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From the Mayor's Desk

By Maple Heights Mayor
Annette Blackwell



Happy New Year!

The city of Maple Heights is rich in educational, cultural and religious traditions. An inner-ring suburb, Maple Heights is a community where residents enjoy the friendliness and concern typical of small-town living, yet experience conveniences usually only found in larger metropolitan cities.

Maple Heights has faced several challenges in the past decade. However, City Council members, our dedicated safety services and city employees and I have taken great pride in maintaining and revitalizing our community, engaging and welcoming dialogue with our stakeholders, focusing on delivering excellent city services, ensuring the city government is proactive and responsive, all while supporting a financially stable city government.

In October 2022, Maple Heights received the State of Ohio Auditor's most prestigious award, the Clean Audit Award. Only the top 10% of organizations receive this honor and with more than 6,000 audits performed, the city was recognized as being one of the State of Ohio's most responsible partners.

Our city is growing. The 2020 Census counted a population of 23,701; our population has grown close to approximately 0.25% every year since 2010 and our residents are young people, the median age being 42-years-old. Therefore, our future must include good amenities which are all the conveniences of urban living, open and public spaces, great citywide connectivity/broadband, more diverse modes of transportation and cleaner air.

Real estate values went up all over Cuyahoga County. However, residential properties in Maple Heights saw a 29% increase in value. This increase was the highest in the entire county. Also quite significant, in 2021, over \$12.7M in both commercial and residential investment was completed.

Maple Heights is still viewed for first-time homeowners as a city of opportunity. Our housing stock was rated a "B" in a housing survey and it is affordable, access is easy as we border several highways, we are minutes away from two major hospital health systems, we have neighborhood schools, a diverse number of churches and places of worship and good local employers including some national companies.

Please check our website regularly for more updates and follow us on social media, on Facebook: City of Maple Heights, Ohio; Instagram: @citymaplehts; Twitter: @citymaplehts; and LinkedIn: The City of Maple Heights.

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G.H. Council passes pay increase for non-union city workers; creates position of Chief of Staff

At a special meeting of Garfield Heights Council on Wednesday, Dec. 28, a 2.25% pay increase for full-time and part-time active non-union employees, except seasonal, was passed, along with the creation of the position of Chief of Staff in the Executive Department, and appointment of Jeff Jerome to fill the position in the office of Mayor Matt Burke.

The same legislation that created the Chief of Staff position also created the position of Transportation/Activities Coordinator in the Senior Center; removed the position of Activities Coordinator in the Senior Center; and increased the number of police prosecutors from one to two.

Other legislation passed included:

- Entering into an agreement with Charter Communications, dba Spectrum Enterprise to provide internet service to all municipal buildings in the city, for a total cost not to exceed \$46,000 for a period of three years.
- Making appropriations for current expenditures for the city in 2023.
- Accepting grant funding from the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging for 2023 for congregate and home-delivered meals for the Senior Center.
- Ratifying an appointment by the mayor of Joseph Maimone as a member of the Planning Commission of the city during the period beginning Jan. 1, 2023, and ending Dec. 31, 2028.

Woman dies as vehicle crashes into her apartment

A woman died after being hit by a vehicle inside her Maple Heights apartment on Thursday, Dec. 22, about 2 p.m.

On that day Maple Heights officers responded to 5080 Lee Rd., for a report of a vehicle into an apartment building. Upon arrival officers found the female victim that had been struck by the vehicle while she was inside her apartment. She died from the injuries she sustained. The driver of the vehicle was transported to MetroHealth Medical Center for treatment.

The cause of the crash is being investigated. There were no other major injuries reported but the building sustained significant damage. Firefighters from Maple Heights and numerous surrounding fire departments, along with the East Side Technical Heavy Rescue Team assisted with securing the apartment building.

The Maple Heights Police Department and the Southeast Area Law Enforcement Accident Investigation Unit are handling the investigation.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Maple Heights Police Detective Bureau: 216-587-9624 or detectives@mhpd-ohio.com. Information can also be supplied to Crime Stoppers.

