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FREE

Family of man killed in officer-involved shooting demands answers from Maple Heights officials

By Judith Goldsworth

A large contingent of the family of Datwuan Catchings, who was killed in an officer-involved shooting following a Maple Heights police chase into Cleveland in May, appeared at the council meeting last week seeking answers on why their family member lost his life.

While offering condolences, Maple Heights Mayor Annette Blackwell, who was unable to attend last week's meeting, said that the incident remained under investigation and that the city was "cooperating fully" with the probe, which she stated is being conducted by the Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

It has been a little over five months since Catchings, 22, of Cleveland, was shot in the back at about 4:30 a.m., on Monday, May 30, by a Maple Heights police officer following a pursuit of the vehicle in which Catchings was traveling.

According to reports and a body camera video released by Cleveland police, which initiated the investigation, Maple Heights police chased the vehicle Catchings was in from Maple Heights into the Buckeye-E. 93 area of Cleveland, as he was suspected of being involved in a drive-by shooting in the 15300 block of Fernway Dr. in Maple Heights, earlier that day. Police found about two dozen bullet holes in a house on Fernway; no injuries were reported.

Maple Heights officers spotted the vehicle Catchings was in, and believing it was involved in the drive-by incident, gave chase at speeds up to 90 miles an hour into Cleveland, until the suspect vehicle struck a deer at E. 93 St. and Buckeye Rd.

Immediately after the crash at least three people were seen in a Maple Heights police camera video getting out

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BEDFORD

The annual Veterans Day Ceremony in Bedford will be held on Friday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m., at Veterans Park in downtown Bedford, 683 Broadway Ave., followed by another short ceremony at the Bedford Cemetery on Broadway.

The Bedford Veterans Memorial Day Committee sponsors the event. The Bedford VFW Post 1082 will raise the flag. Veterans are invited to share their service experiences.

Later in the day on Nov. 11, at 7 p.m., the Bedford Historical Society will have a special Veterans Day presentation at the Community Center at the Old Church on the Square. Veterans representing the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines will speak on the transition from military to civilian life.

CLEVELAND

In honor of Veterans Day and in recognition of all those who have served, the city of Cleveland and Cleveland City Council are teaming up with the Joint Veterans Council of Cuyahoga County (JVCOCC) for the 2022 Veterans Day Celebration and Parade.

City Hall opens to veterans and their guests for coffee and light refreshments on Friday, Nov. 11, at 10 a.m. The annual Veterans Day Celebration ceremony begins at 11 a.m., with remarks from Mayor Justin M. Bibb; Cleveland's Chief Director of Public Safety Karrie D. Howard; Jim Riley of the JVCOCC; U.S. Army veteran and CEO and co-founder of Ibility LLC, Danielle Krakora; and keynote speaker US Army Lt. Colonel Douglas K.N. Fullerton.

The ceremony will also include the presentation of the Judge Felix T. Matia Outstanding Service Award for service to veterans and the community, the Martin L. Flask Legacy Award honoring a commitment to veterans and public service, and veteran student awards.

The ceremony will be followed by the 2022 Veterans Day Parade, featuring 52 participating organizations from the veterans community, police, fire, EMS, supporting organizations, local sports teams, city of Cleveland departments and the Cleveland Mounted Police.

The parade steps off from City Hall at 12:30 p.m., and will travel along Lakeside Ave. and down E. 9 St., and then head west along Superior Ave., to Public Square. The parade will return to City Hall via Ontario and Lakeside aves., and conclude at 1:30 p.m.

In addition, there will be a new Veterans Resource Fair at Cleveland Public Auditorium, 500 Lakeside Ave., from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., featuring 50 vendors that support the needs of veterans. Boxed lunches will be provided for the veterans in attendance and free flu and COVID-19 booster vaccines will also be available. Identification and proof of service is required for resource fair participation.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS

Garfield Heights will hold its Veterans Day service at 11 a.m., on Friday, Nov. 11, at the Veterans Plaza located behind the Garfield Heights Historical Museum, 5405 Turney Rd. All are encouraged to attend and honor our military veterans.

INDEPENDENCE

The city of Independence honored the service of military members past and present during its annual Veterans Day Celebration luncheon at the Civic Center on Friday, Nov. 4.

"These gatherings are important because they symbolize the respect we have for our veterans, the value we place on their service and the importance of sharing veteran's stories and remembering what they sacrificed for the rest of us," said Mayor Greg Kurtz. He said one of the speakers the city had invited to the luncheon was Independence resident and Army veteran Alex Kunevicius. "But God had other plans," said the mayor. "Alex passed away peacefully on Thursday, Nov. 3. He was 103-years-old."

