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Shown is the property at 17500 Rockside Rd., Bedford, near the border of Maple Heights, where the state of Ohio has proposed to build a juvenile correction facility.

Photo by Elena Psenicka

## No decision yet on relocation of state juvenile correction facility to Bedford, mayor says

By Judith Goldsworth

"We have not made a decision," Mayor Stan Koci said in response to questions from a resident during the Hearing of Citizens portion of the agenda at Bedford Council's meeting Monday night, regarding the possible relocation of the state-run Cuyahoga Hills Juvenile Correction Facility, which houses juvenile male-only felony level offenders, to the former US Bank property in Bedford.

Late last month Koci and other city officials held a special public meeting with representatives of the Ohio Department of Youth Services (DYS), to discuss the proposed relocation of the facility from Highland Hills to the 38-acre former US Bank property, located at 17500 Rockside Rd., near the city's border with Maple Heights.

Koci emphasized that DYS officials had been the ones to approach the city with a proposal to build five cottage-style structures housing 24 juveniles each, for a possible total of 120 inmates occupying the property.

The DYS officials had told Bedford that the former US

Bank property, which has been vacant since 2018, suited 49 out of 50 separate criteria for relocation, with the only drawback being that the state was seeking larger acreage, Koci said Monday night.

Should the city agree to the plan to have Cuyahoga Hills relocate in Bedford, the resulting income tax revenue could be about \$400,000 per year, or the equivalent of the annual road resurfacing program, City Manager Mike Mallis stated.

Law Director John Montello said that relocation of the facility and its approximately 300 employees could help surrounding businesses.

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## May is Restaurant Appreciation Month in Garfield Heights; enter to win \$250 gift card basket

May is Restaurant Appreciation Month in the city of Garfield Heights to showcase and patronize all the dining options within the city. If you would like a chance to enter to win a gift basket containing \$250 worth of gift cards, dine-in or take-out from any or all the restaurants in Garfield Heights.

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The city will have a drawing on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, for the Gift Card Basket with contents all donated by the city administration.

## Former Indy police lieutenant awarded nearly \$1 million settlement in First Amendment lawsuit

By Ellen Psenicka

Independence Council last week authorized the mayor to enter into a settlement agreement of \$973,940 and release all claims with Leonard Mazzola, a former, long-time veteran of the Independence Police Department, who filed a federal, civil-rights lawsuit in October, 2019, against the city of Independence and three of its then-top officials, Mayor Anthony Togliatti, Police Chief Michael Kilbane and Law Director Gregory O'Brien, alleging First Amendment retaliation and related claims.

Independence Communications Director Alla Lora noted that all the police personnel named in the suit, including Police Chief Michael Kilbane, have since retired. Former mayor Anthony Togliatti was defeated for re-election in 2019, by present mayor Gregory Kurtz.

The Chandra Law Firm LLC, representing Mazzola, posted online that the lawsuit had outlined how Independence officials had pursued a policy of setting traffic-ticket quotas to increase revenue. The policy required each patrol officer to write 10 tickets per month or face discipline. On January 11, 2019, one officer was disciplined for failing to meet his quota.

Three days later, Ed Gallek, a Fox 8 reporter, exposed the policy in a featured story.

Lt. Mazzola, the complaint states, implemented the quota at the police chief's direction and continued to do so despite pushback from patrol officers. But after he attended a management-training seminar that questioned the legality of quotas, in late February 2019, Lt. Mazzola voiced his concerns about the policy in an internal email. City officials then launched an investigation to identify the leak to Gallek, hiring an outside investigator.

The complaint states that the city's investigation targeted Lt. Mazzola even though he had not actually notified the media, subjecting him to a mandatory polygraph in violation of city policy. The complaint details how the city then gave Lt. Mazzola an ultimatum: retire or be demoted. Mazzola chose retirement.

Mr. Gallek later confirmed in a follow-up story that Lt. Mazzola was not the source. The outside investigation did not determine who shared the information with Gallek.

