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## Former G.H. council president passes away

Michael J. Abella, Sr., 74, past Garfield Heights councilman/council president, passed away last Wednesday, March 16.

He was the beloved husband of 54 years to Christine "Tina" (nee Zarzycki); loving father of Michael, Jr. (Britt) and Thomas (fiance Jaimee LaGuardia); dear grandfather of Angela and Kevin; son of the late Arthur and Jean Abella; dear nephew of John "Bud" Colfer.



Mike was a veteran of the U.S. Army, and a 4th Degree Knight of Garfield Heights Knights of Columbus Council #4130.

Calling hours were held earlier this week at Ferfolia Funeral Home in Sagamore Hills, with a Funeral Mass on Tuesday, March 22, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Brunswick. Inurnment at a later date in All Saints Cemetery.

## Independence opts out of new Ohio fireworks law

By Ellen Psenicka

Independence Council met on Tuesday, March 8, and voted to opt out of House Bill 172 and banned the discharge, ignition or explosion of fireworks within the city.

H.B. 172, which goes into effect this year on July 1, will now allow bottle rockets, Roman candles and other consumer grade fireworks to be discharged in Ohio on certain holidays, including New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, Chinese New Year, Labor and Memorial Day weekends and several more.

With the passage of the amended ordinance in Independence, the city's police officers will continue to enforce its "no fireworks" law as they have in the past.

The following legislation was also approved at the March 8th meeting:

- Accepting the proposal of Environmental Design Group for professional services in connection with the Meadowbrook Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project in a total amount not to exceed \$50,000.

- Renewal of the city's current major software support maintenance agreements in a total amount not to exceed \$205,021.36.

- Proceeding with the acquisition, installation, equipment and improvement of certain improvements in the city of Independence, Ohio in cooperation with the Northeast Ohio Advanced Energy District (Rockside Woods Visibility Project).

- Levying special assessments to acquire, install, equip and improve certain improvements in the city in cooperation with the Northeast Ohio Advanced Energy District; and authorizing an agreement and a special assessment

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## Garfield Hts. Recreation Center to hold annual Ice Skating Show Saturday

This year's Annual Ice Show, titled "Skating the U.S.A.," will be held for one night only at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, March 26, at the Dan Kostel Recreation Center, 5411 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

The event showcases outstanding skaters from ages 3 to adult who participated in the 2021-2022 Learn to Skate season, as they display their talent and gracefulness in the wonderful sport of figure skating.

This year we are pleased to announce a guest appearance and performance by Ms. Katie McBeath, international skater and competitor, and a member of Team USA. Katie got her start here at the Dan Kostel Recreation Center as a Tot in our Learn to Skate program and is a resident of Garfield Heights. We are so proud of our Katie!

Tickets are: \$5.00 - ages 5-17 (4 and under no charge); \$5.00 - Seniors - ages 66 and up; \$10.00 - ages 18-65. For more information call 216-475-7272 or visit [www.garfieldhts.org](http://www.garfieldhts.org)

## Indy police arrest suspect in Chase Bank robbery

Independence police said yesterday they have arrested William Sizemore, Jr., age 22, of Cleveland, for the robbery of the Chase Bank at 6200 Brecksville Rd., on March 4.

It is alleged that Sizemore entered the Independence branch the morning of March 4, 2022 and presented a teller with a note demanding cash. The teller complied, and Sizemore fled on foot, police said.

Minutes later Sizemore was captured on neighborhood surveillance video getting into a vehicle with a driver and fleeing the scene, officials said. Independence officers and detectives traced the vehicle with the help of the city's automated license plate recognition cameras.

Yesterday morning the Southwest Enforcement Bureau (SEB) executed a search warrant in Cleveland, during which Sizemore was arrested without incident. The Independence Police Department thanks those departments and agencies that offered their assistance.

Sizemore is suspected in other similar bank robberies in the area. Those agencies have been contacted and will use the information Independence PD obtained to progress their cases. Sizemore is charged with aggravated robbery.

Mayor Gregory Kurtz said, "The swift apprehension demonstrates the value of the Flock Safety automated license plate readers, which the city installed last year."

Police Chief Robert Butler stated, "I am proud of the Independence Police Department's officers, tactical team members and detectives for their diligent and thorough work. Bringing Mr. Sizemore to justice was a team effort."

