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NN 'Freebies' are back!

The Neighborhood News sometimes has free tickets to give away for local events published in its weekly edition. Stop in to The Neighborhood News, 8613 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Heights, and enter to win.

The most recent giveaway is two tickets to the annual St. Therese Parish Picnic at Klima's Garden & Picnic Grove in Cuyahoga Heights on Sunday, September 12, celebrating the Three B's - Baseball, BBQ and Browns. The picnic will feature broadcasting both the Indians vs. Brewers and the Browns vs. Chiefs games on two high resolution, LED billboard-size screens.

Included with the ticket price is a picnic lunch; there will also be basket raffles, 50/50 raffles and the parish raffle with a grand prize of \$2000.

Deadline to enter the drawing is Wednesday, Sept. 8. Winners will be notified by phone and are limited to one winning entry every six months

Stop in today during normal business hours and enter the drawing!

Fleet Bike Shop marks 50th anniversary



Scores of friends of Fleet Bike Shop turned out on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 22, to help owners Marty and Al Zaleski celebrate their 50th anniversary in the Slavic Village neighborhood.

Almost 100 clients turned out on a Sunday afternoon recently to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Fleet Bike Shop, 5002 Fleet Ave., as a staple of the Slavic Village business community and a friend to bicyclists from around the region.

than just their business. They lived in the building for 40 years and raised their grandchildren there.

The celebration Sunday, Aug. 22, featured a live band, cookout and lots of memories.

Al began repairing traditional bikes at age 16, but both Al and Marty are gearheads, now working on E-bikes as well as traditional bikes. They sell mostly refurbished bikes, however, making them affordable to more customers.

"Al will repair a tire or fix a popped chain for a child any time of the day," said Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli. "And Fleet Bike is the most affordable bike repair business in Cleveland.

Brancatelli presented the couple with a proclamation from the City of Cleveland and also on behalf of Newburgh Heights Mayor Trevor Elkins to honor Fleet Bike's anniversary and the Zaleski's commitment to the neighborhood.



NN CLOSED MONDAY, SEPT. 6th Advertising and News Deadlines Tuesday at Noon

Holiday trash pickup schedule in NN areas

The Labor Day holiday is schedule is as follows in our this Monday, Sept. 6. The local distribution area. following waste collection

Bedford: One day delayed collection.

Cleveland: One day delayed collection.

Cuyahoga Heights: Garbage, recycling and yard waste will be collected on Tuesday.

Garfield Heights: One day delayed collection.

Independence: If your rubbish day falls on the holiday, it will be collected the following day.

Maple Heights: One day delayed collection.

Newburgh Heights: Pickup will be on Tuesday. Valley View: Holidays on

rubbish pickup.

Slavic Village says goodbye to summer this Friday The 17th season of Slavic Village's Iron Ward concert series closes this Friday, Sept. 3, at 7 p.m., with its traditional "Good-bye Summer Party" at Dan Kane Park

FREE

on E. 65 St., just south of Broadway Ave. Featured performers will be local artist Donny Jones and his popular band Infinity. They'll play an eclectic blend of jazz, blues and pop favorites.

To further celebrate the beautiful summer of 2021, there will be free ice cream, a 50/50 raffle and door prizes. Organizers moved their regular Monday concert night to Friday to start the Labor Day weekend on a festive note. For more details call 216-469-4806.

City of Independence to hold Restaurant Week

The city of Independence will hold its first-ever Independence Restaurant Week from September 10-19.

Every \$25 spent, whether dine-in, takeout or curbside pickup, earns a customer one entry into the prize drawing

The city will pickup entries from each restaurant at the end of the event and randomly choose winners. Prizes include one \$100 gift card, two \$50 gift cards, four \$25 gift cards and five \$10 gift cards. Participating restaurants in the debut Restaurant Week includes Angie's Pizza, Dairy King, Delmonico's Steakhouse, DiBella Old Fashioned Subs, Independence Nutrition, Melt Bar & Grilled, Romito's Pizza, Slyman's Tavern, Tavern of Independence and Scratch.

Enjoy Restaurant Week by visiting participating restaurants using the hashtag #indy eats.

Now more than ever our restaurants need the support of the community," city officials said. "Every dollar helps Monday do not affect any our restaurants keep their doors open and their staff employed.

Connecting for Kids virtual, in-person For owners Margaret "Marty" and Alexander Zaleski, the bike shop has been more programs offered at G.H. library branch

Connecting for Kids (CFK) provides education and support to families with concerns about their child. It serves all families, including those children with and without formal diagnoses. CFK offers educational programs, support groups, a Parent Match Program and numerous resources.

The following CFK programs are being offered in September at the Garfield Heights Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, either virtual or in-person or both. Registration is required for these programs. Register online: www.connectingforkids.org/register, via email: info@connectingforkids.org or call/ text: 440-570-5908.

