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FREE

One injured in Bedford shooting; police seek help locating possible suspects

A 14-year-old girl was hit by a stray bullet while inside the Bedford apartment where she lives on Lee Rd. South last Wednesday, and police are seeking help from anyone who has information on the following incident, as stated in a press release from the Maple Heights Police Department.

On Feb. 15, around 3:12 p.m., Maple Heights police responded to calls of shots being fired in the area of Woodbrook Ave. and Lee Road South. Bedford police also received calls of shots being fired nearby in the area of Corkhill Rd. and Lee Rd. South and responded to the area.

When officers arrived on scene, it was discovered that the teenage girl had been struck by gunfire while in her apartment in the 600 block of Lee Rd. South in Bedford. The bullet had come through an exterior wall of the apartment building. Maple Heights Detective Sergeant Robert T. Voll said the girl is okay and that her injuries were non-life threatening.

During the initial investigation it was discovered that two black males were outside of a black or dark-colored SUV, possibly a Toyota Rav4, stopped on Longvale Ave., when a red SUV drove past the males going eastbound. The males from the dark-colored SUV began shooting at the red SUV. The red SUV sped off north on Lee Rd. South, fleeing from the gunfire. Fired ammunition cases were located in the 15400 block of Longvale Ave. in Maple Heights.

The males from the dark-colored SUV got back into their vehicle and fled the area westbound towards Dunham Rd. The owner of the red SUV notified police of the damage to the vehicle, and none of the occupants of the red SUV were injured.

MHPD is looking for information on the occupants of the dark-colored SUV. Anyone knowing anything related to this case is urged to contact the Maple Heights Detective Bureau: 216-587-9624 or Detectives@mhp-dohio.com. Information can also be supplied to Crime Stoppers.

Jobs & Opportunities Fair tomorrow at G.H. Civic Ctr.

Maple Heights and Garfield Heights will present a Jobs & Opportunities Fair this Thursday, Feb. 23, from 4:30-6:30 p.m., at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. Be prepared - bring your resume!

Jobseekers can connect with employers ready to hire and training opportunities with All Pro Freight, Spectrum, city of Maple Heights, Cleveland Clinic, Cuyahoga Community College, First Federal Lakewood, Jennings Center, Minority Tech Alliance, ODOT, OverDrive, Inc., Signature Health, Village of Marymount and more.

The event is sponsored by Ohio Means Jobs, Cleveland and Cuyahoga County, both partners of American Job Center Network, and Cleveland Builds.

WATER MAIN WOES



A water main break near the border of Garfield Heights and Valley View last Thursday morning caused headaches for motorists at the intersection of Canal and Warner rd., as police closed part of each of the roadways because of high water issues. More headaches ensued as Warner Road hill was closed to traffic until yesterday afternoon because the integrity of the intersection at the base of the hill was compromised. As of press time, the curb lanes of the Warner and Canal intersection were not open. Photo by Elena Psenicka

Teamwork nabs fencing thieves at old S.V. Rite Aid

Thanks to an observant local resident and fast action by Cleveland Police, thieves were arrested stealing decorative fencing from the closed Rite Aid at 7109 Harvard Ave., in Slavic Village last Friday afternoon.

A resident who lives near the store witnessed thieves removing sections of the metal fencing along the Indiana Ave. side of the property on Friday afternoon and promptly called police, who responded quickly and arrested the criminals.

Special thanks to the 4th District Cleveland Police for their fast response and the resident who was not afraid to speak up.



Shown here are Cleveland police towing away a U-Haul trailer containing stolen fencing from the closed Rite Aid on Harvard Ave., in Slavic Village last Friday.

Maple Heights grads win Grammys as part of their college band album

Two Maple Heights City Schools 2021 graduates, Paulena and Lalena Young, and their bandmates won two Grammy Awards this month as a part of the Tennessee State University (TSU) Marching Band called The Aristocrat of Bands, under the direction of Dr. Reginald McDonald.