Lt. Mazzola's counsel, Subodh Chandra, said, "The First Amendment forbids targeting public employees who

expose wrongdoing. It also protects those like Lenny Mazzola who are falsely accused of sharing information on matters of public concern. Whoever tipped the press to the quota policy was protected by the First Amendment, and it was wrong to scapegoat our client into retirement because city officials were embarrassed that their revenue-enhancement scheme was revealed."

As stated in the ordinance authorizing settlement of the lawsuit, the city of Independence "desires to enter into a Settlement Agreement and Release to avoid substantial litigations costs that would be incurred by continuation of, and the uncertainty of, the lawsuit."

The city has already paid over \$100,000 to retain Mazanec, Raskin & Ryder Co., LPA, for professional legal services to represent Togliatti in his former official capacity.

## Children's Fishing Derbies

The Cleveland Metroparks invites you to get hooked on a new family tradition at the upcoming Children's Fishing Derbies at Wallace Lake on Saturday, May 21, and Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation on Sunday, May 22.

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## Teen shot to death at E. 64th & Collier in S.V.

Last Wednesday, May 11, at approximately 12:21 a.m., Cleveland Police responded to E. 64 St. and Collier Ave., in the city's South Broadway area of Slavic Village, for a male shot, later identified as Alan Warner, 18, of Cleveland, according to published reports.

Officers located the victim, who had suffered multiple gunshot wounds to his body, in the backyard of a home in the 3900 block of E. 64 St., near Collier Ave. Officers rendered aid to Warner until EMS arrived on scene and he was pronounced deceased.

Preliminary reports reveal that Warner was riding his bicycle on E. 64 St. when he was shot by a person who fled the scene in a white sedan. A person of interest has not been identified. This matter remains under investigation.

Anyone with information is asked to contact investigators at 216-623-5464. Anonymous information can be provided by calling CrimeStoppers at 216-25-CRIME, and a cash reward of up to \$5000 may be available.

# Cleveland Council expands Exterior Paint Program No decision yet on relocation

Cleveland City Council held its regular meeting Monday night and approved legislation authorizing the city to conduct an expanded Exterior Paint Program, aimed at improving the city's housing stock, much of which was built a century ago.

The legislation authorizes the city's Department of Development to enter into agreements with eligible homeowners and tenants for the purchasing of paint, supplies and for the first time, hiring labor. Community engagement specialists would refer applicants to this pilot grant program, which aims to cover the labor costs for 50 households this year up to \$10,000. To be eligible for labor support, you must be elderly, disabled or low-income.

The traditional voucher program, offering approved applicants free paint and supplies, would happen simultaneously. The paint program was reestablished by the council several years ago to create incentives among homeowners and tenants to maintain the exteriors of their homes and to aid in reducing lead-based paint hazards.

The program, budgeted at more than \$522,000 a year, will provide eligible homeowners up to \$1,500 and eligible tenants up to \$750 for paint and supplies. Funding not used in the paint program from previous

years is going toward the labor costs for the 50 homes.

Also passed were three ordinances authorizing the city's Department of Economic Development to enter into agreements with three nonprofit groups – JumpStart Inc., Manufacturing Works and the Urban League of Greater Cleveland – to provide economic development assistance for various businesses in Cleveland.

The city will be giving JumpStart up to \$578,000; Manufacturing Works up to \$499,883; and the Urban League up to \$350,000.

The organizations will use the money for training, planning, workforce development, technical help and general financial assistance. Manufacturing Works will provide economic development assistance to the Cleveland Industrial Retention Initiative, which focuses on manufacturing and heavy industry. JumpStart will target outreach and coaching for small businesses, among other programs. The Urban League will continue its administration of a loan fund and assistance, training and planning for small businesses through the Entrepreneurship Center.