Behavior Chats for Families with Young Children: Visual Cues to Help Children Manage Impulses - Tuesday, September 21, 6:30 p.m., in-person or live stream

On Aug. 15, about 3:04 a.m., officers responded to a disturbance involving individuals physically fighting

with one another at a home in the 4700 block of Birchwood Rd. One female, with a strong odor of

alcohol on her person and slurred speech, was uncoop-

erative and belligerent with police. After several at-

tempts by officers to get her to stop her disorderly

behavior and a struggle with them, she was handcuffed

and placed under arrest. She was taken to the station and charged with resisting arrest and disorderly conduct. At

8:30 a.m., once she was sober, she was released on

On Aug. 16, at 7:21 p.m., an officer was flagged down

by several people in the area of Turney Rd. and

Summerdale Ave. He was directed to the Sunoco station

at 4935 Turney Rd., where a frantic female told him her

2017 Hyundai Accent had been stolen. She said she parked in front of the gas station store and left her car

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Fall Recycling Program Recycle Right 2021 in Garfield Heights Garfield Heights Service Garage



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9 am - Noon Residents only Limit 4 bags/boxes per vehicle Residents only. No commercial disposal. For details, call 216-475-3373.

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Garfield Heights

Criminal Damage

•On Aug. 15, a resident reported online that on Aug. 13, between 1:15 and 1:30 p.m., someone broke out her living room window while she was at work and her daughter was at home. Resident advised to follow-up with the landlord.

Treacher's on Rockside Rd., where the complainant said several windows of the former restaurant had been shot out. Special attention will be given to the property.

• On Aug. 17, police responded to the former Arthur



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Newest SE Kiwanian



Cindy Rios (at right), executive director of The Haven Home, was sworn in earlier this month as the newest member of the Kiwanis Club of South East Cleveland. The Haven Home is an overflow homeless shelter for women and their children on the campus of Elizabeth Baptist Church, 6114 Francis Ave., Cleveland. SE Kiwanis President Jerry Seppelt, at left, and the rest of the members welcomed Rios to the club and pledged support of the important work she does for the homeless.

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Garfield Hts. Police Dept. investigates homicide on South Parkway Drive

On Thursday, Aug. 26, at 2:05 p.m., the Garfield Heights Police Department responded to a report of a female who was unresponsive in her home in the 13400 block of South Parkway Dr.

The Garfield Heights Fire Department was also called to the scene and found the woman had been the victim of multiple gunshot wounds. Shortly after EMS arrived, the victim, Daytona Thomas, age 45, was pronounced dead.

As of last Friday, the day of the GHPD press release, a 36-year-old Cleveland man was being held by Garfield Heights police in connection with the homicide.

The incident is further being investigated by the GHPD with the assistance of the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office and the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation.





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Garfield Hts. Ward 4 meeting set for Thursday

Garfield Heights Ward 4 Councilman Avery This informational meeting for residents will Johnson has called a Ward 4 Neighbors Commu- include special guests Mayor Matt Burke, a reprenity Meeting on Thursday, Sept. 2, at the Garfield sentative from the GHPD, Abundant Love Com-Heights branch library, 5409 Turney Rd., at 6 munity Outreach and School Board President p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Nichelle Daniels.

ORDINANCE NO.: 60-2021 **SPONSORED BY: MAYOR MATTHEW A. BURKE**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 41 OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS CITY CHARTER TO PROVIDE THAT THE RATE OF COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE POLICE AND FIRE DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SHALL BE NO LESS THAN THE AVERAGE THAT IS PAID TO THE MEMBERS OF THE POLICE AND FIRE DIVISIONS IN SUBURBAN CITIES WITH A POPULATION OF TEN THOUSAND (10,000) OR MORE WHOSE BOUNDARY LINES ARE CONTIGUOUS TO THE CITY OF CLEVELAND AND PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF SAID AMENDMENT TO THE ELECTORATE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

WHEREAS, Section 52 of the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights permits this Council to submit proposed Charter amendments to the electors of the City upon a Council vote of two-thirds in favor of said change, and

WHEREAS, an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of Council members shall result in this amendment to be presented to the electors of the City on the November 2, 2021, General Election, and

WHEREAS, Section 41 currently provides that the rate of compensation for members of the police and fire division of the Department of Public Safety shall be no less than the average that is paid to the members of the police and fire divisions in suburban cities with a population of fifteen thousand (15,000) or more whose boundary lines are contiguous to the City of Cleveland, and

WHEREAS, Council wishes to amend said language to change the population requirement from 15,000 to 10,000 for the suburban cities contiguous to the City of Cleveland for the police and fire division rate of compensation calculation. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio that:

SECTION 1. Section 41 of the Garfield Heights Charter shall be amended to read as follows (removed language is indicated by strikethrough; additional language is indicated by **bold**):

The Department of Public Safety shall be in the charge of the Safety Director. There shall be in the Department of Public Safety a Police Division and a Fire Division. There shall be in the Department of Public Safety a Division of Building, Engineering and Inspection. 41-A Annual rate of pay to be paid members of the police division. The annual rate of compensation for the members of the police division,

Department of Public Safety, shall be no less than the average that is paid to members of police divisions in the suburban cities with a population of fifteen thousand (15,000) ten thousand (10,000) or more whose boundary lines are contiguous to the City of Cleveland.

