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Netflix movie filming in Meadowbrook Square area

By Judith Goldsworth

A former store in the Meadowbrook Square shopping center at Northfield and Rockside roads in Bedford has been temporarily converted into a 1980s-era grocery store for a Netflix movie being filmed there, Mayor Stan Koci and other city officials reported at the Bedford Council meeting last week.

The movie, titled "Wheat Germ" starring Adam Driver, Greta Gerwig and Don Cheadle, is an adaptation of the 1985 apocalyptic novel "White Noise," by Don DeLillo, according to information released by Netflix representatives.

"White Noise" is a novel about a train wreck which causes a gas leak and a mass evacuation of a town. The adaptation of the novel was written by Noah Baumbach, who is also directing and starring in the film.

Besides the city of Bedford, portions of the movie have been shot in several other locations throughout Northeast Ohio. The project has been made possible by almost \$24 million in tax credits awarded by the Ohio Film Office, Netflix representatives stated.

During her report at the meeting, Councilwoman Sandy Spinks noted the activity at Meadowbrook Square, saying she had gotten calls from residents about increased cars at the former nearby Wal-Mart store. "There's a movie filming over in the old TOPS store, and that was the overflow parking for the employees there," she told them.

Koci said that he and City Manager Mike Mallis had visited the filming site. They had been invited by the production company to see what was going on there, and also offered the city's assistance if needed.

He said movie crews had transformed the former supermarket into a 1980s-era food store, putting in shelving, stocking it with groceries and changing food labels to the way they would have looked 40 years ago.

Koci noted that some people came into the store, thinking it was an actual market, and grabbed a shopping

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Garfield Heights Council authorizes sale of Wargo Farm property to Cleveland Metroparks

By Ellen Psenicka

At Monday night's regular meeting of Garfield Heights Council, an emergency ordinance was passed to enter into an agreement between the city and the Board of Park Commissioners of the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District for the purchase and sale of 47.7 acres of land known in place the city's ban on horses, mules, cows, sheep, as the Wargo Farm property for the development as an added park in the District's park lands.

Mayor Matt Burke told The Neighborhood News that the purchase price for the eight parcels of land involved will be approximately \$10,000 per acre for a total of 477,000 once the deal is completed.

The Wargo Farm land is located at the south end of the city and will eventually be linked to the Metroparks' Bedford Reservation and Dunham Park, Economic Development Director Noreen Kuban noted.

Another emergency ordinance passed authorized the mayor to enter into a license agreement between the city and board of the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District to facilitate the park's access to certain grant money to be used to fund a Trail Improvement Project on the former Wargo Farm property.

Kuban said the agreement also gives the Metroparks authority to enter the property and to start improvements.

Students honored

Council also passed a resolution honoring the Summa Cum Laude-Four Star Award winners of the 2021 Garfield Heights High School graduating class. All those honored received a 4.0 or higher grade point average. They are, in alphabetical order: Rached Magid Arda, Matthew Thomas Cermak, Ryan Alexander Larsen, Joseph John Lenart, Jr., James Robert Newton, Charity Maria Perry, Haley Ann Sobocinski and Nathan Anthony Wichert.

'Hens' bill sent to committee

An ordinance changing the codified ordinances of

Garfield Heights to allow residents to raise hens (female chickens) within the city limits, with certain restrictions, was placed into the Legislative Committee for further

With the exception of hens, the legislation would keep goats, swine, chickens and other fowl or animals. The provisions do not apply to domesticated dogs and cats.

In order to raise hens, residents may live in only U1 Residential Single-Family, or U2 Residential Single-and Two-Family zoning districts, obtain a \$25 annual permit from the Building Department and provide humane conditions for the health and well-being of the animals, according to the proposed ordinance.

If passed, no more than 24 nontransferable permits will be issued for the first year of the effective date of the legislation, and an additional 13 permits every year thereafter. At no time shall the total number of permits issued by the city exceed 50.

Rescue Plan funds

Mayor Burke, in his report to council, announced that Garfield Heights will receive \$2,870,000 in American Rescue Plan Funds. The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 passed by Congress provides additional relief to address the continued impact of COVID-19 on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals and businesses.

Blake recovering

Ward 5 Councilman Jason Blakewas absent from Monday night's meeting. Ward 7 Councilman Tom Vaughn said Blakewas resting at home from a cardiac procedure and was doing well. Vaughn said any Ward 5 residents needing assistance should contact any of the other members of council until Blake is fully recovered and back on the job.

Recycling programs continue

Service Director Mark Sikon said the Household Hazardous Waste Collection continues through Sept. 18, at the service garage, 13600 McCracken Blvd. Free document shredding takes place this Saturday, Sept. 18, from 9 a.m. to noon, also at the service garage, for residents only.