In other legislation passed, council approved hiring of consultants to design and implement projects to support the transformation of city recreation centers into trauma-informed neighborhood resource and recreation centers and to develop and provide programs and activities for youth and their families to serve as tools to prevent violence, develop skills and knowledge to overcome challenges associated with trauma and toxic stress, and to create opportunities for youth and their families to live quality lives.

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Mallis added that Police Chief Marty Stemple had examined reports from Highland Hills, Massillon and Circleville, the Ohio communities that house the three state juvenile detention centers, and spoke with the police chiefs of those communities, and their consistent response was, "Honestly, we don't even know for the most part that they're there."

Mallis said that since the property was owned by a private person in Michigan, and the potential buyer was the state of Ohio, Bedford was not involved in any purchase agreement. "I have no idea what conditions or restrictions there are," he stated.

The proposal has to go before the city's Planning Commission, which met last night, and even then there could be conditions implemented, Koci and Mallis both reiterated.

If the Planning Commission does approve the proposal, it could possibly appear on the next council agenda, Mallis said, but added, "Many things could change. They could table it, they could ask more questions, they could deny it, they could pass it."

Also, should council approve the proposal, Mallis said, "There's probably about a year to 18 months of planning, and there is an estimated two to three years of construction. The facility won't open until 2026, if everything went according to plan."

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# First person of color appointed to Bedford Council during 'historic' meeting

By Judith Goldsworth

Frank E. Smith, Jr. was appointed to fill a vacancy on Bedford Council at its meeting Monday night, an event that Mayor Stan Koci called "historic."

Smith, the first person of color to serve on Bedford Council, was appointed to fill the vacancy left by former Ward 4 Councilwoman Paula Mizesak, who passed away in February after serving the city for more than 26 years.

Koci stated that Smith was among seven applicants for the job, noting, "The reason we picked him was because he was the best qualified and the best interview, and I think his work with kids, that was a big deciding factor on why we wanted Frank to join our team. I talked to many people, some friends and neighbors, and all of them gave me the same answer, 'You picked a good guy.'"

Smith receiving a standing ovation from all present.

According to the city's charter, Smith will fill out Mizesak's unexpired term until November, when the General Election will be held. If Smith is reelected, he will serve for one year to serve out Mizesak's term, which will be up in November 2023.

State Rep. Juanita Brent and State Sen. Kenny Yuko, both of whom represent Bedford in the Ohio Legislature, made special appearances at the meeting to present Smith with commendations on behalf of their respective offices.

"This is a momentous moment," Smith said, in thanking everyone for their support in making his appointment possible. "As I said, I don't just want to work for Ward 4, I want to work for the whole city of Bedford."

Koci also swore in a new firefighter/paramedic at the meeting, Sterling Black, who is a lateral transfer from another municipality. Black, who placed the highest out

of a field of 18 candidates, was "the best qualified guy for the job... he's outstanding," Koci stated.

City Manager Mike Mallis, Finance Director Frank Gambosi and Law Director John Montello, along with council members, congratulated Smith and Black on their appointments.

## Broadway Ave. work starting

In his report to council, Mallis stated that the Broadway Avenue construction project is expected to start today, Wednesday, May 18, with sewer work coming first, then evening work starting on Sunday, May 22. The evening work on the waterlines will take place from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., with Broadway being closed during those hours.

Mallis said that the city would be installing additional cameras for security purposes throughout the Historic District, thanks to a generous donation from the Bedford AutoMile dealers.

"We met with the contractor and tried to identify different locations to make sure that area is covered, so when there is a call we can pull those cameras up into the cruisers to assist in our response," Mallis said. He said the cameras should be installed and operating by summer.

The summer schedule for the Municipal Pool was still being worked out, Mallis stated, as the city had been awarded a total of \$200,000 in Cuyahoga County grant funding to be used towards the pool house, with the stipulation that "a large portion" of the funding had to be used by the end of September, necessitating renovations being done during the summer months. "We are working through the details and we will have something posted as soon as possible," he said.

