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Nov. 8th election results posted on local issues

The General Election held Nov. 8, 2022, is now in the history books, with the exception of a few national races yet to be determined. Locally, Garfield Heights voters decided they didn't want traffic cameras again in their city. Independence voters decided against letting their mayors run for a third consecutive term, while Bedford voters extended the residency requirement for members of city council. And in Maple Heights, renewal of tax levies for police and fire passed overwhelmingly.

The following are unofficial results from the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections on local issues and the tax levies in Maple Heights.

Sokol Greater Cleveland awarded funding in support of Bohemian Hall

Cuyahoga County Council recently awarded \$50,000 from its American Rescue Plan Act funds to Sokol Greater Cleveland, with its local chapter at Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave.

Sponsored by County Councilman Martin Sweeney and supported by County Council President Pernel Jones, this award matches the \$50,000 in funding previously awarded by Cleveland City Council. Funding will be used to invest in the historic Bohemian National Hall facility and support the youth and adult programming which has drawn thousands through its doors, including gymnastics, Czech cultural presentations and community activities.

The Sokol movement was founded in Eastern Europe in the mid 1800's as a social, cultural, educational and gymnastics movement. Sokol Greater Cleveland is one of the most active and is the largest organization of the 32 units in existence in the United States.



Pictured at the recent Czech Holiday Fair at Bohemian National Hall is Frank Huml of Sokol Greater Cleveland; Paul Burik, president of Sokol Greater Cleveland; and County Council President Pernel Jones. Photo and reporting courtesy of Tony Brancatelli

BEDFORD

ISSUE 16: Proposed Charter Amendment - Yes: 2,315 No: 743

Shall Article II, Section 1(c) of the Charter of the City of Bedford be amended by using federal census figures every ten years based on population as the basis of the estimate, in the interest of equalizing voter strength in all wards?

ISSUE 17: Proposed Charter Amendment - Yes: 2,582 No: 658

Shall Article II, Section 2 of the Charter of the City of Bedford be amended to extend the residency requirement for members of Council from six months to two years prior to their election or appointment, with one of those two years in the Ward for which the candidate is seeking election or appointment?

ISSUE 18: Proposed Charter Amendment - Yes: 2,808 No: 361

Shall Article II, Section 4 of the Charter of the City of Bedford be amended to require that a vacancy on Council shall be announced within ten days of the occurrence and the Council shall appoint a qualified interim successor within sixty days of the vacancy?

ISSUE 19: Proposed Charter Amendment - Yes: 1,954 No: 1,205

Shall Article X, Section 2 of the Charter of the City of Bedford be amended to change the term of a member of the Civil Service Commission from three to four years; and to provide that the Director of Finance shall be able to vote on issues in the event of a tie among the members?

ISSUE 20: Proposed Charter Amendment - Yes: 2,493 No: 643

Shall Article XI, Sections 1 and 3 of the Charter of the City of Bedford be amended to provide that the municipality may not acquire more property than is necessary for a particular public or Municipal purpose; to provide for the requirement of three readings for the adoption of a resolution regarding the appropriation of land, etc.

ISSUE 21: Special Election by Petition, Local Liquor Option, Sunday Sales - Yes: 176 No: 102

Shall the sale of beer and wine and mixed beverages be permitted for sale on Sunday by Turney Gas Mart Inc., dba Hop N Sunoco, an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit, holder of C-1 and C-2 liquor permits who is engaged in the business of a convenience store and gas station at 700 Turney Rd., Bedford, OH 44146 in this precinct?

GARFIELD HEIGHTS

ISSUE 48: Proposed Charter Amendment - Yes: 4,620 No: 1,006

Shall Section 12 of the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights be amended to provide that no Councilmember shall be elected President of Council until that member has completed one full term in office; and provide that in the event no member of Council has completed one full term in office at the time the President is to be elected, all members of Council shall be eligible to be elected?

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Garfield seeking funds for update of Rec. Center

By Ellen Psenicka

At its regular meeting Monday night, Garfield Heights Council passed two ordinances to allow the city to apply for Community Development Block Grant funds and Community Development Supplemental Grant funds for needed work and equipment at the Dan Kostel Recreation Center.

