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Music all over Fleet this Saturday at Jamboree!!

On the largest scale in many years, live music will fill Slavic Village's historic Fleet Ave. on this first weekend in autumn.

The inaugural edition of the Walter Hyde Fleet Jamboree will take place Saturday, Sept. 24, from 2-7 p.m. Fifteen bands will perform on pop-up stages installed at locations along Fleet Ave., from E. 54 St. to E. 63 St. Music styles will include Jazz, Blues, Pop, Polka, Latin, Gospel Rap, NeoSoul and Irish.

The event is produced by the Fleet Stakeholders in honor of the late, beloved proprietor of Daisy's Ice Cream shop, Walter Hyde. It will include amenities for all ages, food for purchase and over 50 vendors and resource tables. There is no admission charge.

A portion of the street will be closed for the duration of the event. For more information or to apply for a vendor location, please contact Odetta at 440-975-6318.

St. Stan's Polish Festival coming October 7-9th

St. Stanislaus Parish will host its annual Polish Festival on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 7, 8 and 9, in the Parish Social Center at 6601 Baxter Ave., in Cleveland.

The festival will feature Polish food, polka bands, Polish crafts, Polish dancing groups, Polish bakery, games of chance, church tours, a grand raffle and much more. Polish foods available for purchase are pierogi, kielbasa, czarnina (duck soup) and many other Polish favorites.

All of the events are located in the Parish Social Center except religious services and church tours. The starting times are: Oct. 7, from 5-9 p.m.; Oct. 8, from 4-9 p.m.; and Oct. 9, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

On Oct. 7, music will be provided from 6-10 p.m., by Those Guys. Polka Legends Night will feature Li'l Wally Marion Lush, Happy Louie, Eddie Blazonczyk, Scrubby and the Dynatones, Ray Budzilek, and more by video. A church tour will take place at 7 p.m.

On Oct. 8, there will be 5 p.m. Mass in the church with the Grand Organ of St. Stanislaus Church, trumpets and timpani. Polka music will be provided by Pan Franek and the Polkatowners from 6:30-10:30 p.m. A church tour will take place after the Mass.

On Oct. 9, the regular Sunday Mass schedule is: English Mass at 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. A Polish Mass will be at 10 a.m. A church tour will take place after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Music will be provided by Uptown Sounds from 12:30-5 p.m. The Raffle Grand Drawing will be held at 5 p.m.

The St. Stanislaus Church building is over 130 years old. The parish will be 150 years old in 2023. The church features relics of its patron, St. Stanislaus, and those of St. Pope John Paul II, a new Divine Mercy Shrine with beautiful paintings from Poland, and many beautiful stained glass windows and murals.

For more information contact the Parish Office at 216-341-9091 or go online at ststanislaus.org.



Extensive damage was caused to a home on Bancroft Ave., in Garfield Heights, Monday afternoon when a car in the driveway accidentally caught fire and spread to the adjacent home, GHFD Captain Joe Warner confirmed. Photo by Elena Psenicka

Female dies in VV crash

A fatal motorcycle accident occurred about noon last Friday on Canal Rd., in Valley View, as confirmed by the Valley View Police Department. A female, 21, was traveling on Canal Rd., under the Valley View bridge when the motorcycle she was operating went left of center striking another vehicle, according to police. She died at the scene.

Canal Rd. was closed between Granger and Fosdick rds., while police investigated. Interviews with witnesses are ongoing before a complete report is filed.

BFD gets \$600K+ grant to hire more firefighters

By Judith Goldsworth

The Bedford Fire Department has received a federal grant of more than \$600,000 to hire two additional firefighters/paramedics for the department, City Manager Mike Mallis announced at the Bedford Council meeting Monday night.