June will be "free permit month" in the city, Mallis said, meaning that owners who occupy their own residential

properties in the city will have their permit fees waived next month. The property owners will still have to apply for the permits, Koci explained.

## Legislation on agenda

There was a large amount of legislation on Monday night's agenda, including the following pieces passed on emergency:

- Engineering fees for the Broadway Avenue resurfacing project. This is for work to be done next year, Mallis noted, adding the legislation authorizes the city to cover the costs.

- Amending previous legislation to modify the wage and benefits for safety forces lateral transfers. The intent of the ordinance is for the city to equal what safety forces personnel were making in their previous communities, and to include other benefits, Gambosi stated.

- Amending budget legislation passed last year to make additional appropriations and accommodate changes in revenue sources and expenditures.

- Amending a previous ordinance to purchase Tasers from Axon Enterprise. Gambosi said the \$64,947.51 purchase price will consist of an initial payment of \$12,989.51, followed by four annual payments of \$12,989.50 apiece.

- Amending previous legislation, for a five-year contract with Kimble for the city's garbage and refuse collection and recycling.

- Contract with A & A Safety for street striping, at a cost of \$32,220.74.

- Contract with Fabrizi Trucking and Paving for storm sewer repairs on Corkhill Road, near the Colony Club Apartments.

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A copy of the Bid Specification package for the STAFFORD PARK SAFETY TOWN & BALL FIELD DEMOLITION PROJECT will be available for review by all potential bidders at the offices of the Cuyahoga County Department of Development located at 2079 East Ninth Street; Cleveland, Ohio 44115.

Small Business Enterprises (SBE's) are encouraged to participate on this project. The goal for SBE participation is 35% of total contract award for this project.

A Pre-bid Conference for the STAFFORD PARK SAFETY TOWN & BALL FIELD DEMOLITION PROJECT will be held at 10:00 A.M. local time on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022 in the Council Chambers at the Maple Heights City Hall, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio 44137 for all interested parties. Information will be disseminated concerning proper completion of bid package documents.

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  
Maple Heights, Ohio

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**CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS LEGAL NOTICE  
REGARDING A CHANGE IN COUNCIL  
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In accordance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, and Chapter 208 of the Administrative Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Maple Heights, Notice is hereby given of a change in the 2022 Public Meeting Schedule for the City of Maple Heights, Ohio. The Regular Meetings of Council of the City of Maple Heights have been changed for the summer months to be held on **Wednesday, June 1, 2022, Wednesday, July 6, 2022, and Wednesday, August 3, 2022**, at 7:00 p.m. with the Caucus Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Maple Heights Senior Center located at 15901 Libby Road, Maple Heights, Ohio. Special Meetings of Council may be held as needed, with proper notice of time and place.

Leonette Cicirella Johnson  
Clerk of Council  
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# Community Police reports

## GARFIELD HEIGHTS

### Criminal Damage – Auto

On May 10, at 4:20 p.m., police were dispatched to Garfield Commons where two juveniles were throwing rocks and one of them shattered the windshield of a vehicle traveling on Rockside Rd. The owner of the car called dispatch and said the juveniles had gone into Big Lots. He pointed them out to officers who detained them in the back of their police car. Both juveniles were released to their mothers with charges pending through the Youth Bureau.

### Criminal Damage – Other

On May 10, at about 6:50 p.m., police were waiting on a prisoner at Marymount Hospital when a man started yelling at hospital staff and causing a disturbance. An officer went over to check on what was happening and saw the man attacking hospital staff members. Cleveland Clinic officers were able to get the man pinned down on a bed and eventually sedated due to his combative state. During the altercation with the suspect, one of the GHPD officers' body worn camera was damaged. The Cleveland

Clinic will be pressing charges against the suspect.