On or about the first day of April of each year, the Council shall cause a survey to be made as to the rate of compensation paid to members of the police divisions of suburban cities whose population is fifteen thousand (15,000) ten thousand (10,000) or more, whose boundary lines are contiguous to the City of Cleveland, based upon the latest federal decennial census. Not later than the first day of June of each year, Council shall enact legislation providing for the payment of a rate of compensation for the members of the police division not less than the average compensation paid to the aforementioned suburban cities, which such rate of compensation shall become effective on and shall be paid from the first day of June of that year.

The expression "rate of compensation" or pay, as used in this section, shall apply only to a basic amount of wages and does not include such benefits as might be set up by any city by way of holidays, vacations, other permitted absences, overtime, longevity, night or split shifts, pay for specialized service within a classification or rank, or other premium pay differentials or any type whatsoever. The foregoing enumeration is not exclusive; it is the intent of this section that nothing other than a basic amount of wages, with included range scales, be included within the meaning of "rate of compensation" or pay.

Upon passage of this Charter Amendment, a special survey shall be made in accordance with the hereinbefore stated provisions, and the new rate shall be paid beginning January 1, 1973.

For the purpose of this section, the pay ranges of 1971 shall be considered as a base. Such additional funds as shall be required by the operation of this Section in addition to the 1971 base, shall be generated by an increase in the limitation on the rate of taxation as provided in Section 21 of this Charter

Council is hereby authorized to increase the limitation on the rate of taxation by such millage as shall be needed to realize the funds

41-B Annual rate of pay to be paid members of the fire division. The annual rate of compensation for members of the fire division, Department of Public Safety, shall be no less than the average that is paid to members of the fire divisions in the suburban cities with a population of fifteen thousand (15,000) ten thousand (10,000) or more whose boundary lines are contiguous to the City of Cleveland.

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SECTION 2. The question of amendment of Section 41 of the City of Garfield Heights Charter shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electorate of the City of Garfield Heights at an election to be held November 2, 2021 during the regular hours of voting permitted as prescribed by law, where a majority affirmative vote is required for passage.

SECTION 3. The Law Director is hereby directed to transmit by mail or email a certified copy of this Ordinance and the following ballot language to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, c/o the Director's Office, located at 2925 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115 and/or to handdeliver the same to the Issues Department located on the Third Floor of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections and obtain a written and dated receipt therefore and he is further directed to make the necessary arrangements with the Board of Elections, Cuyahoga County, for giving notice of the proposed amendment of the municipal Charter and for compliance with other regulations including but not limited to appropriate ballot language in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code:

PROPOSED BALLOT LANGUAGE

SHALL SECTION 41 OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS CHARTER BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE THAT THE RATE OF COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE POLICE AND FIRE DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SHALL BE NO LESS THAN THE AVERAGE THAT IS PAID TO THE MEMBERS OF THE POLICE AND FIRE DIVISIONS IN SUBURBAN CITIES WITH A POPULATION OF TEN THOUSAND (10,000) OR MORE WHOSE BOUNDARY LINES ARE CONTIGUOUS TO THE CITY OF CLEVELAND?

YES _____ NO _____ SECTION 4. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure for the best interest of the citizens of Garfield Heights and for the further reason that publication requirements of Ohio law pertaining to Charter amendments necessitates passage without undue delay, therefore this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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Shots Fired

An officer was dispatched to the 12700 block of S. Parkway, in regard to damage to a home after a call of shots fired. The complainant told police that on Aug. 22, at about 1 p.m., while inside the home with her family, she heard several gunshots and discovered damage on the south side of her home and contacted police. The officer canvassed the immediate area and found several spent casings in front of two homes in the 12700 block of Thornhurst. While searching the residence on S. Parkway, police found damage to the kitchen wall, basement ceiling and a first-floor closet. Complainant will provide video surveillance once it is downloaded.

