Meeting

A Community Awareness Meeting for Garfield Heights Wards 5 and 6, hosted by Clifford Kelley with Mayor Matt Burke, will be held on Thursday, Sept. 30, at the Garfield Heights branch library, 5409 Turney Rd., at 6 p.m. Police Chief Mark Kaye will address safety issues. Community updates will also be discussed as well as economic development in the city.

## Genealogical Society meets

The Cuyahoga Valley Genealogical Society will meet on Monday, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m., at the Independence Civic Center, Willow Room, 6353 Selig Blvd., Independence. A program on "Eerie Lake Erie" will be presented by Cathie Clager and Rita Wolansky.

Just in time for Halloween, come and take a walk on the "eerie" side of Lake Erie with stories of ghost ships and ghostly happenings around our favorite lake to the north. For additional information contact Cuyahogavalleygensociety@gmail.com.

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# Cuyahoga Heights High senior, Holden Taylor, named National Merit Scholarship semifinalist

Cuyahoga Heights High School senior Holden Taylor is many things. He's Homecoming King, senior class president, captain of the basketball team, Marching Band field commander (currently the longest-serving band member having joined in the fifth grade), and a member of the track team and Student Council.

And added to that is his latest achievement - being named a semifinalist in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program.

"It's really exciting," said Holden on becoming a member of this elite group representing less than 1%, or approximately 7,500, of all high school seniors in the country. Membership is determined by performance on the 2020 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) as well as leadership abilities, honors and awards, and participation in school and community activities. As a semifinalist, Holden is eligible to win scholarships from a pool of nearly \$30 million that will be offered next spring.

"It's nice to know that the hard work I'm doing is now paying off," remarked Holden about his latest accomplishment. "It's cool to be recognized this way."

Holden, who has attended the Cuyahoga Heights Local Schools since kindergarten, hopes to take advantage of these scholarship opportunities as he considers attending Dartmouth College, Boston College or Colgate University. He plans to study environmental science and work for a park service in the area of conservation.

In preparation for his future studies, Holden volunteers at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo where his mother, Dr. Kristen Lukas, is director of Conservation and Science. A member of the Metroparks Zoo Crew, he helps to educate visitors about the zoo's animal residents, including their lifestyles and feeding habits. Through his zoo affiliation, he is learning about invasive plants currently affecting the zoo's various habitats. He also participates in beach cleanups on Lake Erie's shores.

In addition, Holden enjoys composing music. The marching band has performed some of his original works while cheering on the team at football games. "I like to make music for my girlfriend," adds Holden, who plays it on his guitar.

Holden's father is Corey Taylor, fifth-grade math teacher at Cuyahoga Heights Elementary School. His older brother, Henley, just graduated from Columbia University, and his younger brother, Hyatt, is a junior at CHHS. Rounding out the Taylor-Lucas family are the two dogs, Tucker, a beagle-bulldog mix, and Clara, a bulldog mix.



Holden Taylor

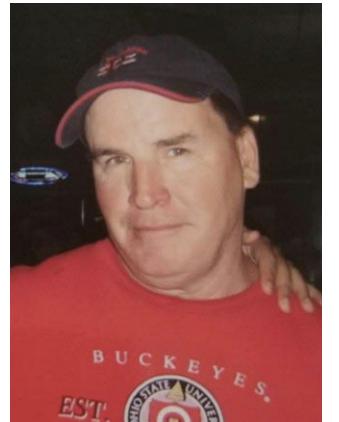
## Pork Chop Dinner

American Legion Post 309, 15521 Broadway Ave., Maple Heights, will hold a Pork Chop Dinner on Wednesday, Sept. 29, serving from 3-7 p.m. Donation is \$9 per person; open to the public - dine in or carryout. The menu includes breaded pork chop, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, applesauce, corn muffin and dessert. To reserve dinner call the Post at 216-662-7768.

# Death Notices

## TIMOTHY JOSEPH SHANNON

Timothy Joseph Shannon, age 66, loving son of James and Marcella (both deceased). Dear brother of Shirley, James, Marcy, Patrick (deceased), Ronald, Richard and Kevin. Tim graduated from Cleveland Central Catholic High School in 1974. He recently retired as a groundskeeper at Calvary Cemetery. Tim also worked part time as an usher at Progressive Field and the CSU Convocation Center.



He was the dear friend of Marcus Lewis, loving uncle to Melissa Vlasak (Jason Bradley), Frank Vlasak (deceased) and Katy Mansfield (John Rajic) and great-uncle to Joseph Vlasak, Jack Bradley and Fiona Rajic.

Services will be held on Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021 at St. Monica Church, 13623 Rockside Rd., Garfield Heights, 44125 at 10 a.m. Friends will be received at church from 9 a.m. until the time of service. Private interment at Calvary Cemetery. Arrangements by Golubski Funeral Home.



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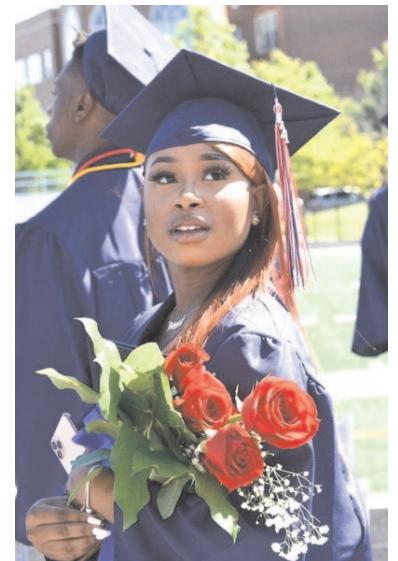
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