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Retired officer joins auxiliary Family of man killed in police chase continues to seek answers at Maple Hts. Council meeting



Garfield Heights Police Officer Matt Krejci, at right, retired after 25 years of service to the GHPD, then returned recently to be sworn in by Mayor Matt Burke, at left, as a new Garfield Heights Police Auxiliary officer. The GHPD Facebook page extended its congratulations to Krejci and welcomed him back.

By Judith Goldsworth

Showing a large photo of Datwuan Catchings lying in his casket to Mayor Annette Blackwell and Maple Heights Council members, a man who identified himself as a cousin of the deceased Cleveland man, who was killed by a Maple Heights police officer last May, appeared with other family members at the council meeting last week to speak about their ongoing pain while they continue to seek answers and closure on the death.

The cousin and other members of Catchings' family made their third appearance in as many months at a council meeting to speak on the death of Catchings, 22, who was shot in the back by Officer Terrance Duncan following a car chase from Maple Heights into the E. 93-Buckeye area of Cleveland in the early morning hours of Monday, May 30.

As confirmed by Blackwell and Law Director Frank Consolo, the Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Investigation is still in the process of investigating the Memorial Day incident, during which Maple Heights police chased the vehicle Catchings was traveling in because he was suspected of being involved in a drive-by shooting earlier that same day in Maple Heights.

In the aftermath of the shooting, family members continue to question why Duncan was hired in the first place by the Maple Heights Police Department in early 2022.

They and their lawyer, Stan Jackson, who appeared at a December meeting, have alleged that Duncan did not make it through a probationary period with the Brooklyn Police Department due to his performance and was asked to resign.

Consolo confirmed at a November council meeting that Duncan was placed on administrative leave immediately following the May shooting, and after a period of time was brought back to the Maple Heights police station. Following additional training, Consolo

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Bedford approves sale of land in Tinkers Creek Commerce Park, gives OK to more safety cameras

By Judith Goldsworth

Bedford Council, at its meeting last week, approved legislation to sell roughly 27 acres of land in the Egbert Road area of the city for \$1.4 million to Liberty Development Company, and also approved an ordinance to buy 16 cameras from Flock Services to enhance safety in the city and bordering communities.

The sale of the parcel at 200 Hemisphere Way, in what is also known as Tinkers Creek Commerce Park, is another step in the development of the long-vacant land, which will benefit the surrounding area in terms of increased property values, as well as the city in terms of more income tax revenue with jobs creation, city officials have stated at other council meetings.

The city had acquired the property in a previous transaction with the assistance of Cuyahoga County and was now selling it to Liberty, based in Westlake, for future development, City Manager Mike Mallis stated.

"As the public knows, we've been working on Tinkers Creek for many years now, and last year the city took ownership of that property in various agreements with Cuyahoga County," Mallis said.

He said the next step will be to work with Liberty, as well as the Cuyahoga County Land Bank, which acts as the city's Community Improvement Corporation, to finalize the purchase agreement and execute it.

Council passed another piece of legislation authorizing a contract with Intertek PSI for professional geotechnical services at the commerce park, at a cost of \$17,500. The city will be reimbursed 100% of the cost of the testing, per the terms of the purchase contract with Liberty Development that was authorized at last week's meeting.

Mallis explained, "There is close to 30 acres total in that park, and we sold five acres last year to Art of Beauty, (a cosmetic manufacturing company), and now we're looking at this remaining acreage and future development. This will help identify areas for the future and to address any concerns regarding... the businesses that would be going in there."

He said that Intertek will be performing 30 separate boring samples on two specific sites on the property that is being anticipated for future development.

Camera purchase given green light

Council approved a contract with Flock Services to install and utilize 16 cameras in the city, at a cost of \$45,000, to enhance safety and security in Bedford, with Mallis emphasizing that these are not intended for traffic enforcement to issue citations to speeders.

The cameras are intended for automatic license plate detection and may be used "to create, view, search and archive footage and receive notifications... solely for the awareness, prevention and

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NN 'Freebies' offered

The Neighborhood News has free tickets to raffle off for The Great Big Home + Garden Show running Feb. 3-12, at the I-X Center.

Just stop in to The Neighborhood News office, 8613 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Heights, during regular business hours and enter to win. Deadline to enter the raffle is Wednesday, Feb. 1.

Garfield Hts. Council news

Garfield Heights Council, at its regular Monday night meeting, passed to a third reading an ordinance to raise the salary of council members to \$18,000 per year, effective Nov. 13, 2023, the first day of the next council term.