The TSU Marching Band recorded its winning album, "The Urban Hymnal," this past summer. The album won in the Best Gospel Roots category. They are the first college band to be nominated for a Grammy in this category and the first to win.



Grammy winners Paulena and Lalena Young

The other Grammy win came as a collaboration of the Aristocrat of Bands with artist J. Ivy's on "The Poet Who Sat By the Door," which won for the best spoken-word poetry album.

The TSU Marching Band has also been nominated for two NAACP image awards for outstanding gospel/Christian songs, and also performed in the Rose Parade last year.

Twins Paulena and Lalena received full-ride scholarships to TSU through a combination of academic and band scholarships. Paulena is a sophomore psychology major who plays the trombone. Lalena is a junior music education major who plays the trumpet. Both are members of the Tau Beta Sigma National Honorary Band Sorority. Their musical journey began in ninth grade at Maple Heights High School with Mr. Robert Baxter.

Lucas Funeral Home honors Garfield's own at special Black History Month program

Lucas Funeral Home in Garfield Heights is presenting a program featuring local Black history on Sunday, Feb. 26, from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Garfield Heights branch library, 5409 Turney Rd.

A special ceremony and video presentation will be held at 3 p.m., to honor Garfield Heights Schools Superintendent Dr. Richard D. Reynolds and Garfield Heights High School Coach Sonny Johnson. All are welcome to attend.

Win tickets to Sokol Gymnastic Exhibition!

The Neighborhood News has two free tickets to raffle off for the Sokol Greater Cleveland Gymnastic Exhibition on Saturday, Feb. 25, at 6 p.m., at the Garfield Heights Middle School gymnasium. 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. 22.

Maple Heights wrestlers win record 12th L.E.L. title

The Maple Heights High School wrestling team extended its own record by capturing the 12th consecutive Lake Erie League Tournament title on Saturday, Feb. 11, at home in historic Wylie Athletic Complex.

The Mustangs finished with 238.5 points to outdistance a strong Cleveland Heights squad which scored 198 points. Shaker Heights was third with 177 points. Shaw (133.5 points), Lorain (102 points), Bedford (99 points), Garfield Heights (56 points) and Warrensville Heights (39 points) rounded out the field.

The championship was Maple's 48th overall in both the

old Greater Cleveland Conference and the Lake Erie League since 1950.

Leading the way for Coach Jamie Milkovich's Mustangs were individual champions Derek Palmer (132 pounds), Vontez Tyus (138 pounds), Terry Murphy (144 pounds) and Kaden Pulley (175 pounds).

Finishing runner-up in their respective weight classes were Jade Weaver (106 pounds), Jayshawn Eggleton (113 pounds), Devin Leeson (120 pounds) and Kendal Matthews-Callum (150 pounds).

Other place winners included Markese Moss (3rd at 157 pounds), Keyvon Stewart (3rd at 165 pounds), Devin Jones (3rd at 190 pounds), Lee Scott (5th at 215 pounds) and Christian Allen (3rd at 285 pounds).

Blood donor opportunities

Independence

2/27/2023: 12 - 6 p.m., Independence Community Center, 6363 Selig Dr.

Schedule an appointment by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

All who come to give blood, platelets or plasma in February will get a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email, thanks to Amazon, and will automatically be entered to win a trip for two to Clearwater Beach, Florida.

Local Resource Fair to offer help with utility bills

The cities of Garfield Heights and Maple Heights have partnered to present a Utility Assistance Resource Fair on Saturday, March 4, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd.

This is an opportunity for residents to get help with their utility bills and other assistance from representatives from CHN Housing Partners, Community Housing Solutions, Cuyahoga County Job & Family Services, Step Forward, Cleveland Division of Water, Cleveland Public Power, Dominion Energy, FirstEnergy and the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District.

Participants should bring proof of household's total gross income, birth certificate(s), Driver's License or state ID, Social Security Card, lease agreement if renter, supplemental medical insurance, current electric, gas, water and sewer bills and copies of the above documentation for all members of your household.