## Body found on balcony of home on Warner Rd.

Last Thursday, March 17, at approximately 6:33 p.m., officers responded to 4370 Warner Rd., #1, in connection with a female body found, unknown age or injuries, according to Cleveland police.

Officers arrived on scene and were met by a cleaning person who had found the body. The person stated that the previous tenant was evicted on March 11, 2022. Workers were moving a pile of clothes on the balcony when the body was found. EMS arrived on scene and the victim was pronounced deceased. Members of the Homicide Unit responded for investigation.

The body found on the balcony was that of Audreona Barnes, 19, of Warrensville Heights, according to the Cuyahoga Medical Examiner's Office, as reported by 19 News.

The medical examiner did not list a cause of death, 19 News went on to say, and Cleveland police have not said if Barnes' death is being investigated as a homicide.

## Broadway westbound ramp to I-480 closes today

The westbound ramp from Broadway Ave. in Garfield Heights to I-480 will be closed on Wednesday, March 23, at 9 a.m. through October 2022 for ODOT crews to begin adding a fourth lane to the westbound ramp.

The detour will be I-480 eastbound to Warrensville Center Rd. to I-480 westbound.

## Shots fired in Maple Hts.; juvenile grazed by bullet

Last Friday, March 18, at 4:18 p.m., officers from the Maple Heights Police Department responded to the area of the 16200 block of Turney Rd. for a report of shots fired. The caller reported that at least one occupant of a black vehicle fired several shots from the vehicle before it fled the scene. The vehicle was last seen going westbound on Turney Rd., towards Garfield Heights. Police located several empty bullet shell casings laying in the area.

While on scene, officers were advised that a resident on Longvale Ave. had called and reported their juvenile son may have been grazed on the back of his head by a bullet that had struck the vehicle he was driving on Turney Rd. at the time of this incident.

Officers responded to his residence and spoke with the victim. He was treated and released on scene by paramedics from the Maple Heights Fire Department.

This investigation is ongoing and is being investigated by the Maple Heights Police Department. Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the Maple Heights Detective Bureau at 216-587-9624 or [Detectives@mhpd-ohio.com](mailto:Detectives@mhpd-ohio.com). Information can also be supplied anonymously to Crime Stoppers.

# Independence opts out

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agreement (Rockside Woods Visibility Project).

- Authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Auditor of State to serve as the city's independent public auditor in connection with the audit of its financial statements, for the year ended Dec. 31, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$41,000.

- Authorizing the mayor to execute the documents neces-

sary to make payment of the Direct Energy invoice dated Sept. 16, 2021, for electric generation services, for the period Aug. 1, 2021 to Aug. 31, 2021, to American Capital Recovery, in a total amount not to exceed \$10,073.25.

- Authorizing the purchase and delivery of a Titan Leaf Pro Plus for the service department from Bell Equipment Co. in an amount not to exceed \$74,301.76.

- Authorizing the purchase and delivery of an asphalt hot box for the service department in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.

- Authorizing the purchase and delivery of a tandem roller for the service department not to exceed \$47,876.

- Accepting the bid of Specialized Construction for the city's 2022 Crack Seal Program contract not to exceed \$198,954.30.

- Accepting the bid of Dura Mark, Inc. for the 2022-2023 Street Striping Program not to exceed \$265,500.

- Approving an agreement with Deru Landscaping Architecture for professional landscape design services in connection with the Rockside Woods North - Tier 2 Parking Lot Improvements not to exceed \$15,000.

- Approving an agreement with Gedeon Frederick & Morsher for professional electrical engineering and design services for the Rockside Woods Boulevard North - Tier 2 Parking Lot Improvements not to exceed \$15,000.

- Accepting the bid of Paramount Concrete & Construction and authorizing the purchase of related items for construction of the city's new outdoor Bocci Ball Court not to exceed \$43,930.

- Approving the petition for special assessments for the special energy improvement projects in cooperation with the Northeast Ohio Advanced Energy District for the Rockside Woods Visibility Project.