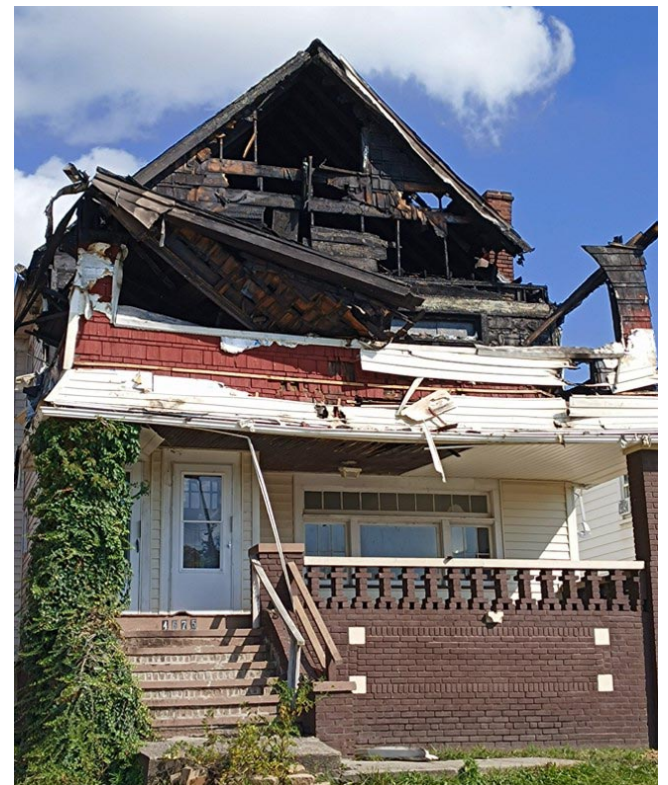
Mallis praised Fire Chief Dave Nagy and Assistant Fire Chief Dan Dopslaf for their efforts in securing the \$614,115 SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) grant through the FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency), which was awarded to the department earlier this month.

"This grant is going to be able to fund, 100 percent, two additional fire and EMS medics," he said.

Fight for UH Bedford continues

Mallis also updated council on the progress of the city's legal fight to reopen UH Bedford, after University Hospitals informed Bedford officials just a few weeks prior to its decision to close the emergency room and other facilities on Friday, Aug. 12.

In response to what they felt was discrimination against



A fire at this home on E. 86 St., in Garfield Heights, Sunday at 10:15 a.m., displaced a mom and her six children, according to GHFD Captain Joe Warner. He said the fire originated on the front porch, but the cause of the blaze is still undetermined. The family had been living on the second floor apartment of the house and were its only occupants. All got out safely. They are being provided with temporary housing by The American Red Cross. Photo by Elena Psenicka

Bedford residents, as well as a perceived lack of concern for the health and well being of the surrounding community, city officials filed for a temporary restraining order in Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court to keep the hospital open, and also filed a \$100 million lawsuit against UH.

Common Pleas Judge Steven Gall has ruled in favor of UH, but has also expressed his sympathy for Bedford's concerns. Mediation has begun, and although city officials have stated they cannot reveal many details about the process, Mallis was able to give some information at Monday's meeting.

"Our attorneys have a status call tomorrow with Judge Gall, as well as the attorneys for University Hospitals, regarding our litigation and the ongoing mediation that's taking place, basically in our efforts to get this emergency room reopened," Mallis said. "We'll provide an update after that."

Broadway Ave. legislation passed

One of the two pieces of legislation that was passed at Monday's meeting was a resolution authorizing Mallis to

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Cuy. Hts. Council update

The Village of Cuyahoga Heights Council met on Wednesday, Sept. 14, and passed the following resolutions:

- Authorizing a change order to the Service Department Parking Lot Improvements Project - Phase 1;
- Authorizing a change order to the 5047 E. 71 St. Demolition and Improvements Project;
- Amendment to the purchase order for the 2022 Corn Roast in an amount not to exceed \$45,000;
- Authorizing the approval and amendments of the Cuyahoga County 2022-2027 All-Hazards Mitigation Plan;
- Entering into a contract with Big Trees, Inc. to purchase trees for the Willowbrook Connector Trail in an amount not to exceed \$69,449;
- Accepting an Assistance to Firefighters Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency through its E-Grant system for a monitor/defibrillator with AED Mode, and four years of maintenance for use by the Village Fire Department;

• Entering into a contract with Snider Recreation, Inc. for the Bacci Park Playground update in an amount not to exceed \$84,179;

• Entering into a contract with Minute Men HR for Workers Compensation services and management;

• Authorizing a change of scope to the Service Department Parking Lot Improvements Project - Phase 1.

The following purchases were approved: Refrigerator/Cooler for kitchen at Klima Gardens from Accurate Refrigeration Service Corp. not to exceed \$6,000; payment of Police Academy Training to Cuyahoga Community College not to exceed \$6,300; repairing salt truck by Rush Truck Centers not to exceed \$6,500; 30-foot flexible payment repair for the intersection at Grant Ave. and Willow Pkwy. not to exceed \$18,937; three guardrail end treatment replacements on E. 49 St., not to exceed \$7,500.

Death Notices



FRANK RIVES, JR.

Frank Rives, Jr., born on April 5, 1943, in Clarksville, TN, passed away on Sept. 10, 2022, in Lorain, Ohio.

Son of Frank Rives, Sr., and Nancy Mae Rives (both deceased). Father of Frank Maurice Rives, Eric Rives, Shaquita R. Atkins, Shawnte C. Atkins and Crystall Hall.

