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Primary Election Day is this Tuesday

Voters in Cuyahoga County began going to the polls for Early In-Person Voting yesterday, which will continue through Sept. 14, Primary Election Day.

Races in The Neighborhood News readership area are being held in Cleveland for mayor and Wards 5 and 12 council seats, and in Garfield Heights for the positions of mayor and councilperson in Ward 6. The two top winners in the primary election races will face off in the General Election being held Nov. 2, as will candidates running unopposed or with only one other candidate in a race who are not participating in the primary.

Local primary candidates

CLEVELAND: The following candidates are in the **Mayoral Primary** - Justin Bibb, Ross DiBello, Basheer S. Jones, Kevin Kelley, Dennis J. Kucinich, Zack Reed, Sandra Williams.

Ward 5 candidates on the ballot are - Delores Gray, Dyrone W. Smith, Richard A. Starr.

Ward 12 candidates are - Anthony Brancatelli, Rebecca Maurer, Tawayne McGee, Shalira Taylor.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS: Candidates in the **Mayoral Primary** are - Matt Burke, Shayla Davis, James S. Feeney, Tenisha Mack.

Ward 6 candidates are - Renae Bolton, Clifford Kelley, Jr., Kurt Mariola, Jr., Frank T. Tagliarini.

Vote-by-Mail, Early In-Person voting

The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections is reminding voters to return their voted ballots. To be counted, Vote-by-Mail ballots must be postmarked on or before September 13, 2021, or be hand-delivered to the Board of Elections by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day. A secured ballot drop box is available in the rear parking lot of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections 24 hours a day.

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Playground dedicated at Haven Home

Through a partnership with Little Tikes and the Kiwanis Club of South East Cleveland, kids at The Haven Home now have a playground to call their own. The Haven Home is an overflow homeless shelter for women and their children on the campus of St. Elizabeth Baptist Church, 6114 Francis Ave., Cleveland.

When S.E. Kiwanis President Jerry Seppelt asked the Home's executive director, Cindy Rios, also a Kiwanian, what the club could do to help the children there, she immediately said a Wish List would have to include a playground for the little ones. Wish granted!

"It is so heartwarming to see the children having fun outside and playing and just being kids," Rios said.

Seppelt said Kiwanis also



Kiwanis Club of South East Cleveland President Jerry Seppelt is shown dedicating a new playground last Wednesday for children at The Haven Home, a homeless shelter for women and their children.

plans to get more play-site and provide something ground equipment for the for the older kids, as well.



9-11 ceremony in Garfield Hts.

The city of Garfield Heights will have a brief ceremony to mark the 20th anniversary of the 9-11 terrorist attacks on our nation. The program is scheduled for 9 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 11, at the 9-11 Memorial located at the Garfield Heights Veterans Plaza near the Historical Society Museum, 5405 Turney Rd.

M.H. Council approves installing updated security cameras in city

By Judith Goldsworth

In the interest of assisting police officers in their response to criminal activity and to improve safety for city residents, Maple Heights Council approved two pieces of legislation at its meeting last week to install 32 state-of-the-art surveillance cameras throughout the city.

Police Chief Todd Hansen, who with Mayor Annette Blackwell and other city administrators had researched the possibility of installing the new cameras, called the system "32 sets of eyes" to help the police department.

One of the ordinances authorizes Blackwell to enter into a two-year service agreement with Flock Group, Inc., to provide and install the cameras on light posts throughout the city, with related equipment and programs, at a total cost of \$168,000, "to be used by the police department for automatic license plate detection for the purpose of crime awareness and prevention, and archiving for evidence gathering."

"The mayor and police chief have recommended that cameras and related hardware and software offered by Flock Group, Inc., be purchased and installed throughout the city," according to the legislation, which further breaks down the \$168,000 cost as \$80,000 per year for two years, plus an initial installment fee of \$8,000.