Eleven members of the Kunevicius Family attended the Veterans Day Celebration at the Independence Civic Center, including a great-granddaughter and family from California, Tennessee and Florida. They are shown below with Mayor Kurtz (standing).



MAPLE HEIGHTS

The annual Veterans Day observance in the city of Maple Heights, hosted by American Legion Post 309 Commander Al Glontz, will be held at the Veterans Memorial in front of City Hall, 5353 Lee Rd., on Friday, Nov. 11, at 10:45 a.m.

Mayor Annette Blackwell will speak to those assembled. Chili will be served afterwards at the Legion Hall.

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City of Cleveland will go back to former leaf collection program Nov. 14th in designated areas

In response to feedback from residents, the city of Cleveland announced last Friday that it will resume its traditional leaf collection program in previously designated high-generation neighborhoods.

Last Wednesday the Bibb administration had announced changes to the seasonal leaf pickup program which would have made it necessary for residents to bag their leaves instead of raking them to the curb. This would have impacted about one-third of the city's 17 wards designated as high-generation areas

"I appreciate the feedback we've received from residents and members of council," said Mayor Justin M. Bibb. "We heard you and we are resuming the traditional program for 2022. We are also exploring ways to enhance leaf collection and other critical city services as we prepare for the 2023 budget and beyond."

Residents in previously designated high-generation areas must have their leaves raked to the tree lawn by Nov. 13, 2022. Pickup will begin Monday, Nov. 14, and run for several weeks.

Signage will be posted in neighborhoods to remind residents not to park on the street on leaf collection days. Residents are also reminded never to rake leaves into the street where they can clog sewers, create hazards for traffic and cyclists and affect snow and ice removal.

Residents may still bag leaves and the unlimited pickup rule for bagged leaves this year will apply citywide. Residents who bag leaves may set out an unlimited number of leaf bags with their trash on their regular trash collection day for the remainder of the season.

Residents may also opt to "leave the leaves" or turn them into mulch or compost for their home gardens and landscapes.

Looking to 2023, the city will re-evaluate the leaf program and continue to prioritize equity and build capacity with a focus on improving and enhancing city services for all Clevelanders, the mayor said.

"I heard directly from residents on what we need to do and making sure we deliver is my priority," Mayor Bibb

added. "Delivering on the basics is critical. Despite our current capacity challenges, my administration is committed to making it work and ensuring Cleveland residents have the level of services they need and deserve."

More than \$188 million in federal money will provide low-income home energy help for Ohioans

Last week US Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) announced the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will release more than \$188 million in funds for Ohio's Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which helps Ohio's low-income households and seniors pay energy bills during the cold winter and hot summer months.

"As temperatures go from one extreme to the other, we must make sure Ohio families are able to keep their homes warm this winter," said Brown. "Ohioans shouldn't have to choose between keeping warm or putting food on the table. LIHEAP is a lifeline for thousands of Ohio families who struggle during the winter months."

The release of these funds comes after Brown joined his colleagues in a letter to HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra last month requesting HHS release the funds as quickly and at the highest level possible, so that low-income households and seniors can get the assistance they need ahead of the harsh winter months.

During the 2020-2021 winter, more than 270,000 Ohio homes used LIHEAP to help cover their home energy costs.

Brown worked with colleagues to secure \$1 billion in emergency funding for the program in the short-term "continuing resolution" (CR) funding package President Biden signed into law last month.

Senior citizens and those receiving Social Security Disability or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits are encouraged to apply as early as possible, but applications will be open to everyone through spring of 2023 — or until the funding is exhausted.



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Masks will be available but not mandatory. Please have photo ID available and a pic of the ID for those you will pick up for.

Bedford Council news

ODOT to repair Northfield Rd. bridge next year

By Judith Goldsworth

City Manager Mike Mallis said that the deteriorated Northfield Rd. bridge in Bedford will be repaired by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) next year, during his report to council at its meeting Monday night.

"I know there's been some concerns over the fencing, the parapet walls, the sidewalk," Mallis said. "We were provided plans last week from ODOT and we reviewed them and provided our comments back." He said ODOT will also provide funding for the project.

As for resurfacing Broadway Ave., Mallis said he and other city officials have been having continuing conversations with ODOT on that project, including the cost.