- Final resolution for the Rockside Road & I-77 Interchange Ramps Project, which consists of widening and resurfacing the I-77 northbound exit and entrance ramps at the Rockside Road interchange and widening Bridge No. CUY-77-0837E (SFN 1806289, located on the I-77 entrance ramp over Rockside Road, including curb, sidewalk, curb ramps, guardrail, drainage, lighting, signage, pavement markings, traffic signals, and retaining walls within the city of Independence, at a cost estimated to be \$1,757,670, which amount will be adjusted so the improvements shall correspond with percentages of actual costs when they are determined.

- An ordinance accepting the proposal of GPD Group for the Brookside Road Reconstruction Improvements Project (S.R. 21 to Eastview Dr.), not to exceed \$451,870, was passed for first reading.

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Dust off winter and join us at the Garfield Heights Senior Center for the offered fitness events, senior center activities and opportunities for fellowship and fun.

All are welcome. Participants 55 and older can register with us and take advantage of all activities, the meal program (60+ and older), and free transportation (for Garfield Heights residents only).

The following are fitness programs currently offered:

TheraBand Movement—Mondays, 10:30 a.m.

Line Dancing—Tuesdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m. Cost: \$3.

Chair Aerobics—Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m. Cost \$3.

Cardio Drumming coming soon-Thursdays, 10-10:45 a.m.

The 2022 Wii Bowling League has begun and we're looking for 3 more teams of 2 persons to join us. Cost is \$2 per week and bowling is on Monday or Wednesday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Trivia buffs, join our Garfield Heights team to compete with other local suburban teams in the "Mind Challenge Trivia Tournament." Teams are forming now.

## Craft Room

We have begun selling tickets for our "rabbit raffle." Two of the rabbits are 4' tall and one is smaller. In addition, we're sponsoring a 50/50 raffle this month. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawings will be held on Monday,

April 11, 2022, at 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!** All tickets sold and items created for sale benefit our Senior Center.

Our location is 5407 Turney Rd., and we can be reached at 216-475-3244 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. weekdays. There will be more to come so stay tuned!!!

## St. John Nep. Lenten Communal Penance Service

All are invited to come to the Lenten Communal Penance Service this Monday, March 28, at St. John Nepomucene Parish, 5000 Fleet Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44105, at 7 p.m.

They will have four priests available to hear your confessions. We are grateful to be joined by Rev. Msgr. Richard Antall, pastor of Holy Name; Rev. Ralph Hudak, pastor of Immaculate Heart; and Rev. Joseph Callahan, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes.

The church calls us to gather as a community with our neighboring parishes to repent and convert our lives more fully to Christ. We welcome any of our neighbors to come to our Lenten Communal Penance Service.



The Village of Performing Arts & Cultural Center located at 12680 Rockside Road, Garfield Heights (Back entrance - old movie theater in Garfield Commons) will host two events this week:

**Achieving the Dream (Homeownership)** on Thursday, March 24th at 6:30PM - Free educational session on positioning to buy a home, improving credit, down payment assistance programs and the home buying process. RSVP at [thevillagesoutheast.com/rsvp](http://thevillagesoutheast.com/rsvp)

**Garfield Heights Business Network** will have their first meeting on March 25th at 10AM with Mayor Matt Burke and Weldon PC. All business owners and general managers in the city are encouraged to attend. RSVP at [thevillagesoutheast.com/rsvp](http://thevillagesoutheast.com/rsvp) or call 216-475-4388.

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**List of Meetings for April 2022**

Monday, April 4, 2022	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 5, 2022	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - TBD
Wednesday, April 13, 2022	Southeast Area Law Enforcement (SEALE) Board of Trustees Meeting (if needed) Work Session - 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting - 12:00 p.m.
Monday, April 18, 2022	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 19, 2022	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - TBD
Tuesday, April 26, 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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## Free Community Meal

The free Monthly Community Meal (takeout version) at The Lutheran Church of the Covenant, 19000 Libby Rd., Maple Heights, will be served this Thursday, March 24, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Drive your vehicle to the back of the church and your food will be brought out to you. With questions, call Mary, 216-924-6096.

## Vietnam Vets Day program

Vietnam Veterans of America, Greater Cleveland Chapter #15, will commemorate Vietnam Veterans Day on Tuesday, March 29, at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights.

A social hour will be held at 6 p.m., followed by a program at 7 p.m. All those interested are invited to attend.