A public viewing will be held on Thursday, Sept. 22, 2022, at the R.A. Prince Funeral Services at 16222 Broadway Ave., Maple Heights, OH 44137, from 5-7 p.m. Funeral Service will be held on Friday, Sept. 23, at the R.A. Prince Chapel A at 10:30 a.m. Family will receive friends 30 minutes prior to services. Interment at 12 noon, at Cleveland Memorial Garden Cemetery, 4324 Green Rd., Highland Hills, OH 44122.

Walter Hyde Fleet Jamboree
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CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO
List of Meetings for October 2022

Monday, October 3, 2022	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 4, 2022	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 12, 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, October 17, 2022	Council Work Session -TBD Regular Council Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 18, 2022	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 25, 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 or call Tracy M. Simons, Clerk of Council, at 440-735-6510.

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BFD gets \$600K+ grant

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seek financial assistance from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) State Public Works program to fund the resurfacing work on Broadway as a Capital Infrastructure Improvement Project.

Mallis explained, "We're going to be resurfacing Broadway starting next spring, and per the agreement, the city is going to be required to match up to 15% of that total project, which will be approaching, if not exceeding, \$3 million."

The second piece of legislation approved at the meeting was to enact an ordinance between the city of Bedford and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), for the Broadway resurfacing project.

Mallis stated, "This is the standard agreement between the municipality and ODOT for these types of resurfacing projects. This one in particular is for the Broadway project. We did negotiate that down to 15%. The standard is municipalities have to match up to 20%. We did show that we were maintaining areas of Broadway, and that we were making substantial investments over the last 20 years, and they had reduced our percentage."

Placed on second reading were three ordinances:

- To establish resident water rates for 2023, and waiving the required 3% increase. Koci has stated that the legislation, if passed at a future meeting, would actually provide a 3% reduction in water rates.

- To establish resident sewer rates for 2023.

- To provide a rate reduction for disabled persons and senior citizens for water and sewer discounts for 2023.

Announcements

Koci expressed his condolences to the family of former longtime city mechanic Gene Tylicki, who passed away recently.

Bedford City Schools Superintendent Dr. Cassandra Johnson announced activities in the district, including the Bedford High School Homecoming Parade set for today, Wednesday, Sept. 21, weather permitting. The Bedford Bearcats will face off against Shaw High School for the Homecoming Game on Friday, Sept. 23, she said.

Councilman Jeff Asbury announced that there will be a Children's Fall Fest on the Square on Saturday, Oct. 1, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., featuring a variety of fall activities.

Asbury also announced that the last "First Friday" of the year will be held by the Bedford Downtown Alliance on the Square on Friday, Oct. 7, from 5:30-7 p.m. Theme is "Calling All Superheroes." Little ones are encouraged to dress up as their favorite superheroes and to come and have some fun, he said.

Community police reports

GARFIELD HEIGHTS

Traffic Offense - Fleeing

• On Sept. 12, at about 11:15 p.m., an officer responded to the area of Edgepark and E. 104 St. for a report of a male chasing a naked female down the street while the female was screaming. Dispatch advised they each got into separate vehicles and were chasing each other down the street. A loud bang was also heard as if there was a crash. The officer spotted one of the cars on Edgepark with heavy rear end damage and attempted to pull the car over.

It did not stop but sped east on McCracken. The pursuit was terminated as the vehicle reached speeds of 90-100 mph just before the intersection of Lee Rd. As the officer was terminating the pursuit, the car was observed trying to turn left onto Lee Rd., and lost control, crashing into a fence at Uniq Auto Sales, 4925 Lee Rd., and struck a Nissan SUV parked at that location. It then crashed through another metal fence at the same location and continued north on Lee Rd. At this point the officer could see the driver's face, a dark-skinned black male with a beard. Cleveland Police were advised of the incident. Other officers checked the area for the female that was involved in the incident but were unable to locate her or her vehicle. CPD later advised that vehicle was involved in a two-car crash on Lee Rd. near the intersection of Judson and that the driver had fled on foot. It was later learned that the owner of the vehicle lived on Delrey Ave.,

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ORDINANCE NO.:73-2022

SPONSORED BY:MAYOR MATTHEW A. BURKE

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING GARFIELD HEIGHTS ORDINANCE 63-2022 AND PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 58 OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS CHARTER REGARDING THE TIME AND METHOD FOR SUBMITTING ZONING CHANGES TO THE ELECTORS

WHEREAS, Section 52 of the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights permits this Council to submit proposed Charter amendments to the electors of the City upon a Council vote of two-thirds in favor of said change, and

WHEREAS, an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of Council members present shall result in this amendment to be presented to the electors of the City on the November 8, 2022, General Election, and

WHEREAS, the Garfield Heights Charter Review Committee, pursuant to Section 57 of the Garfield Heights Charter, has reviewed the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio, has recommended to Council amending Section 58 of the Garfield Heights Charter regarding the time and method for submitting zoning changes to the electors of the City.