Up to \$5000 reward offered for information in murder of Ronnie Briggs

On Sept. 25, 2022, Ronnie Briggs was shot and killed outside the Showcase Bar and Grill in Garfield Heights, while he was assisting with a crowd at the front door. No arrests have been made in his murder.

The Garfield Heights Police Department is attempting to identify the two people pictured in this photograph. If you have any information, please call Crime Stoppers at 216-252-7463. Tipsters remain anonymous.

You may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$5000 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the person(s) responsible for this crime.



Help police identify these two people. Call Crime Stoppers with information.

Maple Heights Council OKs 4.5% raises for city employees, \$41.4 million budget for year 2023

By Judith Goldsworth

Maple Heights Council passed legislation at its last meeting of 2022 to give city employees a 4.5% raise, the largest in several years, effective Jan. 1, 2023, and also approved the city's 2023 budget in the amount of \$41.4 million.

Two ordinances to enact the raises were passed: One to fix the salary and wage schedule for non-bargaining unit city employees, including the police and fire chiefs, other departmental heads and numerous other city employees, and providing a high deductible Health Insurance Plan with a Healthcare Savings Account; the other authorizing Mayor Annette Blackwell to enter into agreements with the representatives of the city's Bargaining Unit Employees, also beginning this year.

The original plan was for 2% raises, however, Blackwell and council recommended that the raises be increased to 4.5%, according to the legislation.

"I understand that it (a raise) was 10 years for some employees; I heard for some it was 12 years," Mayor Blackwell said. "I am not sure how many employees would stay in a job without a raise for 12 years."

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Community Police reports

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

CLEVELAND

Stabbing

On Dec. 21, at 8:46 a.m., a felonious assault stabbing took place at E. 65 St. and Gertrude Ave., with a 36-year-old male the victim of multiple stab wounds. He was taken by EMS to MetroHealth Medical Center in critical condition.

Foreign Agency Pursuit

On Jan. 2, at 10:14 a.m., Broadway Exit/I-490 chase. Independence PD in pursuit of a vehicle that then crashed into a pole at Rockefeller/I-490W. Suspect fled on foot.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS

Breaking & Entering

•On Dec. 26, at 12:21 p.m., officers were dispatched to

a home in the 12600 block of Thornhurst Ave., for a report of a break-in. The complainant said that while moving into the Thornhurst Ave. home, she saw that a door had been kicked in from the outside. She found the furnace in the basement had been completely removed from the home, although none of her personal belongings appeared to have been taken.

•On Dec. 27, at about 12:46 p.m., police were called to a home in the 12700 block of Christine Ave., for a breaking and entering report. The complainant said when he arrived at the home about an hour earlier, he saw a screen door was bent and the deadbolt to the side door was unlocked. He proceeded down to the basement and noticed the furnace had been torn apart and the hot water tank and copper piping had been cut off.

Traffic Offense – Fleeing

On Dec. 16, shortly before 6 a.m., a female flagged down an officer who was parked in the Fire Station #1 parking lot and stated that two people were sleeping in a dark-colored Volkswagen SUV across the street at the Speedway gas station. The man and woman inside the car told the officer they were okay. While speaking with them, the officer saw a silver handgun inside the car in plain view. He asked what that was, and the male said it was a fake. The suspect reached for the weapon, and the officer drew his gun and ordered the suspect from the car, upon which

the suspect put the car in drive and took off at a high rate of speed. A pursuit was initiated, but later called off. The suspect vehicle reached speeds of 75 mph in a 35 mph zone and the driver ran several red lights, went into oncoming traffic and nearly lost control of the vehicle causing an accident. A short time later Maple Heights police reached out stating they had recovered the vehicle and the two occupants were detained. Garfield Heights police arrived on scene at Friend Ave. near Lee Rd. Maple Heights police said the female suspect was in possession of possible crack cocaine, ICE, oxycodone and several random blue and white pills. Two guns were found in the vehicle. Both suspects were taken to the Garfield Heights jail and booked. The male suspect will be charged with fleeing and eluding, improper handling in a motor vehicle and having weapons under disability. The female suspect will be charged with obstructing official business and possession of drugs. Report forwarded to Detective Bureau for follow-up.

