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## Three honored by American Nationalities Movement

The American Nationalities Movement of Ohio held its annual Christmas Luncheon this past month at Holy Spirit Hall attended by 150 members and guests. This year's Freedom Award honorees were Ohio's Secretary of State Frank LaRose, Ohio State Senator Kenny Yuko and the organization Sokol Greater Cleveland. All honorees were on hand to accept their awards and offer a short acceptance speech.

LaRose was honored for his dedication to his Sicilian/Italian heritage and to his public service in the State Legislature and now as Secretary of State.

Minority leader of the Ohio Senate from District 25 Yuko was chosen for his proud preservation of his Irish and Slovenian heritage and for his lifelong service to the community as a union organizer for Laborer's Local 860 and for his public service in the State Legislature, first with four terms as a state representative and now in his second term as a state senator from District 25.

Sokol Greater Cleveland was awarded as an organization for its perpetuation of the Czech and Slovak culture at the 125th anniversary of the Bohemian National Hall on Broadway Ave., with its remarkable restoration and newer addition of a large gymnasium for gymnastics and general physical activities for its members and guests. Paul Burik as current president of Sokol Greater Cleveland represented the organization at the luncheon and accepted the award.



**Pictured, from left, are Cleveland Ward 8 Councilman Michael Polensek who assisted in the award presentation, Freedom Award recipient Secretary of State Frank LaRose, Freedom Award recipient State Senator and minority leader Kenny Yuko (D-25), President Ralph Perk, Jr., and State Senator Matt Dolan (R-24) who assisted in the award presentation.**

Jim Craciun from the Romanian and Italian communities gave the invocation for the luncheon and retired Judge Ralph Perk, Jr., president of the American Nationalities Movement, gave the welcoming speech and presented the awards, some with past president Irene Morrow and others.

A unique feature of this year's luncheon was the swearing-in of a new judge, Sergio DiGeronimo, replacing Judge Jennifer Weiler of the Garfield Heights Municipal Court who recently retired.

New Judge DiGeronimo was sworn in by Judge Deborah Nicaastro who is in her 27th year on the bench and is currently serving as Administrative and Presiding Judge of the court. Before his appointment by the governor, Judge DiGeronimo served as law director and prosecutor for the city of Brecksville since 1998.

## Maple Hts. mayor exits race for county executive

Citing her commitments as mayor, Maple Heights Mayor Annette Blackwell is suspending her candidacy for Cuyahoga County Executive. She has two years remaining in her term and wishes to dedicate her time and energy to continuing the growth and progress in her home city. Blackwell initially announced her candidacy for county executive on Dec. 7, 2021.

In discussing why she is suspending her campaign, Blackwell said, "The city of Maple Heights is very special to me. During my tenure as mayor, we have moved the city out of fiscal emergency, attracted dozens of employers to the city – including Gojo Industries, and increased our population after more than four decades of population loss. Additionally, we have improved our home property values 29% since 2018. That is the largest increase of any community in the county. I believe this is only the start of what we can accomplish in Maple Heights. Working with residents, City Council, our dedicated workers and our businesses, I know we are on the cusp of making this special place a destination location. I'm excited to continue the work."

Mayor Blackwell was first elected in November 2015, and was reelected in November 2019, with nearly 86% of voters supporting her. Her current term expires on Dec. 31, 2023. She is the first woman and African-American to be elected to the office in the city's history.

## G.H. Safety Committee to meet

A Garfield Heights Council Safety Committee meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 27, in Council Chambers. The meeting will address the concerns of residents over gun violence and local bars, as well as gun violence on the streets of the Garfield Heights community.

## M.H. awarded \$2.2M for traffic signal updates

By Judith Goldsworth

Maple Heights Mayor Annette Blackwell stated this week that the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA), has announced that the city of Maple Heights will receive \$2.2 million in funding support for its Citywide Signal Safety & Efficiency Project.

The funding award is part of the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program, a federal program through the U.S. Department of Transportation, which through NOACA, has awarded \$45 million for projects throughout Northeast Ohio that reduce congestion and improve air quality to meet federal clean air standards, NOACA officials stated while announcing the awards last week.

Blackwell explained that the funding will be available in the State's fiscal year 2027, beginning July 1, 2026.

The Citywide Signal Safety & Efficiency Project will remove unwarranted signals and replace outdated signals and poles to allow for upgrades to signal timing, interconnect systems and accompanying upgrade controllers and technology for the existing traffic control system, Blackwell stated. The project is estimated to cost \$5 million, with the CMAQ funding providing \$2.2 million towards the project.