The second ordinance authorizes Blackwell to accept a quote from Signal Service to install electrical connections for up to 32 cameras on light posts throughout the city, at a cost of \$1,100 per installation.

In the caucus meeting prior to last week's Sept. 1 council meeting, Hansen said that license plate reader cameras were now in a number of cities throughout the Greater Cleveland area, emphasizing that the cameras to be installed in Maple Heights "will be leased, not bought... [Flock] will update them constantly. If something breaks down we never have to do anything. They will come up and replace it."

Hansen confirmed that there were other cameras operating throughout the city. However, he said, they were older, using older technology, requiring constant updates.

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ODOT announces major traffic pattern changes on Valley View Bridge



Photo courtesy of the Ohio Department of Transportation

Three years after beginning the Valley View Bridge project, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Walsh Construction design-build team have passed another major accomplishment with the replacement of the driving surface on the existing eastbound bridge.

“Seeing a project of this magnitude continue meeting milestones while working through a pandemic speaks volumes about the hard work of everyone involved,” said Governor Mike DeWine. “Maintaining and improving our infrastructure makes traveling safer by improving the flow of traffic, which will ultimately reduce crashes.”

Since fall 2020, eastbound traffic was shifted onto the new Valley View Bridge. This allowed work to progress on the existing eastbound bridge without affecting traffic. Last week, eastbound traffic shifted back to the newly rehabilitated eastbound bridge. During the weekend of September 11-13, westbound traffic will shift onto the new Valley View Bridge.

“Thanks to the planning of District 12 employees, the work on Ohio’s busiest bridge has had a minimal impact on traffic and allowed for the easy movement of people and goods throughout the area,” said ODOT District 12 Deputy Director John Picuri.

Beginning Friday night through Monday morning, there will be several closures and restrictions to facilitate the westbound traffic shift.

I-480 westbound to I-77 northbound and southbound ramps will be closed on Friday, Sept. 11, starting at 7 p.m. through Monday, Sept. 13, at 6 a.m.

Detour will be I-480 east to State Rd. to I-480 west.

I-480 between I-77 and Transportation Blvd. will have various off-peak lane restrictions on Friday, Sept. 11, beginning at 7 p.m., through Monday, Sept. 13, at 6 a.m.

Transportation Blvd. entrance ramp to I-480 westbound will be closed on Friday, Sept. 11, starting at 7 p.m., through Monday, Sept. 13, at 6 a.m.

Beginning Monday, Sept. 13, all I-480 westbound traffic will officially be traveling on the new I-480 Valley View Bridge through Summer 2022, as crews work on the existing I-480 westbound bridge. Westbound traffic will still have access to the I-77 interchange and exit to Transportation Blvd.

Work to replace the driving surface of the westbound bridge will begin in mid-September and continue through the summer of 2022.

Work remaining on the project includes the painting of the structures and creation of the final traffic pattern on the new bridge. In its final configuration, the new bridge will carry two lanes of traffic in each direction. The two westbound lanes on the new bridge will bypass the I-77 interchange for motorists continuing on I-480. In the eastbound direction, the two lanes on the new bridge will bypass the Transportation Boulevard exit.

Primary Election Day

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Early In-Person Voting hours are listed below and can also be found on the Board of Elections website, www.443vote.us.

Weekdays* - Sept. 7-10, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday - Sept. 11, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 12, 1 to 5 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 13, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*Weekdays are denoted as Monday through Friday.

Polling locations will be open for Election Day voting from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Voters should come prepared to provide identification on Election Day. Acceptable forms of identification include: an unexpired Ohio Driver’s License, State ID Card, Interim Documentation with your former address, Military ID, or current (within the last 12 months) utility bill, bank statement, government check, or paycheck with the voter’s name and present address.

On Election Day voting, health and safety measures will be in place to protect voters and Election Day workers. This includes routinely cleaning all frequently touched surfaces and practicing social distancing. Face masks are recommended for all individuals who plan to vote in-person.