Council members currently receive \$15,125 per annum with no raise in pay since 2007. The legislation will again be considered for a final reading at the next regular meeting of council.

Passed at the meeting was an emergency ordinance authorizing the city engineer to prepare plans and specifications and go out for competitive bids for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Sewer Separation Project and authorizing payment of costs through funding by the NEORSO MCIP.

Also okayed was an ordinance to enter into an agreement with N2NET to provide internet services to all municipal buildings located in the city.

Survey open another week

Garfield Heights residents have another week to provide input regarding the future of the city's recreational properties by taking a survey at: <https://ohmplanning.typeform.com/to/lscMdnHn>.

It can also be accessed from the city's website: www.garfieldhts.org

Family of man killed in police chase continues to seek answers at M.H. meeting

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has stated that Duncan was placed back on full duty in September 2022.

Family speaks

During the Hearing of Citizens portion of last week's meeting, Catchings' cousin displayed numerous photos he had taken of Datwuan, throughout various stages of the man's life.

A woman who identified herself as Datwuan's aunt also spoke at the meeting, stating, "We don't want to keep coming out here, but there are no answers... Datwuan would have been celebrating his 23rd birthday and right now it's hard. It's been almost a year since this incident happened."

She added, "Right now, I'm speaking for the Catchings family. Give us some comfort, would you please? Give us some comfort, because we're hurting. It's been almost a year, and it's still an open investigation. This is ongoing, and the whole time we're hurting. Let us get some rest."

"I understand that you're hurting, and closure is coming," Blackwell said, responding to the family's statements. "It's a long process, and we, too, are waiting for this investigation to get turned over. There are a lot of investigators involved."

Consolo said, "The city has never investigated itself, and we are involved with the city of Cleveland, which took the lead on the investigation, which went through the Homicide Unit and their Professional Standards Unit. They collected all the data, and they did investigate, then it was handed over to the State of Ohio Attorney General's Office, and it has been there for quite some time."

Consolo stated to the Catchings family, "We share in your frustration for the lack of closure. We have none, either. We are not kept in the loop on anything, and we don't know, other than what we were told a week or two ago, that a grand jury will hear the facts, sometime in this month of January."

Legislation passed

- Ordinance waiving the 100% escrow requirement to correct violations resulting from point of sale inspections from Jan. 1, 2023, through Dec. 31, 2023. Participants are required to sign an affidavit that they will reside in the property as their primary residence for two years, upon issuance of an Occupancy Permit by the city.

- Resolution approving the 2023 Exterior Home Repair Grant Program, and authorizing Blackwell to award funding to eligible applicants.

- Resolution authorizing City Engineer Ed Hren to begin preparing plans and specifications and to advertise for bids for the City Hall Grading, Drainage and Landscaping Project, with a preliminary construction cost estimate in the \$25,000 to the \$30,000 range.

- A final resolution requesting the Ohio Department of Transportation to proceed with the Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Project, to be constructed on Glenwood Dr., between Turney Rd. and Ramage Ave.

Announcements

Human Services Director Linda Vopat announced that on Tuesday, Jan. 31, the Department of Human Services will host a presentation on recycling at 10:30 a.m., at the Senior Center, 15901 Libby Rd.

Vopat also announced that additional Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits that were provided by the federal government during the COVID-19 pandemic will be discontinued in the coming months. The city continues to offer its Mobile Farmers Market and the Maple Heights Food Pantry at 17100 Broadway Ave., to assist residents, she stated.

Letters to the Editor

Seeks records on stadium

In response to the Garfield Heights City School District coming to the voters for a multimillion dollar athletic facility and school to be funded by levy/bond issues, I submitted a public records request on Dec. 16, 2022.

My request was for all maintenance activities performed on the football facility in the last 36 months along with the cost of these activities. Eventually I received response by email from the treasurer. It stated, "We do not keep records in a manner that breaks out maintenance costs specifically related to the football field." A later response was also received: "Our records are not kept that specific."

I find these responses unacceptable; how will records be kept when a new facility is potentially built?

Additionally, in a time of economic uncertainty, I have concerns that not all residents can afford the increase the district will ask for and it will have a negative impact on some of them. For example, will it affect some putting food on the table? Will it affect people being able to afford medications they need? Will the district ask for more money for cost overruns or rising costs due to supply chain issues?