"The city of Maple Heights is extremely pleased to receive this award, and excited about the opportunity to make improvements to the city's infrastructure and safety initiatives," Blackwell said.



**Pictured are officers and members of Sokol Greater Cleveland, from left: Fran Burik; President of the Nationalities Movement Ralph Perk, Jr.; Alice Khol; Jane Wise; President of Sokol Greater Cleveland Paul Burik; Dolly Baca; Howie Wise; Majorie Juba and Karla Mahoney.**



# Bedford already getting ready for warmer months

By Judith Goldsworth

In the midst of significant snowfall and subfreezing temperatures, the city of Bedford is already getting ready for the warmer months of spring and summer, City Manager Mike Mallis stated at the council meeting last week.

Mallis announced that a total of \$200,000 in block grant funding and supplemental grant funding had been awarded by the Cuyahoga County Department of Development to the city for renovating the pool house at the Municipal Pool, which dates back to 1964.

As for the current weather conditions, Mallis stated, "I appreciate everyone's patience with snow removal and the storm over the holiday weekend."

Mallis said that the Service Department crews had been working 24/7 during and after last week's storm, and took the opportunity to remind residents that if snowfall exceeded more than two inches, the city's snow parking ban would automatically go into effect.

## New finance director named

Mayor Stan Koci announced at last week's meeting that following the retirement of longtime Finance Director Frank Gambosi, expected to take place in September, Assistant Finance Director Jennifer Howland will be promoted to the finance director position and a new assistant finance director will be sought.

Gambosi congratulated Howland on her promotion, praising her for "a job well done." He said that if anyone were interested in the assistant finance director position, and had the necessary qualifications, to check online.

## All legislation on first reading

As Council did not have enough members present to

suspend the rules for three readings and pass the legislation under emergency, all of the ordinances on the agenda were placed on first reading, including the following:

- Declaring the property at 312 Marion Ave. a nuisance due to explosion and fire damage, and condemning it.
- Approving a Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) agreement between the city and Bartlett, LLC, located at 18800 Rockside Rd., to provide for a 70% tax exemption over a 15-year period for the new business.
- Amending previous legislation to establish pay ranges for various city positions, which as Koci explained is just setting up minimum salaries for new hires.
- Authorizing Mallis to enter into a Stormwater Services Agreement with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health to provide Phase II Stormwater services in 2022 and 2023. "This is an agreement that we enter into with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health annually, and they go over various housekeeping programs, pollution prevention, other good housekeeping programs that they share with us, that they work on annually. This is just a regular agreement that we do," Mallis said.
- Authorizing Mallis to sign a grant of easement for storm sewer management with the owner of a property on Archer Rd.

## Contracts for purchases

These purchases were also introduced on first reading at last week's meeting to contract with the following suppliers:

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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**  
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**List of Meetings for February 2022**

Tuesday, February 4, 2022	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - TBD
Monday, February 7, 2022	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 9, 2022	Southeast Area Law Enforcement (SEALE) Board of Trustees Meeting (if needed) Work Session - 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting - 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 15, 2022	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - TBD
Tuesday, February 22, 2022	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 23, 2022	Board of Zoning Appeals (if needed) Work Session - 6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

It should also be noted that the Board of Building Standards and Appeals, Civil Service Commission, Bedford Arts and Cultural Board, Bedford Historical Preservation Board, Assessment Equalization Board, Public Hearings, Planning Commission, Animal Appeals Board, Board of Zoning Appeals and Tree Board meet **as needed**. Notification of these meetings will be posted at the five most public places in the City per **Ordinance No. 8461-09**.

All Meetings will be held at Bedford City Hall, 165 Center Road, Bedford, Ohio 44146. For agendas please go to [www.bedfordoh.gov](http://www.bedfordoh.gov) or call Tracy M. Simons, Clerk of Council, at 440-735-6510.

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# Community police reports

## GARFIELD HEIGHTS

### Traffic Offense – Fleeing

On Jan. 13, at about 9:20 p.m., two officers on patrol saw a black Chevy Cruze speeding down Turney Rd. southbound going 50 mph in a 25 mph zone and going through a red light. Police attempted to initiate a traffic stop but the car continued to weave through traffic. When it became blocked in by heavy traffic, officers were able to approach the vehicle with a firearm out and pointed at the driver's door. Because the windows were heavily tinted police could not see the occupants and, worried that the occupants were attempting to access weapons, they broke out the driver's side window to gain access. One of the officers was able to open the driver's door and, while pointing his gun at the male driver, told him to get out of the car, which he refused to do.