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Maple Hts. Council approves installing updated security cameras throughout city

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The quote from Flock for the new cameras was \$2500 per camera per year, through the terms of the lease contract.

Only Signal Service was authorized through the legislation to install the electrical connections on "mast arm" electrical equipment over roadways at up to \$1100 apiece, Hansen said, adding that connections on utility poles on the side of the road could cost about \$700 apiece.

"These cameras will be basically at every entrance to the city to read the license plates," Hansen said.

With the new technology, Hansen said, police can go back and look at camera footage and recognize the color and make of the car and a number of different things that are distinctive about the vehicle.

"Drivers are going to be on camera with their vehicles, and that should deter the crime coming in," he said... "and the cameras have good enough technology to search and be able to get pictures of a lot of the numbers of the vehicles."

He explained that the new cameras are completely different from red light cameras or speed cameras. "They won't issue tickets," he said. "This is just something to help us better investigate crimes and make the residents feel safe."

The camera system could be used not just for major crimes, Hansen said, but to investigate accidents, or if someone flees the scene of an accident, or was driving erratically.

Also, some cameras would be installed at internal points within the city to keep an eye on activities that might be contained in Maple Heights.

Blackwell said that Hansen had been conducting a great deal of research into the camera system, with the assistance of other administration officials. She added that Finance Director Tinita Tillman helped find the funding.

"We must do everything we can do to keep our people safe," Blackwell said.

Sergeant numbers increased

Also at last week's meeting, council approved an ordinance to amend the codified ordinances to increase the number of sergeants on the police department, from up to four to up to five sergeants.

Hansen said the legislation was needed to match the current personnel on the department. "I don't want to have only four sergeants and have less supervision than we need," he said.

Other legislation approved

- Authorizing a contract with Specialized Construction for the 2021 Roadway Repair Program, at a cost of \$471,400. In correspondence to council, City Engineer Ed Hren said the earliest start date given by Specialized was Sept. 20, 2021, with time of completion in 30 days.

- Increasing the contract by \$87,273.70 with Metis Construction Service for the new vestibule and elevator addition project at Maple Heights City Hall.

- Contracting with Z-Scape LLC, to install trees on Dunham Rd. from Mendota Ave. to the south corporation line, as part of the Cuyahoga County Healthy Tree Canopy Program, Dunham Road Greenway Tree Planting Project. Funded in part through a county grant awarded to the city earlier this year, this phase of the project was stated at \$12,650 in the resolution.

- Authorizing the mayor to apply to the Ohio Public Works Commission for a potential grant for funding of 2022 capital infrastructure improvement projects in the city, specifically: Libby Road Waterline and Resurfacing Project, Broadway to Lee; Dunham Road Improvement Project, Turney to Granger; and Southgate Boulevard Improvement Project, Warrensville Center to Northfield Road.

- Authorizing a contract with H&H Land Clearing LLC, to remove and dispose of woody debris from the Dunham

Road Service Center, at a cost of \$14,300. Payment will be from Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District Community Cost Share Program funds disbursed to the city.

- Authorizing a change order for United Survey, Inc., to decrease the costs of its contract for the Northeast Quadrant Sewer Repairs Phase 2 Project in the city, which included repair of storm and sanitary sewers on various streets. City Engineer Ed Hren confirmed in the resolution that the project was completed at a final cost of \$321,877,83, at a savings of \$42,772.17.

- Authorizing Service Director Tony Ciresi to prepare bid specifications for residential trash collection and disposal and recycling services in the city, and to go out for bids for the service. The current contract with Waste Management expires on Dec. 31, 2021.


- Selling unimproved city-owned residential lots on Cato St. (two separate parcels to separate property owners), Hillgrove Ave. and Theodore St., for use by the adjacent property owners for use as side yards.

- Certifying to the County Fiscal Officer the sums due to the city spent for boarding up houses and weed and grass cutting after the expenses were not paid by the lot owners. The expenses will be placed as liens on their property taxes.