The CDBG funds, if granted, would go to improving the parking area, sidewalks and entrance to the Rec Center. The supplemental grant, for which the city is eligible to receive up to \$50,000, would go to replace aging equipment at the pool and ice rink.

Also passed was legislation to enact Chapter 136 into a previous ordinance establishing the Community Relations Committee. The new chapter changes the makeup of the committee from seven members, which includes the mayor and six of his appointees, to a nine-member committee, with one member selected by the mayor and one member selected by each member of council and one member selected by the council president, who will have two total selections.

A committee chair, to be voted upon at the first meeting of the committee, will be chosen from among the members. The committee chair will present reports and findings to city council quarterly at caucus before a regularly-scheduled council meeting.

The following legislation was also passed unanimously at the Monday night council meeting:

- To purchase a 2023 Chevy Tahoe from Ganley Chevrolet of Aurora for police use, at a cost of \$43,695.

- To accept the Law Enforcement Violence Reduction & Staffing Grant of \$1,311,936.82, made available by the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services.

- To enter into a 50/50 cost share agreement with Cuyahoga County for the reconstruction of McCracken Rd., Phase I, beginning at the intersection of McCracken Rd. and E. 131 St., and continuing about 1000 feet east of E. 131 St.

- To ratify the re-appointment by the mayor of Alexander Story, Sr. and Rodney Stephens to the Recreation Board of the city of Garfield Heights.

Holiday lighting in G.H.

A Holiday Lighting program and debut of the First Ladies Hall will be held at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd., on Sunday, Nov. 20, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Proclamations for each of the city's First Ladies have been prepared dating back to 1920. They will be framed and hung in the main hallway at the Civic Center. Several of the First Ladies will attend the holiday lighting event, and Mayor Matt Burke will read the proclamations at approximately 5 p.m.

The Senior Center Craft Room will be open during the event with cards, gift items and handmade items available for sale.

Free Thanksgiving Dinners

Christian Kingdom Assembly

A free Thanksgiving Dinner will be served at Christian Kingdom Assembly, 12700 Broadway Ave., Garfield Heights, this Saturday, Nov. 19, from 3 to 7 p.m. All are welcome. With questions, call Evangelist Tammy at 216-323-0375.

Third Federal Savings

Third Federal Savings invites the community to be its guest on Wednesday, Nov. 23, for a free holiday meal to go, served from 3 to 5 p.m., in the Third Federal Headquarters parking lot. Vehicles should enter through the 7100 Aetna Rd. gate.

Pedestrians and those using public transportation will have access through a walk-up gate in the same area. Signs will be posted. Marc A. Stefanski and the associates of Third Federal extend a blessed Thanksgiving to all.

Garfield Heights UMC

Come have Thanksgiving Dinner with Garfield Heights United Methodist Church, 4977 Turney Rd., on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 24, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. This dinner is free to the Garfield Heights community and lovingly prepared and given for all to enjoy. Come to the dining hall through the door on Wadsworth Ave.

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Community Police Reports

All information is preliminary and subject to change pending investigation

GARFIELD HTS. Theft

On Nov. 4, at 10:23 a.m., police were dispatched to the Marathon station, 14218 Broadway Ave., for a theft report. A man who works for Sledd Co. said he was in the rear of his delivery truck and saw a black male grab five cartons of cigarettes (value \$418.54) from the truck. He yelled at the male and saw him get into a gold Cadillac that had something

blocking its license plate. The vehicle headed west on Broadway. Marathon employees didn't recognize the vehicle. Area was checked with negative results.

Animal Complaint

On Nov. 6, at 10:37 a.m., an officer was dispatched to a home in the 12900 block of Oakpark Blvd., for a report of a found stray dog. The complainant had tied the dog, described as a white pit bull, to a fence and said it had been running in the area and had no identifying tags on it.

When the officer went to untie the dog from the fence the dog bit him near his right wrist causing a small puncture wound. He was also bitten on his work boot but it did not go through the boot. Animal warden responded and took the dog to the city kennel. The officer went to Marymount Hospital for treatment.