Police finally got him out of his car, got him in handcuffs, patted him down and read him his rights. The man was slurring his words and smelled of alcohol. He was uncooperative and yelling and swearing at officers and placed under arrest. He began spitting profusely at police as they attempted to subdue him. While he was being taken to City Jail, the suspect made comments to the effect that he was glad that police officers are killed in the line of duty. A female passenger in the car was found to have a loaded gun and she was also placed under arrest and transported to GHPD jail. Male driver arrested for OVI, fleeing, multiple traffic violations and open container. Due to his spitting at officers, an additional charge of harassment by an inmate were forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

### Assault

On Jan. 14, at about 11:32 p.m., police were dispatched to the Showcase bar, 5015 Turney Rd., regarding reports of 4-5 females fighting with possibly a gun involved. When police arrived they saw five women dispersing from the rear lot of the bar and attempting to get into their cars. Police made contact with three of the females and saw that one of them was highly intoxicated and bleeding from her nose. She declined EMS. The three women said the other two women had started the fight, and the two women said the same thing of the other three. Officers observed minimal cuts on the suspects and no firearms were found at the scene. All parties declined to press charges at that time.

### Shots Fired

On Jan. 14, at 9:57 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 13600 block of Silver Rd. in reference to a female reporting someone broke into her home and shot her dog. Upon entering the home police noted a pool of blood all across the floor leading to the kitchen and basement. They also saw a black male German Shepherd dog panting and limping at the bottom of the basement steps. The house was checked for possible suspects with negative results of a suspect or forced entry into the home. They saw that the dog had a severe wound in his paw area and another wound to the right side of his face and was bleeding severely. The homeowner's son got the dog to his car and took him to a veterinarian clinic. A spent shell casing was found on the floor near the back door. A second one was found just outside the rear door. Report referred to the Detective Bureau for follow up.

### Theft of Motor Vehicle

On Jan. 15, at about 6:56 p.m., police were called to Dave's Supermarket in Turneytown for a stolen vehicle that was taken with keys. The owner of the stolen Ford Focus said she left the car keys inside a purse she left in the vehicle and went into the store shopping. She said she returned about five minutes later and the Focus was gone. Vehicle entered into LEADS.

## Garfield Hts. Council update

By Ellen Psenicka

Garfield Heights Council met in regular session Monday night with only two resolutions on the agenda which passed unanimously.

The first commemorated February as Black History Month and the other authorized the mayor to apply for a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant offered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Mayor Matt Burke, in his report to council, pointed out that this grant would allow the Garfield Heights Fire Department to hire three firefighters for a period of three years at no cost to the city.

He also thanked residents and council members who have sent him links to different grants available and listed the millions of dollars in grant money the city has received over the years.

The mayor also noted that Garfield Heights resident and figure skater Katie McBeath and her partner tried out for the U.S. Olympic Team and came just short of qualifying.

"Not too many get the opportunity to try out and I am very proud of her," Burke said. "The city will be issuing her a proclamation for her incredible achievements."

He also mentioned the recent winter storm that dropped over 18 inches of snow on the streets of Garfield Heights and other northeast Ohio communities.

"Our Service Department did the best they could clearing the streets," Burke said. "I ask that residents be patient with the plow drivers," he continued, and reminded residents to move vehicles off the streets so the plows can do their job.

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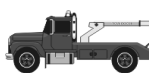
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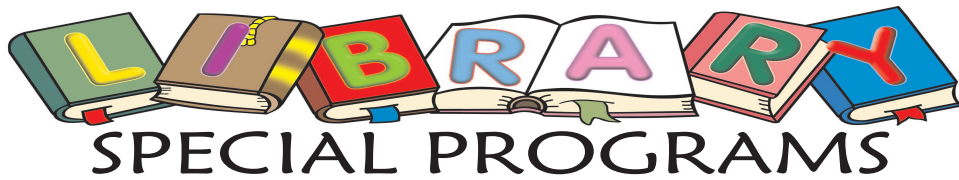
Just received my house taxes, Wow! Garfield Heights is the highest taxed community. Maybe it's time to hold the School Board and the Teachers and Politicians to a higher standard. With the amount we pay to the Schools we should be rated on top like Brecksville. We were told a new School would put us on top - never happened. We continue to rank on the bottom, then they think we're impressed when a third grader reads at a third grade level. Shouldn't that be normal? Our City deserves more for the Taxes we pay.