Human Services Director Linda Vopat reminded residents that Maple Heights' annual City Wide Garage Sale will be held this Thursday, Sept. 9, through Sunday, Sept. 12. Also, Walgreens will be offering flu, pneumonia and shingles shots at the Maple Heights Senior Center on Monday, Sept. 20, 10-noon. Free to all except those with CareSource insurance. Call 216-587-5481 for more information.

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Garfield Hts. Council holds special council meeting

By Ellen Psenicka

Last Thursday, Sept. 2, a special meeting of Garfield Heights Council was called to consider three emergency ordinances, which were all passed unanimously by the six council members attending. Ward 5 Councilman Jason Blake was given an excused absence.

The first ordinance passed directed the mayor to participate in the Ohio Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) for the Midwest Neighborhood Storm/Sanitary Sewer System Reconstruction Project Phase 5 in order to secure the grant funds requested, as stated in the application prepared by City Engineer David Krock.

The current condition of the sanitary sewer and storm

sewer lines located in the Midwest neighborhood are undersized and have deteriorated to a point that it has caused flooding of the residents' basements, as stated in the legislation. The project is eligible for funding through the OPWC.

The second emergency ordinance directs the mayor to enter into a cost proposal modification with O.R. Colan Associates, LLC to relocate the homeowners located at 4909 Orchard Rd.

A Community Development Block Grant for the 4909 Orchard Slope Project was awarded last year to the city in the amount of \$106,000. But, according to the legislation, the cost of the project far exceeds the value of the home. The city, therefore, will use the awarded grant

funding to relocate the homeowner and subsequently demolish the Orchard Rd. home.

Lastly passed at the special council meeting was legislation to establish the American Rescue Plan Act Fund and affirming that monies placed in this fund will be spent only for lawful purposes.

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law on March 11, 2021, and guaranteed direct relief to city, towns and villages in the United States. The Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery grants provided through the ARPA are grants every municipality is entitled to receive, which will be a predetermined share of the \$65.1 billion allocated for local government relief.

Funding received may be used in a variety of ways, including replacement of lost revenue, funding of storm water or infrastructure projects, as well as the covering of administrative costs and some payroll costs.

This ordinance creates a proper fund to deposit the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery grant monies upon their receipt.

Volunteers sought for Everlasting Covenant partnership with Food Bank


Everlasting Covenant Ministries, 6060 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights, has partnered with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank and is seeking volunteers, beginning this October 2021, to join their team to help feed God's people.

For further details, contact Lucille at: lucillegedeon@currently.com or phone 216-375-7338.

My name is Rebecca Maurer.

I'm a lawyer, a community advocate, and I'm running to represent Slavic Village on Cleveland City Council

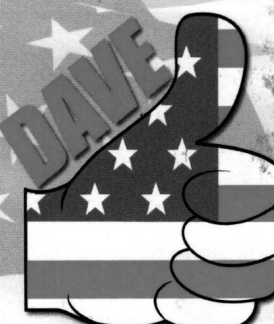
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Applications and requirements can be downloaded from City of Strongsville website at www.strongsville.org, Human Resources Tab; or picked up at Strongsville City Municipal Offices at 16099 Foltz Parkway, Strongsville, Ohio, 44149. Applications, with 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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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.**

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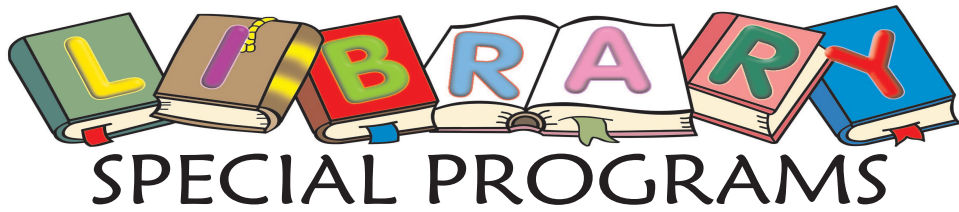
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Southeast (Bedford/Bedford Heights/Oakwood Village)

Here are our some of the **FREE** programs for **September 2021** at the Southeast Branch of the 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.