Assault

•Three officers were dispatched to Walgreens, 5090 Turney Rd., on Aug. 24, at 5:30 p.m. when a female ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS In the neighborhood news Call 216-441-2141

NOTICE OF CITY OF STRONGSVILLE **APPLICATIONS FOR LATERAL TRANSFER FOR POLICE OFFICERS**

Applications and requirements can be downloaded from City of Strongsville website at www.strongsville.org, Human Resources Tab; or picked up at Strongsville City Municipal Offices at 16099 Foltz Parkway, Strongsville, Ohio, 44149. Applications, with all requirements, will be available beginning Monday, September 13, 2021. You must be at least twenty one (21) years of age, have a valid driver's license and pass a physical agility test. Applications along with the required materials must be returned in person during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. to the Civil Service Secretary at the Strongsville City **Municipal Offices.**

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When police arrived the manager told them she was dizzy and seeing stars. Witnesses said the manager was being yelled at by the employee in front of the store and was told to leave. The manager said the employee was not getting her belongings so she put her hand on the suspect's arm to guide her to her locker. The employee then assaulted the manager. The manager said she believes the employee hit her in the face with her cell phone. Officers found the employee walking on Turney Rd. by Plymouth Ave. She told them the manager had grabbed her arm and she punched her in the face. Employee issued a summons for ssault. Manager taken to Marymount Hospital by GHFD.

• On Aug. 27, at 2:45 p.m., police were dispatched to Dave's Supermarket in Turney Town Shopping Center for a report of a large group of juveniles fighting. On arrival,

employee was reported to have assaulted the manager. officers observed three of the juveniles actively fighting The caller said the manager was unconscious on the floor. outside Dave's in the semi truck delivery dock. Two of the juveniles, a male and female, began to resist an officer's efforts to arrest them and were finally subdued when two more officers arrived on scene. All three were taken to City Jail where they were booked without incident. The high school was notified of the situation. One male suspect was charged with disorderly conduct and obstruction, the female with disorderly conduct, obstruction and assault on a police officer. The other male was charged with disorderly conduct. Report forwarded to the Juvenile Detective Bureau.

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NOTICE OF CITY OF STRONGSVILLE **CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION** FOR ENTRANCE EXAMINATION FOR THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER

AGILITY TEST - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021 AT 9:00 A.M. WRITTEN TEST – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021 AT 2:00 P.M.

Applications and requirements can be downloaded from City of Strongsville website at www.strongsville.org, Human Resources Tab; or picked up at Strongsville City Municipal Offices at 16099 Foltz Parkway, Strongsville, Ohio, 44149. Applications, with all the testing requirements, will be available beginning Monday, September 13, 2021. You must be at least nineteen (19) years of age on or prior to October 30, 2021 and 21 years of age prior to appointment. Completed applications along with the required \$25.00 fee and all other required documents must be returned in person no later than Friday, October 15, 2021 by 4:30 p.m. to the Civil Service Secretary at the Strongsville Municipal Offices.

Test is limited to the first 150 properly completed applications received by the City.

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Connecting for Kids

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Do you want strategies to motivate your child toward positive behavior? Do you wish you had a kit filled with proactive "tools" you could use to get ahead of meltdowns before they start? Join us each month to learn how to use the tools in our Behavior Toolkit to help your child ages 18 months – 6 years control behavior and manage emotions. This program is designed for children with or without developmental concerns. At each session, Ochanya McRoberts-Wells, MEd, will discuss the theme of the month and answer your questions on a variety of topics, which can be asked during the program or submitted upon registration. You have the option to attend in person or via live stream.

Use Your Story for Personal Growth for Black and Latinx Families

virtual only

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the best results for your child (and for yourself). This program is part of the Torchbearers Advocacy Series which is a workshop for Black and Latinx families of children with health, learning concerns or disabilities who are dealing with bias and unequal outcomes in the vstems that serve them. Join Nikki Montgomery, MA, MEd, GPAC, in this workshop series, where you will learn to turn your narrative skills inward to support self care, confidence building and gather personal support to cope with the demands of caregiving and parenting. Please note that registration for this program will close on Friday, September 10.

Supporting Your Child on the Gender Spectrum

Thursday, September 23, 7 p.m., virtual only

Are you trying to foster a gender-affirming environment, but are unsure what the differences are between gender expression and gender identity? Join Kristen Fridays, September 17, 24, & October 1, 7 p.m., Pepera, MEd, LPCC-S, and Lisa Pepera, MEd, LPCC-S, of Colors+, for a short presentation on the gender

Learn to tell your story with power and conviction to get spectrum. Afterward, they will lead a discussion on how to nurture a gender creative environment for your child who is gender expansive or questioning. Connecting for Kids provides families with resources so they can make an informed decision for their child.

How to Communicate Effectively with the School

Tuesday, September 28, 7 p.m., virtual only

What are some ways you can improve communication with your child's school? How can you more effectively ask for support? Join Karla Fitch, MTSC, of Connecting for Kids, as she teaches families how to create and use a communication binder. Karla will walk attendees through the documents a family should have readily available and discuss the importance of each. She will also demonstrate ways to use the binder throughout the year to communicate your child's needs. All participants will be given supplies to put together your own communication binder!

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