## Local churches asked to email schedule of Holy Week services

The Neighborhood News will continue its long-standing custom of publishing Holy Week and Easter Services for all churches in its readership area free of charge in the April 13th issue.

All places of worship are asked to get their services schedule, which can include Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday, emailed to: [nnews1923@aol.com](mailto:nnews1923@aol.com) by Friday, April 8th, at 5 p.m., for inclusion in our April 13th Easter issue.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**WARD 4 CITY COUNCIL VACANCY**

Any Bedford Ward 4 resident interested in serving as the Council member, please submit a letter of interest and a brief background of yourself to **Tracy Simons**, Clerk of Council, City of Bedford 165 Center Road, Bedford, OH 44146, or email [tsimons@bedfordoh.gov](mailto:tsimons@bedfordoh.gov) by April 8, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

**Minimum requirements and qualifications:**

- Attend all Council meetings, not limited to the regularly scheduled 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of every month
- Continue to be a resident of the Ward from which they were elected or appointed
- Ward resident for at least six months
- Shall be a registered voter in the Ward and remain a qualified elector
- No member of Council shall be directly or indirectly interested in any contract, job, work, or service involving the City
- Term to begin immediately upon appointment and shall serve until November 2022
- The appointee will need to run for reelection in the November 2022 and November 2023 elections to continue as Ward Representative if they so desire
- Sign a waiver for a criminal and financial background check

Please reference the Charter on the City's website for additional information at: [www.bedfordoh.gov](http://www.bedfordoh.gov)

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By order of the Council of the City of Maple Heights, sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Agent, at Maple Heights City Hall, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio 44137, until 12:00 Noon, local time, on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2022 for the "MAPLE HEIGHTS SOUTHWEST QUADRANT SEWER REPAIRS PROJECT PHASE 1" in the City of Maple Heights, Ohio, NO FAXED COPIES ACCEPTED.

The bid documents, specifications and drawings may be examined without charge online at [www.cvelimited.plancycle.com](http://www.cvelimited.plancycle.com). To become a Registered Bidder, documents, specifications and drawings must be purchased at either [www.cvelimited.plancycle.com](http://www.cvelimited.plancycle.com), SE Blueprint at 2035 Hamilton Avenue Cleveland, OH 44114 or SE Blueprint at 520 South Main Street, Suite 2411 Akron, OH 44311 at the cost of \$100.00 + tax and delivery which includes bid registration, one hard copy set of the bid package and one complete set of pdf files. Additional sets of bid documents can also be ordered online at [www.cvelimited.plancycle.com](http://www.cvelimited.plancycle.com) or by emailing [seblue@seblueprint.com](mailto:seblue@seblueprint.com), calling 216-241-2250 or visiting an SE Blueprint location.

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Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Cuyahoga County and the City of Maple Heights, Ohio, as determined by the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, Wage and Hour Division, (614) 644-2239.

The right is reserved to accept any bidder, to reject any or all bids, and to waive informalities should it be deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Maple Heights to do so.

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**Tinita Tillman**  
**Finance Director**  
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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. A Pre-bid Conference for the Stafford Park Pool Locker Room Rehabilitation Project will be held at 10:00 A.M. local time on the 24th day of March, 2022 in the Council Chambers at the Maple Heights City Hall, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio 44137, for all interested parties.

Each Proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. Each bidder must submit evidence of its experiences on projects of similar size and complexity. The owner intends and requires that this project be completed no later than June 1st, 2022.

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**Tinita Tillman**  
**Finance Director**  
**Maple Heights, Ohio**

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# Community police reports

## CLEVELAND

(All information is preliminary and subject to change.)

### Stabbing

On March 17, at 9:24 p.m., a 17 year-old female was stabbed in the face in the 3900 block of E. 66 St. EMS transported victim to MetroHealth Medical Center.

## GARFIELD HTS.

### Disturbance

On March 9, at 2:25 p.m., officers were dispatched to PNC Bank, 4805 Turney Rd., for a disturbance involving two men physically fighting inside the bank. Two officers entered the

bank and found the two men on the ground actively scuffling. The first male was on top of the second male restraining him in a headlock. Police put both men in handcuffs and took them to the squad car.