Let's Make Pinch Pots! -grades 3-5

Saturday, Sept. 11, 2 p.m.

Create your own air-dry pottery bowl to take home using the wonderful pinching method. In-person. **MUST REGISTER**

Do-It-Yourself Builders Club -grades 3-5

Monday, Sept. 13, 4 p.m.

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

Food Distribution

Wednesday, Sept.15, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

The Greater Cleveland Food Bank mobile pantry will distribute **FREE**, fresh produce

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Communication Through Theater Arts - (4 week series)

Thursday, September 16, 23, 30, 7 p.m.

Explore self-expression and important conversation through a workshop based in Augusto Boal's Theatre of the Oppressed. Augusto Boal, a theater practitioner and political activist, created Theatre of the Oppressed believing that theatre is a communication and problem-solving tool. Expression through art is a universal language. Boal also believes that Theater of the Oppressed can be used by actors and non-actors alike. In this workshop, activities will oscillate between acting exercises, writing activities and open discussion. During these four weeks Theatre of the Oppressed will be used as a tool for opening our creative minds as well as to discuss important issues that bring us together as humans, instead of pulling us apart because of our differences. This program will be held virtually via Zoom. An email link will be sent out 1 hour before the start of the program. If you have any questions or trouble logging in contact the Southeast Branch at 440-439-4997. **MUST REGISTER**

Art Rebels! K - 5th grade

Friday, September 17, 4 p.m.

Let's get messy with wild process art projects ranging from block prints to street art, to plaster balloon sculptures! Each session will be inspired by a different artist who broke all the rules to start an artistic movement. In Person. **MUST REGISTER**

Chapter Book Champs - grades 3-5

Monday, September 20, 6:30 p.m.

Whether you finished the book or not, come 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 like to attend after registration closes, please call the Southeast branch at 440-439-4997. Virtual. **MUST REGISTER**

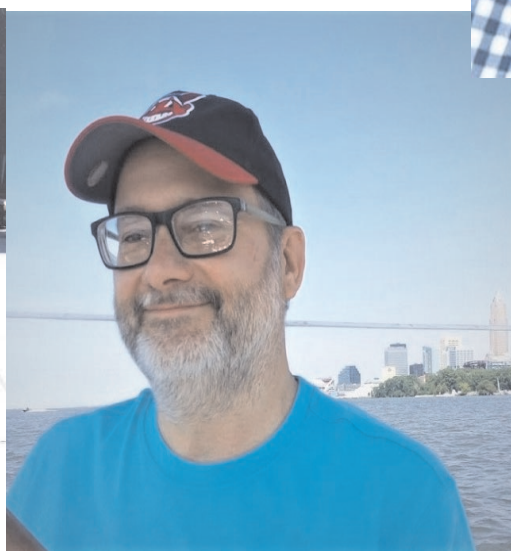
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MICHAEL S. PSENICKA

AUG. 13, 1966 ~ SEPT. 14, 2020

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Letter to the Editor

I worked on the 1994 **Kucinich** State Senate campaign against Anthony Sinagra and the 1996 **Kucinich** Congressional campaign against Martin Hoke. During those campaigns I came to know Dennis quite well. I had just completed a run for Cleveland City council in Slavic Village and wanted to continue in politics. In fact, I still hold the record for most yard signs placed.

Dennis Kucinich is the type of mayor we desperately need during these troubling economic times. He truly cares about his constituents. From the moment you meet him you can't help but be struck by his well-honed people skills and sense of humor. He has utilized these skills very successfully and look at the difference it has made in Cleveland and the surrounding area. What makes him stand out from the other candidates is his compassion and empathy. Besides everyone deserves a second chance to make things right.