"ODOT is hopeful that this project will also take place in 2023," he said. "Obviously, there's a city component to that - the component is monetary... We reviewed the plan, we looked at areas that we can cut. The current budget is at \$5.9 million, and that's almost \$3 million over the budget that was presented to us in February. So that's a concern."

Mallis said the city would work to trim the budget down with the goal to get the project completed next year.

Officers of Year named

Mallis, Mayor Stan Koci and council members congratulated Police Officer Jordan Fisher and Firefighter/EMS Officer Joe Kucera for being named the "Officers of the Year" by their peers in their respective departments.

Fisher and Kucera were honored with their awards at a recent Bedford Eagles event. "They are much deserving, and they are two outstanding individuals in both departments. We are very happy and lucky to have both of them on our staff," Mallis said.

Mallis also thanked the Eagles for their very generous donations to both the police and fire departments and the

food commodity program, which helps provide meals to those in need.

Councilwoman Sandy Spinks also presented a \$2500 check from the Eagles to Bedford Historical Society President Betsy Lee at the meeting.

New ward boundaries approved

Council approved an ordinance amending previous legislation to redivide the city's six wards "as nearly equal in number of persons as possible (based on US Census figures)," establishing the boundaries of the wards and certifying the numbers and boundaries to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections. The changes will take effect Jan. 1, 2023.

Council also passed an ordinance authorizing a contract with Assured Partners Ohio, LLC, the city's broker for cyber risk liability insurance, at a cost of \$31,187, "to continue to help mitigate any cyber attacks the city may experience." The liability insurance will be provided

through Travelers Bond & Specialty Insurance, according to the legislation.

Mallis explained that the insurance, which the city renews on a yearly basis, had been roughly \$19,000 annually, but had gone up to \$31,187.

An ordinance for next year's city budget, estimated at \$41.4 million and projected to cover all of the city's operations and expenses, was placed on first reading for further discussion before passage.

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Dr. Tracy Ringo

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E. 63 St. Block Club meets

The E. 63 St. Block Club will meet this Thursday, Nov. 10, at 6:30 p.m., in the St. Stanislaus School basement, 6615 Forman Ave., Cleveland. Guest speaker will be from the Humane Investigations Dept. of the Cleveland Animal Protective League. Refreshments, 50/50 raffle; all welcome.

Ward 7 Block Watch meets

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch, sponsored by Councilman Tom Vaughn, will meet Thursday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m., in the St. Augustine Room of St. Benedict School, 13633 Rockside Rd. The guest speaker will be Mayor Matt Burke. Donations for Thanksgiving baskets would be appreciated. All are welcome. For more information contact Gail, 216-662-9213.

NN 'Freebies' offered

The Neighborhood News has free tickets to give away to the Christmas Connection being held Nov. 18-20 at the I-X Center. Just stop in to The Neighborhood News office, 8613 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Heights, during regular business hours and enter to win. Deadline to enter the raffle is Friday, Nov. 11, at 5 p.m.

Correction to obituary

A burial service for Fred A. Scoglietti, Sr., with full military honors, is planned for November 14, at 12:45 p.m., at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, 10175 Rawiga Rd., Seville, OH 44273. The time for the service in last week's Neighborhood News was incorrect. We regret the error.

Neighborhood News online

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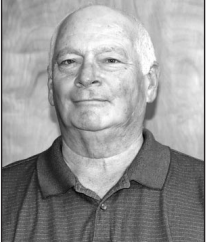


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Community police reports

(All information is preliminary and subject to change pending investigation.)

CLEVELAND

Fatal Suspected Overdoses

• Nov. 2, 11:19 a.m., male victim of fatal overdose. 3700 block of E. 63 St.

• Nov. 3, 12:47 p.m., 55-year-old female victim of fatal overdose. 4700 block of Czar Ave.

Shooting

Nov. 2, 10:37 p.m., shooting on Worley Ave., no crime scene located. 20-year-old male victim of gunshot wound to the left hand brought into UH, 11100 Euclid Ave., by private vehicle.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS

Burglary

On Oct. 27, at 10:55 p.m., a woman living in the 4600 block of E. 86 St., called 911 after she got home and found that her house had been broken into. The woman told police she lives alone and had not been home since leaving at 3:05 p.m., on Oct. 25. She said her back door was open and some items inside the home were missing

including two flat screen TVs, a microwave, toaster and possibly some shoes.