To me, there is a bigger issue that has not been addressed by our board and district. That issue is the dismal rating of our district. A once reputable and proud district is as low as it can go in the state rankings. In the report many neighboring communities are rated much higher than the Garfield Heights City School District. Why is that? What are other districts doing that makes them more successful? What is our plan for improvement?

Respectfully,

Jason Blake, Garfield Heights

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The successful contractor will be required to register as a contractor with the Maple Heights Building Department.

RFP's are to be submitted in sealed envelopes marked, "2023 GRASS NUISANCE ABATEMENT SERVICES."

Joseph Duffy
 Planning and Development Director
 City of Maple Heights

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CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO
List of Meetings for February 2023

Monday, February 6, 2023	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 7, 2023	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 8, 2023	Southeast Area Law Enforcement (SEALE) Board of Trustees Meeting (if needed) Work Session - 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting - 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 21, 2023	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Council Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 22, 2023	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 28, 2023	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, <https://bedfordoh.primegov.com/public/portal/>, to leave a comment about an agenda item, please visit <https://bedfordspeaks.org/> or call Tracy M. Simons, Clerk of Council, at 440-735-6510.

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Community Police reports

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Cleveland

Homicide Investigation

On Jan. 19, at 5:22 p.m., police were dispatched to the 3500 block of Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, for a 38-year-old male with a stab wound to his chest. On arrival, EMS transported the victim to University Hospitals, where he was pronounced deceased. The suspect, a 42-year-old male, was taken into custody at a home in the 7300 block of Spafford Rd. in Slavic Village, without incident. Preliminary information indicates that the victim and suspect both reside at a sober house located on Spafford Rd., and that the suspect had been involved in a verbal argument with other residents at the house. The victim was with other residents of the house at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. location when the suspect approached him and stabbed him in the chest, then went back home to Spafford Rd. This matter remains under investigation.

Garfield Heights

Assault

On Jan. 12, at about 2:55 p.m., a patrolman responded to the GHPD station where a father and son met him to file an assault report. The son said he was assaulted that day while on the second floor at Garfield Heights High School by an unidentified male student who began punching him in the jaws with closed fists. The victim said the attack was unprovoked and that he has seen the

other student at school before but never spoke to him. A teacher held the student back from further assaulting the victim. Police were told the male is a student and has been suspended from school until further notice. The father stated he would drive his son to the ER for treatment.

Motor Vehicle Theft

•On Jan. 17, an officer took a report from a resident living in the 11200 block of Plymouth Ave., who said his silver 2019 Kia Forte had been stolen overnight from his driveway. He said this is the third time his car has been stolen since he purchased it one year ago. Vehicle entered into LEADS as stolen.

•On Jan. 17, a woman in the 4800 block of E. 94 St., told police that her 2018 Kia Optima had been stolen overnight from her driveway. She said she still has the car keys in her possession. Vehicle entered into LEADS as stolen.

•On Jan. 18, a woman in the 12900 block of Broadway Ave., reported her 2017 Kia Sorento had been stolen on Jan. 14, sometime after she parked the car in her rear driveway at 8 a.m. Vehicle entered into LEADS as stolen.

Burglary

On Jan. 16, at about 10:16 a.m., a patrolman was dispatched to a home in the 11500 block of Hempstead Rd., for a burglary report. The resident said he left his house at 8:30 a.m., that morning, and returned at about 10 a.m. He found a back door was open and the back window was pushed up and left open by unknown person(s). The complainant said they had been closed when he left the house. He reported \$15,650 in items missing including jewelry, Gucci belts, 25 pair of Air Jordans valued at \$250 each, leather coat, car radio, tv set and camera.

Traffic Offense – Fleeing

On Jan. 18, at 6:03 p.m., an officer observed a 2016 Kia Sorento fail to stop at the sign on E. 98 St., at Park

Heights. As the car turned onto Plymouth, the officer activated his lights and siren and pursued the car into Cleveland when it failed to stop. It traveled onto E. 93 St., then made a left turn onto Harvard Ave., where it struck a curb, causing damage to the right front tire. The vehicle began to smoke but it continued down Harvard until turning right onto E. 55 St. While traveling on E. 55 St., one of the car's tires blew and the Kia began to slow down. While the car was still running, the driver got out of the car and fled through yards towards Frazee Ave. The Kia struck a parked, unoccupied Volkswagen Beetle in the 4900 block of Frazee Ave., where it came to rest. The two female passengers in the Kia exited the car and were released on scene. Police searched for the Kia's driver but were unable to locate him. Warrant for failure to comply to be entered for the driver of the Kia, who was the brother of one of the female passengers. He was also cited for no driver's license, stop sign and red light violations.