The men were checked through LEADS where they both were found to have arrest warrants with Garfield Heights Municipal Court. They were placed under arrest and transported to City Jail, where both were also issued a summons for disorderly conduct.

Officers located a bag of suspected marijuana in the bank cubicle where the men were fighting but neither claimed ownership.

### Assault

On Thursday, March 17, shortly after midnight, officers were dispatched to Bonkers, 5147 Turney Rd., for a disturbance outside the bar. Police found three females in the parking lot behind the bar on the ground yelling and screaming at each other. One of the females was bleeding from her face near her eye. Another one of the females was found to have active warrants with Garfield Heights, Cuyahoga Falls and Parma. She was arrested and taken to City Jail. The other two females were released on scene.

### Disorderly Conduct

On Friday, March 18, the school resource officer went outside to the parking lot at Garfield Heights High School after it was announced on the school radio there was a fight there.

Two students were in a fighting stance and one of the mothers was attempting to stop the altercation. She said she was spit on and one of the juveniles hit her but it was unclear who did it. The S.R.O. called other GHPD units for assistance. The mother then got into her car, no license plate, and left the area. Before this incident occurred, the juveniles involved in the fight outside were about to be suspended for a fight that had just taken place inside the cafeteria an hour before. Two of the juveniles were arrested and taken to the City Jail. The mother was issued a summons for disorderly conduct. Disorderly conduct and menacing charges for all the juveniles are pending through the Youth Detective Bureau.


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# Bedford Council OKs bill to keep Penske on AutoMile

By Judith Goldsworth

At its meeting Monday night, in an action to keep what officials described as "hundreds" of jobs in the city, Bedford Council passed an ordinance for an Economic Development and Job Creation and Retention Program Agreement with Penske Automotive Group.

Penske's ownership and operation of Mercedes of Bedford, Toyota of Bedford, Audi of Bedford and Bedford Collision represents \$47 million in facilities and more than \$2 million in inventory, machinery and equipment, Finance Director Frank Gambosi stated.

"A Job Creation and Retention Program has been developed to provide incentives to businesses to create, retain and expand employment opportunities with the city of Bedford without utilizing tax revenues or impacting negatively upon the local school system," the ordinance reads in part.

City Manager Mike Mallis said, "This is more geared towards job retention with the Penske Automotive Group. They run four major dealerships plus another small business. They're currently under lease, and that expires in, I believe, in the next four years."

He said Penske is the largest employer on the Bedford AutoMile with hundreds of employees, so the city wants to offer them an incentive package to "make sure they stay in Bedford."

## Tasers for police

Council voted to pass an ordinance authorizing Mallis to enter into a contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc., for the purchase of Tasers for the police department, at a cost of \$64,947.50. Mallis said this is a five-year lease agreement and includes all the upgrades and repairs.

Council also approved two ordinances pertaining to the purchase of equipment and its installation at the city's wastewater treatment plant to fulfill Environmental Protection Agency mandates.

Council passed legislation to levy assessments for delinquent water bills on Bedford property owners' real estate tax bills, and also passed an ordinance to amend the city's 2022 budget to reflect needed expenditures and the receipt of grants and other funding.

Gambosi said that \$1.3 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds that were included in the budget would be used in the poolhouse at the city's municipal pool, on streets and on WiFi services.

Council passed a resolution authorizing application and acceptance of a \$50,000 grant through Cuyahoga

County to plant new trees in parks and on streets throughout the city. Bedford's match, as required by the program, will be \$5,600.

Defeated at Mallis' recommendation was an ordinance declaring the property and structure at 312 Marion Dr. a nuisance and condemning it. After a recent explosion and fire at the property, the owners are making an effort to rehabilitate it, he said.

Council moved to approve two separate decisions of the Planning Commission: one to approve the partial demolition and complete renovation and addition to the existing convenience store/gas station (Sunoco) at 667 Northfield Rd.; the other to approve the construction of a new Honda dealership on the vacant land at the corner of Rockside and Bartlett rds.

## Officer honored

Bedford Police Officer Savannah Selden was honored with a presentation by Mayor Stan Koci at Monday night's meeting, in recognition of her exceptional work in her former position as an officer with the New Franklin Police Department.

While at NFPD, she earned the "Top Cop Award" from Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh for the month of January 2022.

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