Limited advanced registration will be accepted by calling 216-881-8247. Limited walk-ins only accepted from 11 a.m. to noon.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

By order of the Council of the City of Maple Heights, sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Agent, at Maple Heights City Hall, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio 44137, until 12:00 Noon, local time, on the **2nd day of March, 2023** for the "CITY HALL GRADING, DRAINAGE, & LANDSCAPING PROJECT" in the City of Maple Heights, Ohio, NO FAXED COPIES ACCEPTED.

The bid documents, specifications and drawings may be examined without charge online at www.cvelimited.plancycle.com. To become a Registered Bidder, documents, specifications and drawings must be purchased at either www.cvelimited.plancycle.com, SE Blueprint at 2035 Hamilton Avenue Cleveland, OH 44114 or SE Blueprint at 520 South Main Street, Suite 2411 Akron, OH 44311 at the cost of \$100.00 + tax and delivery which includes bid registration, one hard copy set of the bid package and one complete set of pdf files. Additional sets of bid documents can also be ordered online at www.cvelimited.plancycle.com or by emailing seblue@seblueprint.com, calling 216-241-2250 or visiting an SE Blueprint location.

Each bidder is required to furnish with its proposal, a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in accordance with Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. Bid security furnished in Bond form, shall be issued by a Surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety. Each bid must be made upon the Proposal Form provided in the set of specifications and must be accompanied by a bank check or cashier's check drawn on a solvent bank in Cuyahoga County in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount bid, or a bid bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the amount bid, as a guarantee that if said bid is accepted, a contract will be entered into and a Surety Bond satisfactory to said City in an amount equal to 100% of the total bid will be furnished. Checks shall be made payable to the City of Maple Heights, Ohio.

Each Proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. Each bidder must submit evidence of its experiences on projects of similar size and complexity.

Bids will be opened and read at the time and place stated above. Those who submitted Proposals or their representatives are invited to attend.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Cuyahoga County and the City of Maple Heights, Ohio, as determined by the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, Wage and Hour Division, (614) 644-2239.

The right is reserved to accept any bidder, to reject any or all bids, and to waive informalities should it be deemed to be in the best interests of the City of Maple Heights to do so.

Bids are to be submitted in accordance with the plans and specifications on file in the office of the Purchasing Agent. Sealed bids must be marked, "CITY HALL GRADING, DRAINAGE, & LANDSCAPING PROJECT"

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List of Meetings for March 2023

Monday, March 6, 2023	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 7, 2023	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 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.
Monday, March 20, 2023	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Council Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 21, 2023	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 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

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

Cleveland

Shooting into Habitation

On Feb. 11, at 1:16 a.m., in the 3700 block of E. 52 St., a male, age unknown, was shot once in both legs. A 22-year-old male was also shot in the right arm/abdomen/flank area. EMS transported both victims to MetroHealth Medical Center.

Shooting

On Feb. 15, at 11:35 p.m., at E. 54 St. and Orey Ave., a 16-year-old male was the victim of a gunshot wound to the back and was taken by EMS to Metro.

Garfield Heights

Traffic Offense - Fleeing

On Feb. 8, about 1:30 a.m., an officer was sent to assist other officers with a vehicle that had fled a traffic stop. Upon arrival, police had the driver of the vehicle in custody with the subject vehicle, a 2022 Volkswagen Atlas, coming to rest on the east side of the 12700 block of Willard Ave., after striking a pole on the ground. The passenger in the vehicle exited the car during a brief stop and was still at large in the area. The fleeing passenger was found by police and detained at the intersection of E. 128 St. and Oakpark. He did not give any information about the Volkswagen key police found on his person and only said that he had "beaten cases in Garfield before and that he will beat this one, too." The Volkswagen belongs to Ken Ganley Volkswagen in Bedford, although Bedford police said there were no cars reported stolen by the dealership at that time. The driver of the Volkswagen was arrested from this incident, and his passenger was conveyed to a relative's home on Oakpark where he would spend the night. It was determined he would not be charged for any of his involvement in the incident or his attempts to

conceal from police a bag of marijuana they had confiscated.