### Animal Complaint

On May 12, at 7 p.m., officers responded to the area of E. 136 St. and Maplerow Ave. for reports of two pit bulls running loose in the area. One of the callers said the dogs were chasing small children aggressively. Police found the dogs in a yard in the 13800 block of Maplerow. An officer got out of his car and one of the pit bulls charged toward him without any provocation. The officer Tased the dog once which was enough to deter the dog away from the police on scene. Neighbors advised police that the home on Maplerow was where the dogs' owner lived. The owner said he didn't know his dogs were loose and got them inside the home. He was cited for animals at large and issued a court summons and court date.

### Shots Fired

Shortly before midnight on May 12, an anonymous caller told police shots were fired in the 13400 block of Maplerow Ave. During a search of the area, eight fired 40 Smith & Wesson cases were located in a driveway. The casings were recovered and entered into evidence. No suspects.

## Victim named in stabbing death in Maple Heights

The Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner has released the name of the man stabbed to death last Friday, May 6, in the living room of a home in the 18000 block of Mapleboro Ave., Maple Heights. Allen Bell, 45, of Cleveland, died of his injuries at Marymount Hospital, as reported by 19 News.

Maple Heights police spoke with a female they had located at the residence. She was detained and transported to the MHPD where she was questioned further by officers.

Anyone with information related to this cases is urged to contact the Maple Heights Detective Bureau: 216-587-9624 or Detectives@mhpd-ohio.com. Information can be supplied to Crime Stoppers by calling 216-252-7463.

## Letters to the Editor

I would like to thank the Garfield Heights Fire Department and Chief Kenneth Strope for being awesome and doing an amazing job. Thank you for the support that you show throughout the community. And thank you for installing smoke detectors and for doing a great job everyday. You are truly appreciated.

Tiffany Wise, Garfield Heights



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The presentation will show how folk music from the Czech Republic, the former Czechoslovakia, went through historical changes and how it played different roles in various historical circumstances. It will discuss how the music helped people to connect through music with their community, whether at home or abroad.

Lunch will be available at the center from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$16; free self-guided tours of the museum and garden.

## BGSU Spring Dean's List

Bowling Green State University undergraduate students who achieved grade point averages of 3.5 or better have been named to the Spring 2022 Semester Dean's List.

To be chosen for the Dean's List, students must carry no fewer than 12 letter-graded credit hours per semester.

Local Dean's List honorees include:

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Sciences; Paige Westerburg, Education & Human Development; Julia Kalman, College of Arts & Sciences;

### Maple Heights

Jada Tucker, Academic Enhancement; Summer Jordan, College of Technology, Architecture and Applied Engineering.

## This Saturday is celebration for Maple Hts. Boy's League

The Maple Heights Boy's League will hold a celebration to mark the opening of the season this Saturday, May 21, at Stafford Park on Mayville Ave., in Maple Heights, from 12-3 p.m., with an address by Mayor Annette Blackwell.

All are invited to enjoy food, live music and other activities. The first game of the season will be played on Thursday, June 2, from 6 to 8 p.m.

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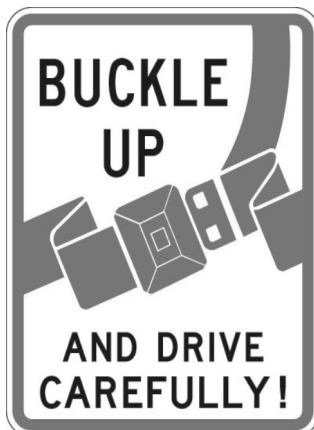
## G.H. Block Watch meeting

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch, sponsored by Councilman Tom Vaughn, will meet Thursday, May 26, at 7 p.m., at St. Monica's outdoor pavilion off Rockside Rd. All are welcome. Please note that these meetings will take place on the last Thursday of each month. For more information call Gail, 216-662-9213.

## Sanders reappointed to Maple Hts. commission

By Judith Goldsworth

Maple Heights Council held a special meeting last week voting to reappoint Venita Sanders to the city's Planning and Zoning Commission for the term expiring May 31, 2027, Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella stated. Sanders was first appointed by council to the Planning and Zoning Commission on Dec. 30, 2019.



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