Felonious Assault

On Dec. 27, at about 10:31 a.m., GHPD responded to the area of the 13600 block of Christine Ave., for a report of a male who had been shot. Police located the 17-year-old male inside a parked vehicle. He was conscious and appeared to have been shot in the upper back. Paramedics immediately began treatment and transported the teen

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from the City of Maple Heights

Mayor Annette M. Blackwell

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NOTICE OF BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING

The Village of Newburgh Heights Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 6:30pm in the Village Hall Council Chambers located at 3801 Harvard Ave. in Newburgh Heights.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Election of Board Chair
- IV. Application for proposed 4 Car Garage (PPN: 511-12-088 and 511-12-089)
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Discussion/Action on Application
- VII. Adjournment

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In accordance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, and Chapter 208 of the Administrative Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Maple Heights, Notice is hereby given for the **2023 Public Meetings Schedule for the City of Maple Heights, Ohio.**

The Council of the City of Maple Heights, Ohio shall meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 pm (with Caucus Meeting starting at 6:30 pm) at the Maple Heights Senior Center located at 15901 Libby Road, Maple Heights, Ohio. Council may amend their regular meeting schedule during the summer months. A regular meeting that falls on a holiday shall be held on the day following the legal holiday. The Mayor, President of Council or any three (3) members of Council may call a Special Meeting of Council upon written notice served at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time fixed for such meeting, except in the case of a public emergency. Any such request for a Special Meeting shall state the specific subject(s) to be considered at the meeting and no other subject(s) shall be discussed. Nothing in this section shall prohibit, limit or restrict the right of Council or any of the other public bodies to cancel or reschedule any scheduled meeting or to adopt, in accordance with law, a different schedule of meetings at any time during the remainder of the year.

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Maple Heights, Ohio shall meet on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm (with Caucus Meeting at 6:00 pm) in the Maple Heights City Hall Council Chambers, Second Floor, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio. If the need arises, the Building Commissioner may call a second meeting during the month on the fourth Monday of said month with proper notice.

Leonette Cicirella Johnson
Clerk of Council
City of Maple Heights

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Bedford (Bedford Heights/Oakwood Village) Branch Library

Here are some of the **FREE** programs coming up in January at the Bedford Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, located at 70 Columbus Rd., Bedford, Ohio 44146. For more information, or to register for any program, please call 440-439-4997.

Kids Café -18 & younger

Monday-Friday, 3-4 p.m.

Kids ages 18 and under can get a FREE lunch provided by the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, while supplies last.

Student Success Center -K-8th grade

Monday-Thursday (school days) 4-6:30 p.m.

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Family Storytime -All ages with caregiver

Monday, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for stories, songs and fingerplays. **MUST REGISTER**

Nursery Rhymes at Noon

Tuesday, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 12 p.m.

Join us each week for stories, rhymes and activities as we add pages to our nursery rhyme book and make a related craft! This program is in person and virtual. **MUST REGISTER**

Teen Tuesday -Grades 6-12

Tuesday, Jan. 10, 3:30 p.m.

Join us afterschool for fun activities for teens! **MUST REGISTER**

Finger Knitting -Children

Tuesday, Jan. 10, 5:30 p.m.

When the weather outside is frightful it's helpful to make

something delightful! Join the Bedford children's librarians as we show you how to finger knit cozy creations! Yarn will be provided. **MUST REGISTER**

Ellenwood Book Discussion: "Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive" -for Adults

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2 p.m.

Venue: Ellenwood Center - 124 Ellenwood Ave., Bedford, OH 44146

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Maple Hts. Council OKs 4.5% raise for city employees

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Blackwell said that she and other administration officials looked at what the police and firefighters and service department workers were making and saw that it was “not enough money for this type of job.” The city was also able “to acquire... the best insurance around to retain our employees,” she added.

The mayor and Finance Director Tinita Tillman thanked council for its approval of the legislation, followed by a round of applause at the meeting.