Disturbance

On Jan. 17, at about 9:25 p.m., police were dispatched to the Wendy's restaurant at 5251 Turney Rd., for an active fight involving a gun. While an officer was inside detaining one of the male subjects, who was later issued a citation for disorderly conduct, other officers went to a white car parked next to the door that dispatch advised had a gun inside it. Standing outside the car was a man with blood stains on his shirt from the fight. He was put in the back of a police car, and officers retrieved the gun from the car. Two females involved in the fight continued to argue while a third female told police she had attempted to stop the fight.

Weapon Offense

On Jan. 18, at 10:27 p.m., police were dispatched to Oakview Blvd. near Turney Rd., for a report of a female attempting to run over a male with her Hyundai Sonata. A patrolman had detained the female prior to police

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Death Notice Policy



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Bedford OKs sale of land in Tinkers Creek Commerce Park

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prosecution of crime, bona fide investigations by police departments, and archiving for evidence gathering," according to the legislation.

The cameras approved in this ordinance will be installed at the entrances to the community, Mallis said, specifically in the Broadway-Rockside area, Rockside and Center Rd., Rockside and Northfield, Northfield and Forbes, Broadway and Forbes, and Turney and Lee.

More RITA legislation approved

Following council's passage of legislation at a special meeting in December, for Bedford to enter into a contract with the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) to administer and collect municipal income tax in the city, a resolution and two ordinances were passed at last week's meeting to further comply with the contract.

Council passed several other pieces of legislation at last week's meeting:

- Requesting the cooperation of Cuyahoga County for the resurfacing of Turney Rd., from the west corporation limit to West Grace St. The county will contribute 50% of the actual cost of construction and engineering determined to be eligible, up to a maximum of \$250,000. Anticipated construction cost for the project is \$702,185. Mallis said the project is scheduled for 2024.

- Contract with Senior Transportation Connection to continue providing transportation services to residents. Mallis said STC will offer expanded services to the community, and there will be a significant cost savings to the city due to a grant received to cover 50% of every trip provided.

- Purchase of a 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe from Ganley Chevrolet of Aurora for the police department, at a cost of \$43,645. Also approved was a contract with Hall Public Safety to outfit the Tahoe for use by the police department at a cost of \$18,879.47.

- Purchase of a Lucas Chest Compression System from Stryker EMS for the fire department, at a cost of \$14,388.72, to replace a system that is currently not operational.

- Application to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for a grant up to \$10,000 for the purchase of a leak detector and a pipe and cable locator for the water department in the amount of \$9,944.

- Authorizing Mallis to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the city of Brooklyn for the services of a building commissioner to oversee operations of the city's building department. The individual hired will be an employee of the city of Bedford, and any work performed for the city of Brooklyn will be billed to that city, Mallis said.

Announcements

Mallis announced that the Cleveland Metroparks will be conducting its deer management program in the Bedford Reservation from now through Thursday, March 16. Hours will vary. The park will be closed, and signs will be posted, he said.

He also said the city has been working with a contractor as well as Cuyahoga County regarding the replacement of the Union Street Bridge. He said this project may take place in 2024-2025, but no agreements have been finalized.

Cleveland City Council news

New bike lanes, other improvements passed for Superior, Lorain avenues

City Council held its regular meeting Monday night and passed legislation for the Superior Avenue Midway Bikeway Project. It entails construction of a separated bikeway and enhancements along the center of Superior Ave. from Public Square to E. 55 St., approximately 2.5 miles.

Council also approved the city's reconstruction plan for Lorain Ave., from W. 65 St. to W. 20 St., 1.8 miles. The improvements include new pavement, curb, walk and driveway aprons, upgraded catch basins, ADA compliant ramps at all locations, new water lines, traffic signal improvements and new pavement markings. A new separated bikeway will be installed next to the sidewalk with a buffer from car traffic.

Legislation introduced

Council introduced legislation, sponsored by Council President Blaine A. Griffin and Council members Kris Harsh, Charles Slife and Kevin Conwell, to use \$1.9 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding to buy medical debt. The purchase will erase nearly \$200 million of medical debt for approximately 48,800 city residents. Toledo passed similar legislation and Columbus is exploring something similar.

Council members Rebecca Maurer, Jasmin Santana and Richard Starr have signed on as co-sponsors. Others are expected to join.