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to provide for said amendment, and

WHEREAS, this matter was previously passed through Council in Ordinance 63-2022 with a sixty (60) day requirement; this piece is being brought forth to Council to repeal and replace 63-2022 following a request from Cuyahoga County Board of Elections to extend that time frame to ninety (90) days.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio that:

SECTION 1. Section 58 of the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio shall be amended as follows:

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 be approved or passed by the declaration of an emergency and shall not become finally effective without approval of the electors of 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 be approved or passed by the declaration of an emergency and shall not become finally effective without approval of the electors of Garfield Heights.

Approval shall require a majority favorable vote of all votes cast by qualified electors at any regular Municipal election.

When submitted for approval, no ordinance, resolution, bylaw, measure, regulation, restriction, amendment, provision, law, legislation or other proposed change of the use of land shall contain more than one subject clearly expressed in the title.

Upon failure to receive approval, the proposed change shall not be presented again for one year.

The schedule that a proposed zoning change must meet is as follows:

March General Election

September 30 Last day an individual requesting a zoning change may address a letter to the Mayor requesting a change in zoning.

Prior to this date, the letter must be addressed to the President of Council fourteen (14) days before the next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting.

October 14-21 Last Planning Commission meeting which may recommend the proposed zoning change to Council and to the Ways and Means Committee (meets the third Wednesday of October).

October 31 Last day for zoning legislation to be introduced at a Council meeting. The proposed legislation must be immediately referred to the Ways and Means Committee for a minimum of fifteen (15) days. A public hearing must be held fifteen (15) days after the Council meeting at which zoning legislation is introduced.

November 1 Last day for notice of a public hearing to be given.

November 15 Public hearing must be held by this date.

November 30 Legislation must be passed in Council by this date.

December 3 The ordinance must be advertised in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Garfield Heights three (3) consecutive weeks by this date.

December 18 The Board of Elections must be notified of the ordinance. The ordinance and ballot language must be submitted to the Board of Elections by this date.

January 2 One (1) copy of the proposed ordinance must be posted in each of five (5) public places by this date.

March 2-8 Election takes place between March 2nd and March 8th.

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June 1-7 Last Planning Commission meeting which may recommend the proposed zoning change to Council and to the Ways and Means Committee (meets the first Wednesday of June).

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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. Said issue shall be submitted to the electors of the City at the next primary or general election which shall occur not less than ninety (90) days after its passage by Council.

SECTION 2. The proposed amendment to Section 58 of the Garfield Heights Charter shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electorate of the City of Garfield Heights at an election to be held November 8, 2022 during the regular hours of voting permitted as prescribed by law, where a majority affirmative vote is required for passage.

SECTION 3. The Law Director is hereby directed to transmit by certified mail a certified copy of this Ordinance and the following ballot language to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, c/o the Director's Office, located at 2925 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115 and/or to hand-deliver the same to the Issues Department located on the Third Floor of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections and obtain a written and dated receipt therefore and he is further directed to make the necessary arrangements with the Board of Elections, Cuyahoga County, for giving notice of the proposed amendment of the municipal Charter and for compliance with other regulations including but not limited to appropriate ballot language in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code.

PROPOSED BALLOT LANGUAGE

SHALL SECTION 58 OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS CHARTER BE AMENDED 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, AND SAID ISSUE SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY AT THE NEXT PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION WHICH SHALL OCCUR NOT LESS THAN NINETY (90) DAYS AFTER ITS PASSAGE BY COUNCIL?

YES _____ NO _____

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure for the best interest of the citizens of Garfield Heights and for the further reason that publication requirements of Ohio law pertaining to Charter amendments necessitates passage without undue delay, therefore this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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ORDINANCE NO.: 62-2022 (AMENDED)
SPONSORED BY: MAYOR MATTHEW A. BURKE

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 41 OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS CHARTER, PROVIDING FOR THE MAYOR TO SERVE AS THE PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR

WHEREAS, Section 52 of the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights permits this Council to submit proposed Charter amendments to the electors of the City upon a Council vote of two-thirds in favor of said change, and

WHEREAS, an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of Council members present shall result in this amendment to be presented to the electors of the City on the November 8, 2022, General Election, and

WHEREAS, the Garfield Heights Charter Review Committee, pursuant to Section 57 of the Garfield Heights Charter, has reviewed the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio, has recommended to Council amending Section 41 of the Garfield Heights Charter providing for the Mayor to serve as the Public Safety Director, and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to provide for said amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio that

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The Department of Public Safety shall be in the charge of the Safety Director. There shall be in the Department of Public Safety a Police Division and a Fire Division. There shall be in the Department of Public Safety a Division of Building, Engineering and Inspection. **The Mayor shall serve as Safety Director.**

41-A Annual rate of pay to be paid members of the police division. The annual rate of compensation for the members of the police division, Department of Public Safety, shall be no less than the average that is paid to members of police divisions in the suburban cities with a population of ten thousand (10,000) or more whose boundary lines are contiguous to the City of Cleveland.