Property values in Maple Hts. up an average of 23%

By Judith Goldsworth

Properties in the city of Maple Heights showed an average 23% boost in value following Cuyahoga County's three-year update, Mayor Annette Blackwell reported this week.

As required by the state of Ohio, the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Office recently completed its triennial update to the values of all parcels in the county, estimated at approximately 511,200.

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GARFIELD HTS. MARKS 20th ANNIVERSARY OF 9-11





The city of Garfield Heights and other local communi- Shown above are photos of the program held at the ties held ceremonies last Saturday to mark the 20th Garfield Heights Veterans Plaza near the Historical Socianniversary of the 9-11 terrorist attacks on our nation. ety Museum, taken by Wendy Walters and Debbie Chitester.

Property values up in Maple

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"Results of this update show Maple Heights' property increased in value by an average of 23%, a total increase of almost \$58 million," Blackwell stated.

Properties classified as residential saw a 29% increase in value, commercial, a 6% increase and industrial, a 10% increase. The 29% increase in value for residential property was the highest increase in the entire county, Blackwell said.

 $\hbox{``This update to property values confirms what we have}\\$ been seeing for several years in Maple Heights, that the city is a strong place to invest, to do business, and to buy met last Wednesday, Sept. 8, and rates as determined by a house and raise your family," Blackwell noted. She said and passed the following legthat with the increase in property values in the city, the islation:

property tax rate is projected to fall from 3.75% of market value, to 3.43% .

Cuyahoga County will host numerous community meetings between Tuesday, Oct. 5, and Thursday, Oct. 28, to share more details, answer questions and provide guidance on the Board of Revision process. The mayor said community meeting dates and locations will be shared via the city's social media. Any questions should be directed to her office at 216-587-9011.

Cuy. Hts. Council update

Cuyahoga Heights Council

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- •To accept the amounts the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county fiscal officer;
- •To elect the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council's Green Community Choice program for the village's Electricity Aggregation Program starting January 2023;

•To authorize a change or- ments Project; der to the Nicky Boulevard

Slope Stabilization Improve- ment Agreement; ments Project, Phase Two;

Fabrizi Trucking and Pav- 4617 E. 71 St. (former Hilling Co. for the 5047 E. 71 side Party Center) Redevel-St. Demolition and Improve-opment Project.

- •To accept the July 21, Storm Sewer Extension and 2021 National Opioid Settle-
- •To execute a Develop-•To accept the bid of ment Agreement for the

Remembering first responders

Dear Editor:

This year makes 20 years since the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the Twin Towers. We didn't want the day to go by without saying "thank you" to our Garfield Heights first responders (police and fire), for putting their lives on the line for us every day. So with the help of the awesome people at Giant Eagle, we were able to deliver refreshments to both stations.

Thank you for all you do each day, and once again a special thanks to Josh Hall, our Garfield Heights Giant Eagle manager, for providing the refreshments. May we

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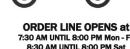


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Community police reports

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Shooting: Sept. 7, 1:10 a.m. 3400 block of E. 66 St. 25year-old male victim of gunshot wound to the leg. EMS transported to MetroHealth Medical Center.

Multi-House Fire: Sept. 11, 12:04 a.m., 4400 block of Douse Ave., three houses involved; two occupied. One firefighter transported to MetroHealth by EMS with minor injury. No civilian injuries reported.

Garfield Heights

Theft from Auto

On Sept. 5, at 7:25 p.m., an officer was dispatched to an auto repair shop in the 13200 block of Broadway Ave., for a breaking and entering report. The complainant said sometime that morning an unknown male had cut out two catalytic converters from vehicles on his lot and that he had video of the incident. Garfield Heights PD units advised of the descriptions of the male and female in the video.

City of Garfield Heights

Outdoor Community Flea Market Saturday, Sept. 25, 9 am to 2 pm at the Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd.

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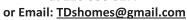
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Community Police Reports

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Shots Fired

On Sept. 7, at 11:18 p.m., police were called to the 12500 block of Mapleleaf Dr., for shots fired at a house. The homeowner told them he was sleeping upstairs when he was awakened by gunfire. His wife and two sons were also in the house. The homeowner said he observed a white pickup truck with no visible plate going westbound on Mapleleaf. Officers found 11 shell casings on the street directly in front of the house and 4 bullet slugs inside the house. They also found about 8 fresh bullet holes on the windows and through the wall. No one in the house was injured. The Detective Bureau will follow up.

Breaking & Entering

On Sept. 7, an officer was dispatched to Wendy's, 5251 Turney Rd., for a report of an overnight breaking and entering. The Wendy's manager told police that between $1\,and\,5{:}\overline{3}0\,a.m., unknown\,person(s)\,had\,forced\,entry\,into$ the outside freezer and taken four cases of chicken worth about \$716. The manager was advised to contact the Detective Bureau.