On Tuesday, September 14, please support **Dennis Kucinich for Mayor of Cleveland** and help get the city back on the right track. He has more experience than all the other candidates combined. There is no doubt he will effectively utilize all his established connections with the federal, state and local governments.

Joe Bialek, Cleveland, Ohio
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Nursery Rhymes at Noon

Tuesday, September 21, 28, 12 p.m.

Join us each week for stories, rhymes and activities as you add pages to your nursery rhyme book and make a related craft! In-person and virtual. **MUST REGISTER**

Paper Marbling for Teens

Wednesday, September 22, 7 p.m.

This program will be held in-person at the Southeast Branch. Learn an easy technique for paper marbling – a way to create beautiful designs on a piece of paper. Participants may be recorded and/or surveyed to capture program's effectiveness. In-person. **MUST REGISTER**

Dungeon Crawlers: Dungeons and Dragons for Kids - Attend in person or via Zoom!

Saturday, September 25, 2 p.m.

Join us for a wild, goofy version of Dungeons and Dragons! Learn the basics as you play the only game where truly anything is possible.

Attend in person or via Zoom! For grades 3-5. If you are attending via Zoom, 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. In-person or virtual. **MUST REGISTER**

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

Tuesday, September 28, 6:30 p.m.

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

Picture Book Palooza - PreK - 3rd grade

Tuesday, September 28, 7 p.m.

Join us to read books from some of your favorite authors and subjects, followed by a related craft. It's a done-in-one picture book club for kids. In-person. **MUST REGISTER**

"Klara and the Sun" Book Discussion

Wednesday, September 29, 2 p.m.

Participate in this thoughtful discussion of "Klara and the Sun" by Kazuo Ishiguro. "From her place in the store that sells artificial friends, Klara - an artificial friend with outstanding observational qualities - watches carefully the behavior of those who come in to browse, and of those who pass in the street outside. She remains hopeful a customer will soon choose her, but when the possibility emerges that her circumstances may change forever, Klara is warned not to invest too much in the promises of humans. In this luminous tale, Nobel Prize winner Kazuo Ishiguro looks at our rapidly changing modern world through the eyes of an unforgettable narrator to explore a fundamental question: "What does it mean to love?" This event will be held virtually on Zoom. A copy of the Zoom link will be sent to your email 1 hour before the discussion. **MUST REGISTER**

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Thursday, September 30, 7 p.m.

A meeting link will be emailed to registered participants approximately 1 hour prior to the start of the program. Staff will be available for help connecting to Zoom and with technical issues beginning 15 minutes prior to the program. You will need a device with audio and/or video and an internet connection to join. **MUST REGISTER**

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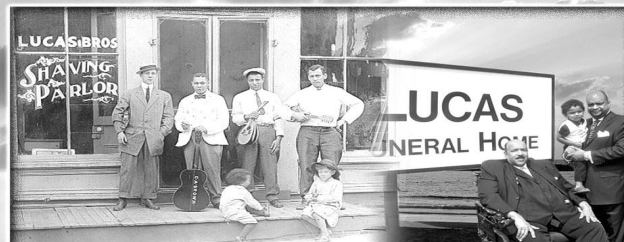
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Community police reports

Cleveland

Aug. 28, 7 p.m., E. 65 St. & Newman Ave., Motor Vehicle Theft

Aug. 30, 11 p.m., E. 71 St. & Harvard Ave., Petty Theft

Aug. 31, 12 a.m., 5000 block of Orey Ave., Criminal Damaging or Endangering

Aug. 31, 5:45 a.m., 2900 block of E 66 St., Menacing

Sept. 1, 11:50 a.m., 3400 block of Regent Rd., Assault
Sept. 1, 12 a.m., 6300 block of Broadway Ave., Petty Theft

Sept. 1, 12:15 p.m., 7500 block of Union Ave., Assault

Sept. 1, 2 p.m., 7000 block of Berdelle Ave., Criminal Damaging or Endangering

Sept. 1, 6:31 p.m., 3600 block of E. 57 St., Menacing

Sept. 1, 7:20 p.m., 6900 block of Park Ave., Fatal Overdose

Sept. 4, 11:25 p.m., 7100 block of Clement Ave., Shooting. 34-year-old female victim of gunshot wound to the leg. Transported to MetroHealth.