On or about the first day of April of each year, the Council shall cause a survey to be made as to the rate of compensation paid to members of the police divisions of suburban cities whose population is ten thousand (10,000) or more, whose boundary lines are contiguous to the City of Cleveland, based upon the latest federal decennial census. Not later than the first day of June of each year, Council shall enact legislation providing for the payment of a rate of compensation for the members of the police division not less than the average compensation paid to the aforementioned suburban cities, which such rate of compensation shall become effective on and shall be paid from the first day of June of that year.

The expression "rate of compensation" or pay, as used in this section, shall apply only to a basic amount of wages and does not include such benefits as might be set up by any city by way of holidays, vacations, other permitted absences, overtime, longevity, night or split shifts, pay for specialized service within a classification or rank, or other premium pay differentials or any type whatsoever. The foregoing enumeration is not exclusive; it is the intent of this section that nothing other than a basic amount of wages, with included range scales, be included within the meaning of "rate of compensation" or pay.

Upon passage of this Charter Amendment, a special survey shall be made in accordance with the hereinbefore stated provisions, and the new rate shall be paid beginning January 1, 1973.

For the purpose of this section, the pay ranges of 1971 shall be considered as a base. Such additional funds as shall be required by the operation of this Section in addition to the 1971 base, shall be generated by an increase in the limitation on the rate of taxation as provided in Section 21 of this Charter.

Council is hereby authorized to increase the limitation on the rate of taxation by such millage as shall be needed to realize the funds required.

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PD BALLROPOSEOT LANGUAGE

SHALL SECTION 41 OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS CHARTER BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE THAT **THE MAYOR SHALL SERVE AS SAFETY DIRECTOR?**

YES _____ NO _____

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Human Services Director Linda Vopat noted that the crucial and impactful work that the Maple Heights Food Pantry provides in the community would not be possible without the support and generosity of companies and individuals.

Those interested in making a donation to the food pantry can contact Vopat at 216-587-5481 to find out how you or your company can make a real difference.



Pictured at a recent City Council meeting where David Gregg of Kokosing Materials presented the checks to the mayor are, from left: Anjenette Whitted, Food Pantry coordinator, Mayor Annette Blackwell and David Gregg.

Congratulations to Maple Heights' own Jean Lightfoot, who won the prize for "Best Hat" at the Tea Time fundraiser to benefit the Dance with My Father organization recently.



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Community Police reports

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just a few streets away. GHPD officers went to the owner's address and found him in the driveway of the home. He had cuts on his hands and arms and blood on his clothes and shards of glass on his shirt and in his hair as if he were just in an accident. He said his car had been stolen, but he was identified as the fleeing driver from surveillance video. He was taken to city jail and booked for fleeing and eluding.

•On Sept. 14, at about 3 a.m., a patrolman observed a black Jeep going east on Broadway near the I-480 entrance with no headlights on. The officer tried to initiate a traffic stop but the car sped away west on Broadway going speeds of approximately 70 mph. Once past the E. 131 St. intersection the car was reaching speeds of about 90 mph and the officer decided to terminate the chase. He then observed the Jeep attempt to make a left turn onto Henry St., lost control, struck a curb and flipped the Jeep onto its side. The driver exited the vehicle and was taken into custody without incident. EMS responded to the scene and treated the driver. It was later learned the car was entered into LEADS as stolen out of Cleveland. The driver was taken to jail and booked for fleeing and eluding and receiving stolen property. He will be issued a traffic citation for fictitious plates, headlights required and driving without a license.

Robbery

On Sept. 14, about 2 p.m., units were dispatched to the Dollar General, 5068 Turney, for an armed robbery which had just occurred. The suspect had robbed the store with a handgun and fled possibly toward Park Heights. The Dollar General employee told police the suspect had taken an unknown amount of money from the cash

registers at the store. The suspect then fled running west on Park Heights and entered the passenger side of a white SUV which was waiting on E. 104 St., as seen on the store video. The Detective Bureau will follow up.