Tillman also thanked council for approving the 2023 budget which will be used to make appropriations for expenses and expenditures for the city this year.

Also passed at last month’s meeting were the following:

- Advancing an amount not to exceed \$95,000 from the General Fund to the Community Oriented Policing Services Grant Fund to pay expenses related to police salaries and benefits, pending reimbursement through a grant awarded to Maple Heights by the US Department of Justice.

- Advancing an amount not to exceed \$58,500 from the General Fund to the Federal Emergency Management Agency Fire Grant Fund to pay expenses related to fire equipment, pending reimbursement through a grant awarded to the city by FEMA.

- Advancing an amount not to exceed \$5,000 from the General Fund to the EMS Grant Fund to pay expenses related to EMS supplies, pending reimbursement through a grant awarded to the city by the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

- Authorizing Engineer Ed Hren to begin preparing plans and specifications and to advertise for bids for the Dunham Road Service Yard security fence.

- Authorizing a third amendment to the city’s agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the Safe Routes to School infrastructure project, as ODOT has requested that the eligible federal funding be increased from \$200,000 to \$220,000. The original agreement

provided for enhancement of sidewalks and crossings along main roads to city schools, along Dunham Road from Turney to Rockside Road. The amended agreement will provide for additional enhancement of sidewalks and crossings along the main roads to schools, along Glenwood Ave., from Turney Rd. to Ramage Ave.

Announcements

The new elevator at City Hall is now in operation, Service Director Tony Ciresi announced during the meeting.

Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas said that firefighters had responded to fires on Reddington Ave. on Dec. 15, now under investigation by the State Fire Marshal’s Office, and Dalewood Ave. on Dec. 19, along with responding to a house struck by a vehicle on Maple Heights Blvd. on Dec. 17. The Maple Heights Fire Department also provided mutual aid to firefighters at incidents in Bedford, Bedford Heights and Garfield Heights in December.

Police Chief Todd Hansen said that the recent “Shop With A Cop” event was “hugely successful” in helping 20 kids in the community.

District 4 Councilwoman Dana Anderson announced that she and District 6 Councilman Richard Trojanski will be hosting another free Coat Giveaway at Castle High School, 5130 Warrensville Center Rd., on Saturday, Jan. 7, from 10 a.m.-noon. All are welcome.

Community Forum

Join fellow residents of Bedford, Bedford Heights, Oakwood and Walton Hills for a Community Forum with State Board of Education member Tom Jackson on Wednesday, Jan 25, from 7-8:30 p.m., at the Bedford Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 70 Columbus Rd., Bedford.

Jackson was elected a member of the state board from the 10th District, which includes the Bedford City School District. The forum is being sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Greater Cleveland, Southeast Chapter.

Community Police Reports

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to MetroHealth Medical Center. GHPD issued a news release later that day which said the victim was still undergoing medical care at Metro, and that all aspects of the shooting, including motivation, were still under investigation.

Obstructing Official Business

On Dec. 29, at 8:19 p.m., police were dispatched to the 12400 block of Darlington Rd., for a report of a vehicle on fire. Multiple flames were coming from under the hood, and police closed off the roadway until GHFD responded and put the fire out. The driver said he was driving the vehicle when he started to smell smoke. He parked the car and when he got out the vehicle became engulfed in flames. The driver refused to provide officers with identification, as did another male who tried to intervene when officers attempted to take the driver into custody. Both the driver and the other male were transported to Garfield Heights jail, with both men booked on obstructing official business charges.

Disorderly Conduct

On Dec. 23, at about 9 p.m., officers were dispatched to Bonkers Cafe, 5147 Turney Rd., during blizzard-like conditions for an active bar fight. On arrival they saw a male and two females fighting outside on the front patio. Officers ordered them to stop and separate and they immediately went back into the bar and resumed fighting. A bar manager said there had been about 10 people fighting but these were the main three. The male suspect was transported to Marymount Hospital where he was cited for disorderly conduct and released. One of the females was taken to Garfield Heights jail and cited for disorderly conduct and released. A positive ID was not able to be obtained on the second female. This case will be heard in Garfield Heights Municipal Court.