Garfield Heights Breaking & Entering

An officer was dispatched to the 13200 block of Alvin Ave. on Aug. 23, and spoke with the complainant concerning a breaking and entering. He said that sometime between the afternoons of Aug. 21 and Aug. 23, someone pried off the hasp and lock securing his garage door and stole his walk-behind lawnmower. D&D Mower contacted the victim and told him someone had entered their store in an attempt to sell a mower similar to the complainant's. A D&D employee recognized the lawnmower as the victim's because he had sold it to him in July 2020. The suspect was given \$60 for the lawnmower so it could be returned to the victim. When video of the transaction was viewed by the owner of the lawnmower, he recognized the suspect as a male who frequented the neighborhood. The victim will follow up with the Detective Bureau.

Theft

On Aug. 22, between 11 a.m. and 1:23 p.m., a woman living in the 4800 block of Edgepark Dr., reported that someone had taken a push lawnmower from her unlocked detached garage.

Disorderly Conduct

Police responded to Bonkers, 5147 Turney Rd., on Aug. 22, shortly after midnight for a report of an active fight on Thornton Rd., just outside the bar. Dispatch advised there were about 15 people involved in the altercation and were observed by city surveillance cameras to be fighting

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Third Federal Savings & Loan to commemorate 20th anniversary of 9/11

On Wednesday, September 8, Third Federal will host an anniversary remembrance of September 11, 2001, with a short service and the placement of 2,977 American flags on the front lawn of its corporate headquarters at 7007 Broadway Ave., Cleveland.

The service will take place at 1:30 p.m. The flags will remain on the lawn through Sunday, Sept. 12.

Located along the heavily used Broadway Ave. corridor and Aetna Rd., the flags will serve as a solemn reminder to those passing by of the events of Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001.

"We recognize 9/11 as a day that changed our country and all of us," said Marc A. Stefanski, Chairman and CEO. "It is appropriate and important that, on this 20th anniversary, we take the time to remember those who lost their lives on that day."

Third Federal, which lends in 25 states and the District of Columbia, is dedicated to serving consumers with competitive rates and outstanding service. Third Federal, an equal housing lender, has 21 full service branches in Northeast Ohio, seven lending offices in Central and Southern Ohio, and 16 full service branches throughout Florida. As of September 30, 2020, the company's assets totaled \$14.6 billion.

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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 required.

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 hand-deliver 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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Maple Heights Community-Wide Garage Sale set for Sept.9-12

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The garage sale will be held at various residences throughout the city.

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Community Police Reports

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in the street. A GHFD squad was called to the scene to provide medical care for a female suspect who police advised was intoxicated. She was issued a summons for disorderly conduct and released on scene to a sober party.

Theft-Shoplifting

On Aug. 29, police were called for a shoplifting report at Save-A-Lot, 4790 Turney Rd., at 3:09 p.m. An employee said an unknown male had put all the ground beef, valued at \$419.70, from the refrigerated section into a shopping cart and left the store without paying for it.

Security cameras showed the entire incident. Video will be supplied to police by store management.

Motor Vehicle Theft

On Aug. 31, an officer responded to the 13200 block of Cranwood Dr. for a missing vehicle. The vehicle's owner told police she owns a 2010 Nissan Altima that is in need of repair and has been sitting in her driveway for several weeks. She said sometime between Aug. 28 and Aug. 31, someone towed the car from her yard. Vehicle entered into LEADS as stolen.