Shots Fired

On Sept. 17, at 1:04 a.m., GHPD units received a radio broadcast to respond to the 4600 block of E. 86 St. for shots fired into a residence. The complainant told police she was lying in bed and heard gunshots coming from in front of her home. After the shooting stopped she looked at her surveillance video and saw a small gray vehicle drive north on E. 86 St., and an unknown black male wearing a gray hoodie walk in front of her house. After the shooting he got into the gray vehicle and the car drove off. Police saw at least five bullet holes in the front of the home and found four 9mm casings in the street in front of the residence. One spent bullet was located on the floor of a second floor bedroom and another in a first floor bedroom on a bag of clothing next to the window. Evidence will be forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

Felonious Assault


On Sept. 17, at about 1:20 a.m., officers responded to the area of Langton Ave. and E. 107 St., for a male shot in the arm. While aid was being rendered, other officers went to Turneytown to locate evidence and other possible victims. There were not other victims but police did find seven spent shell casings in the parking lot of Turneytown, just across from Unkut and Showcase. Police located a Buick Enclave with two bullet holes and a broken out rear window, but it was unknown if this vehicle was involved in the shooting. The victim was taken by EMS to MetroHealth Medical Center, where he was in stable condition when officers were allowed to question him. He said he had been at the Showcase bar with his brother and another man. He said he wasn't sure what happened but that one of the men he had come with got into an argument with another man at the bar. That man left the bar early and did not return. When the victim and his friends left the bar they went to the Turneytown parking

lot to get the car they had come in, the Buick Enclave. The victim saw the man at the bar his friend had been arguing with in the parking lot. He saw the unknown male had a gun in his right hand and fired approximately six shots at the victim "trying to kill him." The victim ran from the parking lot with his brother and the pair were found by police a short time later. The suspect is described as a short, heavy set, black male wearing a blue shirt. The Garfield Heights Detective Bureau is following up with the investigation.


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N.N. issues correction

Gertrude Gardens, which was featured in a news story in last week's The Neighborhood News about a celebration there Saturday, is the creation of Anne Sherridon, owner of Gold Plum LLC, a picture frame shop in Slavic Village. Her name was inadvertently misspelled in the article. We regret the error.

From the courtroom...



Trial of Jahmontay Harder to begin

The trial of Jahmontay Harder is scheduled to begin today in the courtroom of Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court Judge David Matia.

Prosecutors say that on May 19, 2020, Harder, 23, approached the victim, 23, near Lee Rd. and Friend Ave., in Maple Heights. He shot the victim and then fled the scene. Maple Heights Police Department and EMS responded to the scene. The victim was transported to a nearby hospital where he was treated for his injuries.

On September 16, 2020, prosecutors say Harder, Deamaute Efford, 20, and Teighlor Johnson, 22, entered a residence near Noble and Nobleshire Rds., in Cleveland Heights. They allegedly attempted to rob the victim, 26, shot him multiple times, and then fled the scene. The Cleveland Heights Police Department and Cleveland Heights EMS responded to the scene. The victim was transported to a nearby hospital where he was pronounced deceased. All three suspects were arrested within a week.

On Sept. 24, 2020, Harder was indicted on charges of one count of aggravated murder, two counts of murder, one count each of aggravated burglary and aggravated robbery and other lesser offenses.

On March 16, 2021, Harder was subsequently indicted on one count each of attempted murder and aggravated robbery and two counts of felonious assault.

On Aug. 23, 2021, Efford pleaded guilty to one count of involuntary manslaughter and one count of aggravated robbery.

On Jan. 4, 2022, Johnson pleaded guilty to one count of involuntary manslaughter and one count of aggravated robbery.

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ORDINANCE NO.:61-2022
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AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 12 OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS CHARTER RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Section 52 of the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights permits this Council to submit proposed Charter amendments to the electors of the City upon a Council vote of two-thirds in favor of said change, and

WHEREAS, an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of Council members present shall result in this amendment to be presented to the electors of the City on the November 8, 2022, General Election, and

WHEREAS, the Garfield Heights Charter Review Committee, pursuant to Section 57 of the Garfield Heights Charter, has reviewed the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio, has recommended to Council amending Section 12 of the Garfield Heights Charter relating to the qualifications of the President of Council, and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to provide for said amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio that

SECTION 1. Section 12 of the Garfield Heights Charter shall be amended to include the following language:

The Council shall elect one of its members President of Council at the first meeting in November following the General Election. The President of Council shall preside at all regular and special meetings of Council and perform such duties as presiding officer as may be imposed upon him or her by the Council. Council has the power to establish rules for the removal of President of Council during his or her term as they see fit. If the office of President of Council becomes vacant, or the President of Council is removed by Council, or the President of Council is absent from a regular or special meeting, Council shall elect a President pro tem. The President of Council shall be elected for a term commensurate with his or her duties as a councilperson and shall meet all of the qualifications as proscribed by the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights. **No Councilmember shall be elected President of Council until that member has completed one full term in office. 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.**

Section 12 of the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights shall go into effect concurrent with the expiration of the term of the Council President elected in the November 3, 2009 General Election, which will be midnight of Sunday, November 13, 2011.