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The City of Maple Heights will have a **Mobile Food Pantry** on Thursday, November 17, 2022 at St. Andrew Eastern Orthodox Church 16029 Maple Park Drive, Maple Heights, Ohio 44137 from 9:30 - 11:30 AM

We will continue to provide a drive-thru service to comply with COVID-19 social distancing guidelines. Please be sure to remain in your cars and wear a mask!



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ISSUE 49: Proposed Charter Amendment - Yes: 2,620 No: 3,161

Shall Section 41 of the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights be amended to provide that the Mayor shall serve as Safety Director?

ISSUE 50: Proposed Charter Amendment - Yes: 4,153 No: 1,478

Shall the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights be amended by replacing Section 58 to provide that notwithstanding anything in the Charter or laws of this City to the contrary, any change to the existing land uses, or any legislation changing the existing Zoning Map, shall not become finally effective without approval of a majority of qualified electors of the City of Garfield Heights.

ISSUE 51: Proposed Charter Amendment - Yes: 2,045 No: 3,892

Shall the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights be amended to repeal Section 59, which currently prohibits the use of photo-monitoring traffic devices?

ISSUE 52: Proposed Zoning Amendment - Yes: 3,082 No: 2,575

Shall the Zoning Map of the City of Garfield Heights be amended to change the classification of PP# 543-28-062 located at 12832 Rockside Road, and PP# 543-28-006 located at 6025 Turney Road, from their present classification of U-1 (Single Family Residential) to U-4 (Retail/Commercial) classification?

ISSUE 53: Special Election by Petition, Local Liquor Option, Sunday Sales - Yes: 104 No: 155

Shall the sale of beer, wine and mixed beverages and spirituous liquor be permitted for sale on Sunday by Davis Turney Road LLC dba Showcase Bar and Grille, an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit, holder of a D-5 liquor permit who is engaged in the business of a bar and grille at 5015-5017 Turney Road, 1st Flr, Bsmt, and Patio and 5017 Turney Road Front, Garfield Hts., OH 44125 in this precinct?

Independence

ISSUE 59: Proposed Charter Amendment - Yes: 1,354 No: 2,319

Shall Article III, Section 1 of the Charter of the City of Independence be amended to change the maximum number of consecutive terms the Mayor may serve from no more than two, to no more than three consecutive terms of office?

ISSUE 60: Proposed Charter Amendment - Yes: 1,533 No: 2,150

Shall Article IV, Section 2(c)(5) of the Charter of the City of Independence be amended to provide that the Purchasing Agent may, within the amounts and items appropriated by Council, make purchases involving expenditures not in excess of \$25,000 based upon the requests

from department heads without the need to follow the requirements of public bidding in its minutes, etc.?

Maple Heights

ISSUE 61: Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) - Yes: 3,633 No: 1,234

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the City of Maple Heights for the purpose of the payment of salaries for fire fighters in the Division of Fire and providing, maintaining, and operating fire apparatus, appliances, buildings and sites at a rate not exceeding 2 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 20 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five years, commencing in 2023, first due in calendar year 2024.

ISSUE 62: Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) - Yes: 3,553 No: 1,590

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the City of Maple Heights for the purpose of the payment of salaries of permanent police personnel, and to provide and maintain motor vehicles, communications and other equipment used directly in the operation of the Division of Police at a rate not to exceed 2 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 20 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five years, commencing in 2023, first due in calendar year 2024.

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.

Free Community Meal

The free monthly Community Meal (take-out version) will be held at Lutheran Church of the Covenant, 19000 Libby Rd., Maple Heights, from 4:30 to 6 p.m., on Thursday, Nov. 17, instead of the usual fourth Thursday of the month, which is Thanksgiving.