Shots Fired

On Oct. 29, at 1:04 a.m., police were dispatched to the 4600 block of E. 86 St., for a report of parties shooting. The caller remained anonymous and said "people are about to die." The first officer to arrive heard yelling and screaming coming from E. 86 St., as he approached from Grand Division. As he was turning the corner he heard several gunshots directly in front of him and saw a black male in blue pants, black sweatshirt and ski mask firing a hand gun near a white Mitsubishi SUV. The officer activated his emergency lights, left his vehicle with his firearm pointed at the suspect and told him to drop his gun or he would be shot. As the officer approached the suspect he took off running south on E. 86 St., with the officer in a foot pursuit. He lost sight of the suspect and returned back to the area where the shots had been fired to see if there were possible victims. Assisting GHPD

officers arrived as well as Cleveland, Valley View and Independence police and K9 to help find the suspect who had fled. Thirteen .45 caliber shell casings were found outside a home in the 4600 block of E. 86 St., but the homeowner told police that nobody inside the home had been hurt and the house had not been hit. A handgun was found under the rear passenger tire of a car parked outside. It was checked through LEADS and found not to be stolen. The report was referred to the Detective Bureau for follow-up.

MVP Hit Skip

On Oct. 29, at about 8:40 p.m., police were dispatched to I-480W after Transportation Blvd. for a one-car crash. A witness told police she saw only one occupant of the car,

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Homicide investigated at Regent Park

On Monday, Nov. 7, at approximately 5 p.m., officers responded to Regent Park, 3270 Regent Rd., Cleveland, for a 24-year-old male with a gunshot wound. On arrival, the victim was located on the basketball court inside of the park with a gunshot wound to his shoulder.

EMS arrived and transported the victim to MetroHealth Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased. Members of the Homicide Unit responded and conducted investigation and interviews.

Preliminary information indicates that the victim was playing basketball with friends when a vehicle approached and multiple occupants fired shots from the vehicle, striking the victim. The vehicle then fled the scene.

This matter remains under investigation. No arrests have been made. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact investigators at 216-623-5464. Anonymous information can be provided by calling Crimestoppers at 216-25-CRIME. A cash reward of up to \$5,000 may be available.

Community police reports-Garfield Hts.

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described as a white male with brown hair and a beard. She watched as the man got out of the car, retrieved a brown book bag from the car and then walked north across I-480W towards the grass. Police observed the man standing on the north side of the freeway. He appeared to get upset over the police presence and jumped over the guard rail walking north into a valley. A K9 was brought in to track him but the man was not located in the area.

Telecommunication Harassment

On Nov. 1, at 12:47 p.m., police responded to St. Benedict School, 13633 Rockside Rd., in connection with a threatening phone call. The principal told officers she had received a phone call from an unknown male who said he was angry. He said, "I was bullied at your school and I am going to shoot it up." He told the principal he was watching a four-year-old child and that he was going to stab the child with a pencil. The school authorities called police and they called the number for the unknown male that had called the principal. The man who answered said the number belongs to a shoe shine business in Pennsylvania. He refused to answer any other questions and ended the call. The principal made the decision to conduct an early dismissal with police assistance. The children were individually escorted by staff members to a designated exit while monitored by officers on scene.



HAPPY Veterans Day

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Mayor Gregory P. Kurtz

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Family of man killed in shooting demands answers

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of the disabled car and starting to run through the neighborhood. Catchings was seen in the video running from the suspect vehicle with what was described by police as "a right angle shaped object" in his left hand, running through the streets until he got to a tall fence in a yard on McCurdy Ave., and started climbing it.

In the portion of the video recorded during the foot pursuit, Maple Heights Officer Terrance Duncan, who was running behind Catchings, ordered him several times to put his hands up or he would be shot. Catchings was seen on the video reaching up to grab the top of the fence, facing away from Duncan. Catchings was recorded looking back briefly, with the object still in his left hand, before beginning to climb over the fence with both hands. At this time, Duncan fired a single shot, striking Catchings in the back, police said.

He was able to make it over the fence, but was found, collapsed, in front of a nearby residence. He was taken by Cleveland EMS ambulance to University Hospitals and pronounced dead shortly after arrival. A firearm was recovered at the scene, according to police reports.

Catchings' father, Dean Catchings, Sr., alleged in his comments at last week's meeting that Duncan "murdered" his son, and questioned why the officer, who was hired onto the Maple Heights Police Department in April of this year, was still on the job.

The senior Catchings said in the months since his son's death, "There are a lot of disturbing things that I discovered about this officer... one of the most disturbing things I discovered was that the city of Maple Heights had been forewarned about this guy by his prior employers. They requested that this man receive additional training before he was allowed to go on the streets; at least 18 more weeks of training, and he killed my son at less than five weeks."