SECTION 2. The proposed amendment to Section 12 of the Garfield Heights Charter shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electorate of the City of Garfield Heights at an election to be held November 8, 2022 during the regular hours of voting permitted as prescribed by law, where a majority affirmative vote is required for passage.

SECTION 3. The Law Director is hereby directed to transmit by certified mail a certified copy of this Ordinance and the following ballot language to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, c/o the Director's Office, located at 2925 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115 and/or to hand-deliver the same to the Issues Department located on the Third Floor of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections and obtain a written and dated receipt therefore and he is further directed to make the necessary arrangements with the Board of Elections, Cuyahoga County, for giving notice of the proposed amendment of the municipal Charter and for compliance with other regulations including but not limited to appropriate ballot language in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code.

PROPOSED BALLOT LANGUAGE

SHALL SECTION 12 OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS CHARTER BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE THAT NO COUNCIL MEMBER SHALL BE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL UNTIL THAT MEMBER HAS COMPLETED ONE FULL TERM IN OFFICE AND 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?

YES _____ NO _____

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure for the best interest of the citizens of Garfield Heights and for the further reason that publication requirements of Ohio law pertaining to Charter amendments necessitates passage without undue delay, therefore this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

The Neighborhood News: September 7, 14, 21, 2022

ORDINANCE NO.:60-2022
SPONSORED BY: MAYOR MATTHEW A. BURKE

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF AN AMENDMENT REPEALING SECTION 59 OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS CHARTER RELATING TO TRAFFIC LAW PHOTO-MONITORING DEVICES

WHEREAS, Section 52 of the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights permits this Council to submit proposed Charter amendments to the electors of the City upon a Council vote of two-thirds in favor of said change, and

WHEREAS, an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of Council members present shall result in this amendment to be presented to the electors of the City on the November 8, 2022, General Election, and

WHEREAS, the Garfield Heights Charter Review Committee, pursuant to Section 57 of the Garfield Heights Charter, has reviewed the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio, has recommended to Council the repealing of Section 59 of the Garfield Heights Charter relating to traffic law photo-monitoring devices, and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to provide for said amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio that:

SECTION 1. Section 59 of the Garfield Heights Charter relating to traffic photo-monitoring devices shall be repealed in its entirety:

~~59-1. —The City, including its various Boards, agencies and departments, shall not use any traffic law photo-monitoring device for the enforcement of a qualified traffic law violation, unless a law enforcement officer is present at the location of the device and personally issues the ticket to the alleged violator at the time and location of the violation.~~

~~59-2. —Definitions. As used in this Section 59:~~

~~a.) "Law enforcement officer" means any law enforcement officer employed by the City or any other political jurisdiction in Ohio, including the State. The City may from time to time and in its discretion, by ordinance or resolution, designate which City employees are "law enforcement officers" for purposes of this Section 59.~~

~~b.) "Qualified law traffic violation" means a violation of any of the following: (1) any state or local law relating to complying with a traffic control signal or railroad crossing sign or signal; or (2) any state or local law limiting the speed of a motor vehicle.~~

~~c.) "Ticket" means any traffic ticket, citation, summons, or other notice of liability (whether civil or criminal) issued in response to an alleged qualified traffic law violation detected by a traffic law photo-monitoring device.~~

~~d.) "Traffic law photo-monitoring device" means an electronic system consisting of a photographic, video, or electronic camera and a means of sensing the presence of a motor vehicle that automatically produces photographs, videotape, or digital images of the vehicle, its license plate or its operator.~~

~~59-3. —Any ordinance enacted prior to the passage of this Amendment that contravenes any of the foregoing is void. After the enactment of this Amendment, the City shall not enact or enforce any ordinance that contravenes any of the foregoing. In the event that any provision of this Section 59 is found to be unconstitutional or impermissibly in conflict with state or federal law, only such provision found to be unconstitutional or impermissible will be stricken, and the remainder of this Section 59 will remain in full force and effect.~~

SECTION 2. The proposed amendment to Section 59 of the Garfield Heights Charter shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electorate of the City of Garfield Heights at an election to be held November 8, 2022 during the regular hours of voting permitted as prescribed by law, where a majority affirmative vote is required for passage.