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Community Police Reports

Shots Fired

On Nov. 8, at about 9 p.m., police responded to the area of the 10000 block of Greenview Ave., for multiple reports of shots fired. They located 14 spent rifle shell casings and four 9mm Blazer spent shell casings in the driveway and in the street directly in front of a Greenview Ave. home. One of the neighbors had surveillance video which showed two males in a white sedan parked a few door down from the home exit the vehicle and stop in front of the home in question and appeared to shoot several rounds westbound down Greenview Ave., then get back into the vehicle and leave the scene. Later in the evening a patrolman spotted a white Hyundai Sonata bearing no registration driving with no lights on matching the description of the vehicle in the Greenview incident. A pursuit was initiated after an attempted traffic stop and both males fled from the car on foot on I-480 westbound after the Valley View bridge. The plate was traced and the vehicle found to be stolen out of Cleveland. More bullet fragments were found by police near the front door of a home in the 4700 block of Turney Rd., and 15 more 9mm spent casings were located on the northeastern corner of Turney and Greenview. The report was forwarded to the Garfield Heights Detective Bureau for further investigation.

Weapon Offense

On Nov. 7, at about 9:30 p.m., police were dispatched

to the area of a home in the 4900 block of E. 93 St. for a report of shots fired. A female told police she had an argument with her friend while in her friend's vehicle, which was parked in front of the home. She said she got out of the vehicle and shortly afterward a shot was fired from the vehicle. Officers located a gunshot that had gone into the home in question above a window at the front of the residence. Several other shell casings were found in the driveway of the home, which police believe may have been fired by the occupants of the home at the vehicle in question. However, none of the residents would cooperate with officers. After investigating and speaking with the three female occupants of the vehicle in question, which also possibly had been involved in a crash earlier at the intersection of E. 85 St. and Reed Ave., police placed the female driver under arrest for improper handling, firing into a habitation, open container, OVI and several traffic violations. Citations and report forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

Recovered Stolen Auto

On Nov. 7, at about 10:30 p.m., an officer advised he was behind a white Hyundai on Warner Rd. hill with no plate and no headlights. The suspect vehicle headed towards the Big Boy restaurant in Valley View and then headed up Granger Rd. hill and back into Garfield Heights. A traffic stop was initiated and the driver failed to stop and fled from officers, crashing the car three different times. He fled on foot from police and was later apprehended. Investigation later revealed the vehicle was

reported stolen out of Cleveland.

Aggravated Robbery

On Nov. 8, at about 9:03 p.m., all GHPD units were dispatched to Save-A-Lot, 4790 Turney Rd., for an aggravated robbery that had just occurred. The caller said the store had just been robbed at gunpoint by two black males. A second caller said the two suspects got into a black vehicle, possibly a Jeep, and had fled westbound on Garfield Blvd., towards Warner Rd. Units checked the area for the vehicle but did not locate it. Other units interviewed the three employees at Save-A-Lot, who were all distraught and frightened. One of the robbers disarmed one of the employees, who actually bit him in the leg during a struggle. The suspect took the woman's firearm and his firearm and fled out of the store. The other two employees were working the registers as the second robber brandished a weapon and demanded money. He stole the money out of the two registers employees were able to open and fled. Video surveillance of the robbery is available.

Homicide on Mountview

At 2:56 a.m., last Thursday, Nov. 10, Garfield Heights police officers were dispatched to a residence in the 11200 block of Mountview Ave., Garfield Heights, for a female who had been shot and was yelling for help. Upon arrival, police located the female. She was transported to MetroHealth Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries.

Witnesses directed officers to the house where the suspect was believed to be. The suspect was located in the backyard and taken into custody without incident. 19 News has identified the suspect as Imani Smalley, who is now charged with murder and attempted murder. According to 19 News, she pleaded not guilty at her arraignment Monday.

While on scene at Mountview, officers learned of another possible victim in the residence. Officers made entry and found a male deceased in the home. According to media sources, the decedent was identified as 30-year-old Eric Nero from Garfield Heights.

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Trinity High interns gain valuable experience at Marymount Hospital

The Physical Therapy Department at Marymount Hospital continues to invest in Trinity High School's students by way of its Pre-Professional Internship Program. This year's intern, Constance Rosa of Parma, is finding success there just as students like Rozella Schultz of Twinsburg have found success in the past.

The program, under the direction of Barb Dottore, allows juniors and seniors to spend one day a week away from the classroom and work in a field of interest to help them determine what they may like to do after high school.

More than 50 businesses and organizations throughout Northeast Ohio serve as corporate sponsors, partnering with Trinity to help students gain invaluable experience in multiple professional positions.