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Pregnant with Possibilities moves center to Southgate



Shown above is Veranda Rogers, CEO of the Pregnant with Possibilities Resource Center, with a proclamation from Mayor Annette Blackwell recognizing the work of the organization.

Last Saturday the city of Maple Heights celebrated the grand opening of the new location for the Pregnant with Possibilities Resource Center, now located in the Southgate Shopping Center, Southgate Park Blvd.

Mayor Annette Blackwell presented a proclamation recognizing the work and mission of the organization.

Pregnant with Possibilities Resource Center provides sexual health education, perinatal support, tools and techniques that equip individuals to overcome barriers to give birth to their goals, according to its website: <https://www.pregnantwithpossibilities.com>. It notes its programs and services are research-based, reflect best practices, and are designed by black women for black teens and women who live in Cleveland and its southeast suburbs. All services are free and confidential.

Genealogical Society meets

The Cuyahoga Valley Genealogical Society will meet on Friday, Feb. 3, at 7 p.m., at the Independence Civic Center, Willow Room, 6353 Selig Blvd., Independence. Program will be: "The Family Tale Unfolds: Finding My French Forebears," presented by Jane Gramlich, CVGS Vice President and Program Chair.

Call President Bobbi Hamm, 330-225-0890, for more information.

Heidelberg Dean's List

Heidelberg University in Tiffin, OH, has announced the names of 387 students who have earned academic recognition on the Fall Semester Dean's List.

Included on that list are Natalie Joritz, a junior from Garfield Heights, and Ashton Lerz, a freshman from Independence.

G.H. Ward 7 Block Watch

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch, sponsored by Councilman Tom Vaughn, will meet Thursday, Jan. 26, at 7 p.m., in the St. Augustine Room of St. Benedict School, 13633 Rockside Rd. Nonperishable items for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry would be appreciated. All are welcome. For more information contact Gail, 216-662-9213.

Community Police Reports

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arrival. The male passenger inside the car told police that he had been with the female inside the car and an argument ensued. However, he said the female was not

trying to run him over despite tire tracks leading across several front lawns on scene. He told police he did not want to fill out a statement or have anything done about the incident. The female's information was run through LEADS and she was found to be driving under suspension, so Interstate was called for a tow. During the tow inventory, police observed a black semi-automatic handgun sitting on the passenger side front floorboard. The male passenger said the gun was his, and when asked by police, told them he was 20-years-old.

He was handcuffed and taken into custody. He was charged with F-4, improper handling of a firearm in a motor vehicle. The female was released on scene after being issued a citation for driving under suspension and on sidewalks/lawns.

Weapon Offense

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ADULTS

Asian Thought and Modern Understanding (3-week series) /Registration required

Many Asian philosophers maintain that everything is interconnected. Indeed, there is a unity behind the perceived multiplicity of life. Einstein's discoveries on the nature of the universe seem to confirm what ancient sages declared thousands of years ago: that space and time, matter and energy, form and emptiness are two expressions of the singular unity of the universe. How do Hinduism, Buddhism and Taoism translate to the 21st century? **Thursdays, Jan. 26, Feb. 2 and 9 / 7 p.m.**

February Book Discussions /No registration required

Please join us for a casual and lively book discussion of "The Four Winds" by Kristin Hannah. The books will be available approximately one month before the discussion date at the checkout desk. All are welcome! **Wednesday, Feb. 15 /7:15 p.m.; Thursday, Feb. 16 /2:15 p.m.**

Wicked CLE /Registration required

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TEENS

Game Day /Registration required

Grades 5-12: Gear up for some friendly competition at the library! Play video games and board games. **Tuesday, Feb. 7 /3 p.m.**

Book Talkers Tween Book Club /Registration required

Chat about your recent reading adventures with Ms. Dottie and Ms. Kathy. Group members can share books they've enjoyed and will walk away with some great book suggestions and a journal to take reading notes in! The group will help determine a book or books to be read for the following month. **Wednesday, Feb. 8 /3:15 p.m.**

You Can Uke! /Registration required

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Volunteens /Registration required

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Baby and Toddler Storytimes /No registration required

Birth - 35 months with caregiver. Join us for rhymes, songs, fingerplays and books. **Mondays/10 a.m.; Wednesdays /10 a.m.**

Family Storytime /No registration required

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Preschool Storytime /No registration required

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Smart Moves /Registration required

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Luminary Craft /Registration required

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