SECTION 3. The Law Director is hereby directed to transmit by certified mail a certified copy of this Ordinance and the following ballot language to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, c/o the Director's Office, located at 2925 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115 and/or to hand-deliver the same to the Issues Department located on the Third Floor of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections and obtain a written and dated receipt therefore and he is further directed to make the necessary arrangements with the Board of Elections, Cuyahoga County, for giving notice of the proposed amendment of the municipal Charter and for compliance with other regulations including but not limited to appropriate ballot language in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code.

PROPOSED BALLOT LANGUAGE

SHALL SECTION 59 OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS CHARTER, WHICH CURRENTLY PROHIBITS THE USE OF PHOTO-MONITORING TRAFFIC DEVICES, BE REPEALED?

YES _____ NO _____

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure for the best interest of the citizens of Garfield Heights and for the further reason that publication requirements of Ohio law pertaining to Charter amendments necessitates passage without undue delay, therefore this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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Three indicted for two separate carjackings in Independence and Rocky River; one in Garfield Heights still under investigation

A Cuyahoga County grand jury has returned an indictment charging Treveon Jones, 18, Jaahdarion Louis-Jones, 19, and Rayquan Bryant, 20, for two separate carjackings in Rocky River and Independence last month.

It is alleged that on Aug. 17, 2022, Treveon Jones and Jaahdarion Louis-Jones approached the victim, 49, after she parked her vehicle at a gas station near Center Ridge and Wagar rds., in Rocky River. Police say the suspects chased her, hit her in the head with a gun, kicked her multiple times, stole her purse containing her keys and wallet and then fled the scene in her vehicle. Rocky River Police Department responded to the scene. The victim was transported to a nearby hospital and was treated for her injuries.

On Aug. 18, 2022, Treveon Jones and Rayquan Bryant approached the victim, 62, while he was walking back to his car from a gas station near Brecksville and Rockside rds. in Independence, prosecutors said. The pair brandished AK-47s, verbally threatened the victim, stole his wallet and then fled in his vehicle, according to police, which responded to the scene.


Prosecutors said an investigation conducted by the Rocky River Police Department and Independence Police Department linked Treveon Jones, Jaahdarion Louis-Jones and Rayquan Bryant to the two incidents. The investigation remains ongoing.

Treveon Jones and Jaahdarion Louis-Jones were indicted on the following charges: Two counts of aggravated robbery, three counts of robbery, two counts of felonious assault, one count of grand theft, one count of improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle, one count of receiving stolen property

Treveon Jones and Rayquan Bryant were indicted on the following charges: One count of aggravated robbery, three counts of robbery, one count of felonious assault, one count of grand theft, one count of improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle, one count of receiving stolen property.

Jones, Louis-Jones and Bryant will be arraigned at the Cuyahoga County Justice Center at a later date.

Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to the location and arrest of Rayquan Bryant, who is still at large. Tipsters remain anonymous.



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Dog Swim ends pool season in Indy CLE City Council allocates ARPA funds



The annual Dog Swim in Independence on Saturday, Sept. 10, to end the outdoor pool season was a huge success, Mayor Gregory Kurtz reports in his Weekly Update. He said it was a beautiful afternoon and over 150 dogs and their owners participated. More than \$385 in donations was collected for the animal shelter.

Cleveland City Council held its regular meeting Monday night and passed numerous pieces of legislation to be funded by the American Rescue Plan Act for organizations primarily providing needed services. The legislation include resources for victims of domestic violence and rape, children's services, expanding high quality preschool, eviction prevention and more. They include:

- Dash Cams for every squad vehicle - \$2.3 million
- Dollars for COVID vaccine doses - \$300,000
- Journey Center for Safety and Healing for domestic violence services - \$1,750,000
- Canopy Child Advocacy Center - \$500,000
- Cleveland Rape Crisis Center - \$2.5 million
- Starting Point Early Childhood staff and Recovery Initiative - \$2,668,750
- Starting Point Early Childhood Education Expansion Scholarships - \$1,888,750
- Right to Counsel for eviction defense - \$1 million

Additional American Rescue Plan Act funds will be allocated by Cleveland City Council at future sessions.

At its meeting Monday, council also passed a Black Women's Equal Pay Day resolution. The resolution noted that Black women have the highest labor force participation rate of all working women, but Black women are paid 58 cents for every dollar paid to white men and they face higher rates of poverty than their male counterparts.

Ward 7 Block Watch in Garfield Heights

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch, sponsored by Councilman Tom Vaughn, will meet Thursday, Sept. 29, at 7 p.m., at St. Monica Church's outdoor pavilion off Rockside Rd. Guest speaker will be Judge Deborah Nicastro. All are welcome. For more information call Gail, 216-662-9213.

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