This year Rosa, a THS senior, is completing her internship with the Physical Therapy team at Marymount where Carol Snyderwine serves as one of the supervisors.

"Carol Snyderwine and her Physical Therapy Department at Marymount Hospital are wonderful participants in our program," Dottore said. "They give our interns the opportunity to provide value doing hands-on tasks like interacting with patients, following therapists and patients with wheelchairs and cleaning equipment. At the same time, they go out of their way to give our interns valuable information about the physical therapy career and advice as they step towards that career themselves."

Rosa says Snyderwine and the rest of the Physical Therapy Department have rallied around her this year. They are determined to provide the best opportunity for success in the field just as they did for student Schultz, who interned under Snyderwine's supervision in 2017-18.

Schultz said it was Snyderwine who gave her the chance to shadow speech therapy which made a long-lasting impression and led her to pursue Speech Pathology at the University of Cincinnati.

This past April, Schultz graduated with her Bachelor of Science in Speech and Hearing Sciences and she's now working on her Master's of Speech-Language Pathology at the University of Akron. She has maintained contact with Snyderwine throughout her college career and credits Trinity High School with giving her the tools to become so successful.

"My Trinity internship at the Cleveland Clinic gave me the skills and confidence to be where I am today. It is so important for Trinity students to take advantage of the Pre-Professional Internship Program while they can," said Schultz. "Use it as an opportunity

to explore your interests and prepare for the future." Anyone who wishes to learn more about Trinity's Pre-Professional Internship Program can contact Director Barb Dottore at Dottoreb@ths.org.



Carol Snyderwine of Marymount Hospital, at left, and former Trinity High intern Rozella Schultz

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Boys Hope Girls Hope moving to next stage of growth

Boys Hope Girls Hope (BHGH) of Northeastern Ohio last Thursday announced that Tim Grady, who has served as executive director of BHGH since 2011, has accepted a newly created role as Director of Strategic Growth.



Tim Grady

In his new role, Grady will advise the Board of Directors in efforts to develop complementary programs and partnerships intended to extend the impact of the BHGH mission in Northeast Ohio.

Boys Hope Girls Hope of Northeastern Ohio operates four residential homes at the corner of Turney Rd. and Garfield Blvd. Through innovative and responsive programming, BHGH has grown from a single-home for six boys in the late 1980s to a robust five-acre Campus of Hope in Garfield Heights that serves over 200 students from middle-school through career with program platforms through which youth with character and capability are supported and empowered to reach their professional potential.

Currently, Boys Hope Girls Hope of Northeastern Ohio, through its program in Garfield Heights, operates an intensive year-round out-of-school-time academy and a post-secondary support and scholarship program that, when combined, provide each student with an average of 12 years of partnership and support. During the 2022-2023 program year, Boys Hope Girls Hope is providing transformational opportunities to more than a dozen students through the residential program, 135 scholars through the Academy Program, and 70+ post-secondary scholars through coaching and scholarship investment.

BHGH's most recent capacity-building endeavors were highlighted by the opening of the Rajan Academy Center and Haslam Field in 2019. The 22,000 square-foot facility and complex, located on its Garfield Heights campus, was made possible through a New Market Tax Credit and the investment of 20 corporate and family foundations and over 50 individual donors.

The successful endeavor increased the physical footprint of the agency and marked a substantial increase in the agency's ability to enhance services for schol-

ars and the community at large. As the agency continues to grow, workforce readiness, youth development training programs, and supportive housing options for 18-24-year-olds have emerged as areas of strategic opportunity for BHGH. Grady's new role will include oversight of these opportunities.

Commenting on the plans, Grady shared, "It has been a privilege to serve as the leader of BHGH for the last 11 years. It has truly been an honor to witness scores of incredible young people achieve their goals in partnership with this agency over the course of my tenure as executive director."

"This organization demonstrates the Northeast Ohio Community's commitment to providing transformational opportunities for our young people, and I'm deeply grateful to the Board of Directors for the opportunity. I look forward to developing innovative strategies and programs with the potential to have the same high-impact, best-in-class results that have been a hallmark of our efforts for more than three decades," Grady concluded.

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