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LIBRARY SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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Join us for a lively and thoughtful discussion of "Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive" by Stephanie Land.

VolunTEENS -Grades 6-12

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 7 p.m.

Have fun, make friends, and earn volunteer hours while helping others in your community. **MUST REGISTER**

Introduction to Crystals: Rocks or Magic? -Adults

Saturday, Jan. 14, 11 a.m.

Is there really something special about crystals? Other than some are just stunning to the eye and look beautiful in jewelry? Some people believe they have powers or special properties. Come see for yourself if there is any science to this mystery. Go more in depth on their uniqueness and gain insight on their uses. This event is virtual. A link will be sent to your email 1 hour before start of program. **MUST REGISTER**

Chapter Book Champs

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 6:30 p.m.

Whether you finished the book or not, join us for activities and a book discussion based on the following book: January 18th - "Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief" by Rick Riordan.

Registration will close one week before the program. If you want to attend after registration closes, please call the Bedford Branch at 440-439-4997. **MUST REGISTER**

iPhone 101 -Adults

Saturday, Jan. 21, 10 a.m.

Your iPhone is a state-of-the-art, versatile device that can make calls, send texts, browse the web, take photos and so much more. Learn the basics, as well as some of the lesser-known built-in features that can make organizing your life a little easier. **MUST REGISTER**

American Girl Adventures -2nd through 4th Grade
Saturday, Jan. 21, 2 p.m.

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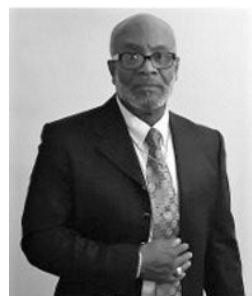
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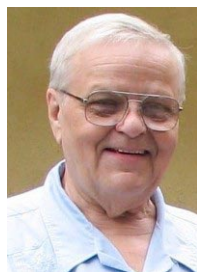
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JOSEPH A. KOCAB

Joseph Anthony Kocab passed away peacefully on Saturday, Dec. 17. He was 90-years-old.

Joe was predeceased by his parents, Joseph and Antoinette, his brother Norbert, his nephew Joe, and life companion Georgia Jencik. He is survived by his nieces, Anita Schafer, Patricia

(Stu) Godfrey, Joanna (Ron) White and Dianne Kocab, many great-nieces and nephews, and several godchildren.

Joe was a proud graduate of Benedictine High School. He received his B.A. in zoology and his master's degree in educational administration from Ohio University.

He was a teacher and department head at John Adams High School in Cleveland from 1955-65 and served there as assistant principal in 1967. He was also assistant principal at Rawlings Junior High and South High schools from 1969-85.

Joe was the co-founder, along with Vaclav Hyvnar, of the Czech Voice of Cleveland, a radio program which he

hosted for 49 years. He was also the secretary of Ceska Sin Karlin for more than 45 years. He was a past president of the Czech Catholic Union, a past president of the Saint Joseph Society #156, a member of the Knights of St. John and of St. John's Men's Club, and a member of Sokol Greater Cleveland for more than 50 years.

Joe was an educator, friend and mentor, whose reputation was built and maintained with a singular focus on service. He had a lifelong commitment to advancing the Czech heritage and community. Family and friends are welcome on Friday, Jan. 6, 2023 from 4-7 p.m., at St. John Nepomucene Church, E. 50 St. & Fleet Ave., where Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023 at 11 a.m. Private interment. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations may be made in Joe's memory to Benedictine High School Scholarship Fund, St. John Nepomucene Church, Our Lady of Lourdes Church or Sokol Greater Cleveland/Bohemian National Hall. Arrangements by Bican Bros. Funeral Home.

Mayor Annette Blackwell, in acknowledgment of this achievement, presented Dan Dowd with a Key to the City.

In congratulating him, the mayor praised Dowd saying, "A full half-century for Dowd Auto & Marine Supply operations in Maple Heights proves clearly that your family's livelihood has impacted and heartened multiple generations of city residents.

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