Robert Kinzig, Garfield Heights

# Thanks to Avery Johnson

We would like to thank Ward 4 Councilman Avery Johnson for bringing his snowblower to our yard and helping us to clear the snow drifts from the storm. His help goes beyond his duties as a councilman. Thank you again.

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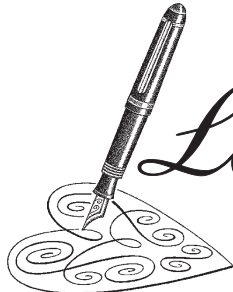
- Valley Ford to purchase a 2022 Ford Explorer 4WD truck for \$40,235 for the Service Department through the state bid contract to replace a 2017 truck.
- Rush Truck Centers to purchase a 2023 International Truck 4x2 cab and chassis for \$85,523 to be equipped with salt spreader and plow hitch, to replace a 2000 salt truck.
- Valley Ford to purchase a 2022 Ford F250 4x4 dump truck for \$93,820 for the Service Department through the state bid contract to replace a 2002 truck.
- Jay Auto Group to purchase a 2022 GMC Sierra 2500 HD 3/4 ton 4x4 regular cab pickup truck for \$33,044.50 for the Service Department to replace a 2003 truck.
- Jay Auto Group to purchase a 2022 GMC Sierra 2500 HD 3/4 ton 2WD regular cab pickup truck for \$30,472 for the Service Department to replace a 2005 truck.
- Montrose Ford to purchase two 2022 Ford Explorers through the state cooperative purchasing contract for the Police Department; total cost, \$72,316.64.
- Hall Public Safety to outfit both Ford Explorers with necessary equipment to be used by the Police Department; total cost, \$33,513.10.
- KTS Equipment, Inc., for purchase through the state bid contract of a Model 3100 towable stump grinder for \$58,211, to replace a 1994 stump grinder.

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# Cleveland Council passes ordinance to regulate small box discount retail stores

Cleveland City Council held its regular meeting Monday night and adopted legislation aimed at regulating small box retail stores - between 3,000 and 15,000 square feet - that dedicates less than 15% of shelf space to fresh or fresh frozen foods.

The legislation states that no small box discount retail store shall be established on a lot or lots within 10,560 feet (two miles) of another lot or lots containing an existing small box discount retail store. No two small box discount retail stores shall be located in the same building or on the same lot. The legislation outlines rules a new store would be required to follow, including requiring merchants to disclose types of goods, products or merchandise to be sold and the general cost of such items. Stores connected to gas stations are exempt.

The goal of the legislation is to control the proliferation of these stores in Cleveland neighborhoods. Council had placed a moratorium on building small box stores in the city, but it expired on Nov. 1, 2020. The legislation was sponsored by Councilmen Tony Brancatelli, Blaine Griffin and Kevin Kelley.

Also passed was the following legislation:

- Supplementing a 1976 ordinance that prohibits the release of large numbers of balloons – no more than 10 - into the atmosphere.

Balloons made of mylar or latex are particularly dangerous. Latex balloons can take anywhere between six months to four years to biodegrade. If mylar balloons touch a power line, it can cause a surge of electricity that short circuits equipment and can even lead to outages and fires.

Balloons can easily be mistaken as foliage and food to wildlife, especially birds and marine life. Not only can ingesting them seriously harm and even kill, but they can

also get tangled up and killed by the string that balloons are often tied onto.

During Great Lakes cleanups between 2016 and 2018, about 18,000 balloons or pieces of balloons made of mylar or latex were found. Several states and some cities, including Toledo, have banned balloon releases.

- To apply for and accept various public safety grant awards including: the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant, which supports the employment of six police support staff, four fingerprint examiners and two intelligence analysts; the COPS Community Policing Development Crisis Intervention Teams Grant to expand Cleveland's Police and Mental Health co-responder team; the Impaired Driving Enforcement Program and Selective Traf-

fic Enforcement Program; Recovery Ohio Law Enforcement Fund for funding the operation of the Cartel Gang Narcotics Laundering Task Force; and the State Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant to also fund the Cartel Gang Narcotics Laundering Task Force.



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