Missing Juvenile

An officer contacted a woman living in the 13500 block of Saybrook Ave., regarding her missing foster daughter who had come to live with her on Sept. 3. She said the girl had left her residence on Sept. 7, at 4:45 p.m., for a location on Dove Ave., Cleveland, and had not returned as of report time. The woman called police at 11:30 p.m. to report her foster daughter had returned home. Police learned the girl was entered as a missing juvenile with Elyria PD on July 31, and the detective handling the case was called.

Theft-Shoplifting

On Sept. 11, at 3:20 a.m., police received a call for theft/ criminal damaging in progress at the Sunoco gas station, 6009 Turney Rd. The complainant told police that he had observed a shoplifter in the store stuffing items into his pants on camera. When confronted, the suspect punching trays that held merchandise on the front

When the suspect made a gesture towards the complainant as if he were going to assault him, he threw a counter top item at the suspect, who then left the store making threats he would come back and shoot him. Video footage available.



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Netflix movie filming in Bedford

thinking it was an actual market, and grabbed a shopping cart.

"That shows how anxious people are for a market to open in that area," Koci said, adding that the filming might impact plans for the future Simons Market at that location, in the works for the past several years. "That is going to delay the Simons opening until next year," he commented.

"Wheat Germ" will continue filming in the Northeast Ohio area for a few more weeks, at least into the fall, according to the movie's casting website.

More legislation passed for Egbert Rd. redevelopment

Following a resolution passed in August to adopt an Urban Redevelopment Plan for the Tinkers Creek Commerce Park (TCCP) area, council passed three additional pieces of legislation at its meeting last week to further facilitate economic development of roughly 27

(Continued from Page 1) Egbert Rd. neighborhood.

One of the pieces was an ordinance designating the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation ("Land Bank") as the Community Improvement Corporation of the city, and authorized execution of an agreement with the Land Bank to act on the city's behalf "for the purpose of **Other legislation** transferring and promoting the redevelopment of the property." This includes three parcels of land which three parcels of land which with EVUnited for purchase the city will own.

A second ordinance authorizes Mallis to acquire and transfer the real property, presently owned by 200 Egbert Road, LLC, Hemisphere Development, LLC, located in Tinkers Creek tion of tax increment financing (TIF) legislation.

The third piece of legislation passed by council regarding the TCCP redevelopment was a resolution a Memorandum of Underacres of property in the County as "the city believes June 1, 2023.

that the redevelopment of CCP will promote urban redevelopment in the city, is in the vital and best interests of the city, and the health, safety and welfare of its residents, and is in accordance with the public purposes and provisions of applicable federal, state and local laws and requirements."

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- and installation of charging stations in the city's downtown area, in a total amount of \$46,033. The city was successful in obtaining several grants to assist in the cost of the project.
- Authorizing a contract Commerce Park, for the with Simplex IT for purpurpose of entering into a chase and installation of a chain of title, prior to adop- new server for the police department, "to increase employee efficiency so as to better serve the public," at a cost of \$12,821.40.
- Authorizing a three-year contract for natural gas with authorizing Mallisto execute Constellation Newenergy-Gas Division LLC, for mustanding with Cuyahoga nicipal facilities, beginning

- •Accepting the amounts **Announcements** and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax to the county Fiscal Officer.
- Amending the city's budget for additional appropriations for current expenditures during 2021.
- •Recognizing, supporting and commending "Global Cleveland Welcoming Week," Sept. 11-19, "to bring communities together to celebrate their unity and other, and applaud the benefits of welcoming newcomers to our community.

Finance Director Frank Gambosi and the city's Filevies and certifying them nance Department received a special award from the Ohio State Auditor's Office, certs will be held downtown with distinction, for good on Wednesdays, Sept 15, record keeping. He and the department also recently received the Government Finance Officers Association award, he said.

Bedford AutoMile Association for their recent generstrong connection with each ous donations of \$50,000 to the city of Bedford, and \$20,000 to the Bedford City Schools Foundation.

Councilman Jeff Asbury stated that the final First Friday of 2021, by the Bedford Downtown Alliance, will take place on Friday, Oct. 1. Also, summer conwith Billy Morrison-Sunset Strip, and Sept. 22, with the Pop Tarts Band. Food trucks will be available, he stated.

Community ward meetings City officials thanked the will be held for Wards 3 and 6 on Monday, Sept. 27, and for Wards 2 and 5 on Monday, Oct. 11. Both meetings will be held from 7-9 p.m. in City Hall Council Cham-

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