Disturbance

On Sept. 1, about 12:10 p.m., police were called to Garfield Heights High School to break up a fight between three males in the lobby area. When police arrived the principals and staff had the three separated and were trying to get them into the main office.

One of the three was fighting them off and an officer helped secure him. Due to his erratic behavior he was placed in handcuffs. During the struggle with the officer her body camera was torn off and fell to the ground, cracking the camera lens.

It was later learned that two of the males were brothers and had been in a verbal argument with the third male. The high school is handling discipline for all three males involved.

Assault

On Sept. 3, an officer was dispatched to the area of E. 86 St. and Reed Ave., to assist a school aid on the Garfield Heights school bus to remove students from it. She told police that one of the students on the bus had refused to wear her face mask correctly. The officer ordered the girl and her sister off the bus. The school aid was standing by the exit door moving her hand when she touched one of the girls' hair as they got off the bus. She then turned around and spit on the school aid, who then got off the bus steps and began to swing at the sister who had spit on her. The girl started swinging back at the aid, with police managing to separate them. The officer observed a small cut to the right eye of the aid and the spit mark on her shirt. The student had a small cut to her lip. The sisters were taken home and released to their mother. The entire incident was recorded on the school bus surveillance camera. It was found that one of the sisters did not belong on that bus because she is in 9th grade at the Learning Center. Charges pending for assault and criminal trespass through the Youth Bureau.

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Death Notices



JOANNE FRITZ

Joanne Marie Fritz, age 70, passed away on Sept. 5, 2021. She was born on Oct. 14, 1950, in Cleveland, Ohio, to the late Albert and Doris Fritz.

Joanne worked as a waitress at the Red Chimney in Slavic Village, Cleveland, Ohio, and was well known by many over her 40 years of service. She enjoyed watching her grandsons play basketball, playing slots at the casino, and playing bingo and cards with her friends at Willowood Manor. Her favorite pastime was cooking and playing Yahtzee (yahtzola!). She was also an avid animal lover.

Joanne is survived by her dear son, Brian (Heather) Fritz, her cherished grandsons Nicholas and Michael, nieces Diane Janes and Shelly Gearin, nephew John Gearin and great-nephew Erik Janes.

She was preceded in death by her siblings Mary Margaret Gearin, Janet "Gaye" Williams, Charles "Sonny" Gearin and Betty Lou Zelinsky.

Family and friends are welcome on Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021, from 4-8 p.m. at Slone & Co. Funeral Directors, 13115 Lorain Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44111. Arrangements by Bican Bros. Funeral Home.



LEROY GOLEMBIEWSKI

Our community lost a pillar when LeRoy Golembiewski passed away on Sept. 2, 2021. His contributions to the parish of Holy Name Catholic Church include service as a Eucharistic minister, president of the Holy Name Society, St. Vincent de Paul and Parent Teacher Unit. He also coordinated numerous church fundraisers and delivery of meals to the needy every Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. He was a proud 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus and held the office of Grand Knight and State District Deputy.

LeRoy is survived by his wife of 63 years, Alicia, their daughter JoLen (Ian) Madden, his grandchildren, Sawyer and Devin, sister Julie Ann (the late Donald) Richer, niece Rachiel (Brian) Kopack, and many other nieces, nephews, Godchildren and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents John and Helen, brothers John "Sonny" and Jerome, and sister Rita (Joe) Apidone. He will be fondly remembered as a loving patriarch, devout Catholic, and U.S. Airforce veteran.

Funeral Mass will be held at Holy Name Church, 8328 Broadway Ave., Cleveland, on Wednesday, Sept. 8, at 11 a.m. Interment at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery. Friends may call at Busch Funeral Home, 7501 Ridge Rd, Parma, OH on Tuesday, Sept. 7, from 4-8 p.m. Per family request, masks are to be worn during services. 440-842-7800; www.buschcares.com.



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