The senior Catchings was referring to information that

was stated in local news media reports that Duncan was formerly a police officer with the city of Brooklyn, but had agreed to that city's request that he resign in 2021, due to job performance issues.

The senior Catchings added to city officials, "I don't know what the situation was, but you have to be responsible for hiring Mr. Duncan. I'm holding you accountable, and that would be the chief of police, that would be the mayor and the safety director... I would like to know if Terrance Duncan is still on employment with the city of Maple Heights."

Catchings' mother, Sandrina Fields, who was also at the meeting, said, "From what I've read, I don't understand how (Duncan) was even hired, or how he even got considered. Our son got shot in the back and Terrance Duncan had 'tunnel vision' and all of it is on the video. He had no business being on the force in the first place. From what I understand, he got denied by 35 other police departments, and you guys hired him. Our son is dead, and no one is willing to do anything."

Mayor, Hansen, Consolo respond

Contacted after the meeting, Blackwell explained that she was unable to attend last week's meeting due a previous commitment and issued the following statement:

"I am receiving regular updates regarding this officer-involved shooting investigation and my thoughts are with all those affected by this incident and their families," she said. "I have every confidence in the Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Investigation to conduct a thorough, fair and honest investigation. The city will continue to cooperate fully with that investigation."

Police Chief Todd Hansen said, "We're not doing the investigation into the shooting in Cleveland. That's Cleveland's investigation. For obvious reasons, we've separated and letting another agency investigate it. We're not investigating ourselves."

Hansen continued, "Both of these cases are still under investigation, and we're not allowed to comment, on any basis."

The chief stated that Maple Heights officers did call Cleveland police when they went into Cleveland's jurisdiction, explaining that Cleveland does not assist in pursuits from outside jurisdictions. "We did advise of the pursuit, and they were well aware of it as well as the foot chase," he said.

Regarding Duncan's employment following the shooting incident, Law Director Frank Consolo said, "Beginning on May 30, he was placed on administrative leave and again, for the reasons that the chief has said, there is only so much we are allowed to say because of the pending investigation on the shooting and the underlying cause."

"The officer was placed on administrative leave for a period of time, he was completely off the book. He was then brought back to the Maple Heights police station to do work inside and continue training," Consolo said.

Consolo confirmed that Duncan was now back on full duty, stating, "On September 26, which is about four months after the incident, he was released to go back out among the public and among his fellow officers, still under the supervision of his training officers. That is the status of it." Consolo also said Duncan had been evaluated by a mental health professional.

(For legislation passed at the council meeting see story on Page 12)

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- A resolution authorizing Blackwell to enter into an agreement to sell one vacant city-owned condominium unit at 16235 Edgewood Ct., to developer Gergely Fazakas, at a fair market value of \$10,000. Fazakas will be required to rehabilitate the existing property and keep it as a condo-

minium unit as originally designed.

- A resolution authorizing Blackwell to execute easement documents for public sidewalk facilities over private properties on Dunham Rd. This is part of a larger improvement project of Dunham between Turney and Libby rds. The county is working with the city on the project, including paying 60% of the cost.

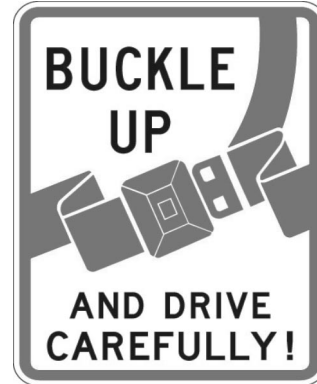
- A resolution authorizing a change order for Terrace Construction Company Inc., increasing the contract by \$37,137.67, for the Rowena Avenue Watermain Replacement Project. City Engineer Ed Hren has recommended that the addi-

tional work be performed "to repair severely deteriorated concrete pavement base and curbs as discovered during the installation of the water main on Rowena Ave. between Dunham and Lee rds."

- A resolution authorizing a change order for Specialized Construction, Inc., decreasing a contract by \$27,585.85, for the 2021 Roadway Repair Program in the city. As approved by council, the initial contract cost was \$471,400. Hren "has determined that the quantity adjustments to contract line items for actual work performed, when combined with the cost of work items not included within the original contract documents, will decrease the contract."

Announcements

Chief Todd Hansen said the annual "Shop With A Cop" will be held on Saturday, Dec. 12, with police officers from various departments assisting kids with holiday purchases. Tickets to fund the event are \$1 each or six for \$5, available at the police department, 5373 Lee Rd.



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