Found Property

On Feb. 16, at 7:49 a.m., police responded to Save-A-Lot on Turney Rd., for a report of a bag of ammunition found near the collection box in the parking lot. Officers found a white plastic bag containing 47 rounds of 9mm ammunition, 31 of them later found to be in good condition. Those were dropped off at the police shooting range.

Juveniles

On Feb. 16, at 4:17 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the Garfield Heights Library, 5409 Turney Rd., in reference to juveniles yelling and running inside the library. A short time later another call came in that the juveniles were physically fighting outside the library near Turney Rd. Nobody on scene was cooperative and would not give information regarding the physical altercation that possibly took place. Video surveillance is available from the library staff. Special attention requested to the area of Turney Rd., north and south, especially when school is being let out.

Homicide

On Feb. 18, at 8:26 p.m., a caller reported hearing about six gunshots in the area of the 4500 block of E. 126 St., and that an 18-year-old had been shot. A GHPD patrolman reported that an 18-year-old male had suffered gunshot wounds to the face and that a car had sped off. EMS was dispatched. The victim was pronounced deceased at 8:33 p.m. *(The information above was taken from the Garfield Heights Police Department Incident Report. Because this is an ongoing investigation, the Investigative Report Supplement providing details of the crime was not made available to the press.)*

Disorderly Conduct

On Feb. 19, at about 2:12 a.m., an officer witnessed several fights break out inside the Aura Bar, 4912 Turney Rd., and outside in the parking lot. Due to about 15

people involved in the fighting, the officer waited for backup. Although most of the fighting had stopped when additional police arrived, another fight had started in the Aura involving several females. Security guards inside yelled for the parties to get out, and about 15 females stumbled outside still arguing with each other. Officers ordered them to disperse and leave the area, but two of the females engaged in a fist fight and were pulling each others' hair. Officers had to pull apart the two women, but one of them continued to try and fight the other as the officer continued trying to pull her away. She was put in handcuffs and placed in the back of a patrol car, with a smell of alcoholic beverage emanating from her. She was arrested for an active traffic warrant with GHPD and cited for disorderly conduct.

Ash Wednesday Service

Garfield Heights United Methodist Church, 4977 Turney Rd., invites the community to a worship service on Ash Wednesday, February 22, at 7 p.m. Pastor Daniel Drew's message is entitled "Dying for New Life." The service will include a time of reflection, the ministration of ashes and Holy Communion. For information call 216-641-4919.

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ADULT PROGRAMS

Word 3 Learn about advanced formatting features available in Word. Wednesday, March 1, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Registration required.

Mobile Pantry Stop by for free, prepackaged shelf-stable food, provided in collaboration with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. Food is distributed on a first-come, first-served basis to adults of any age, zip code and income level. Wednesday, March 1, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Grow From Your Pain: 6 Steps to Self-Empowerment Join author Deante Young for a discussion on self discovery, acceptance of self and emotional evolution. There will be a Q&A and book signing at the end of the program. Wednesday, March 8, 7-8 p.m. Registration required.

Innovation Center Orientation Learn about the equipment and policies of the Innovation Centers throughout the Cuyahoga County Public Library. Attending this orientation allows users to utilize the Innovation Centers throughout the library system. Friday, March 10, 4-5 p.m., and Monday, March 20, 7-8 p.m. Registration required.

Tuesday Evening Book Discussion Join us for our monthly book discussion. This month's title is "Leave the

World Behind" by Rumaan Alam. Tuesday, March 21, 7-8 p.m. Registration required.

Spice Up Your Life Learn about spices and how to make your own Garam Masala spice blend at home. Wednesday, March 22, 4-5 p.m. Registration required.

CHILDREN and FAMILIES

Family Space Come play at the library! In addition to our regular play area, Family Space will feature additional toys and staff dedicated to connecting you to services you need. Intended for families with children 5 years and younger. Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m., and Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Family Advisory Committee We want your input! Families are welcome to join us to discuss and share ideas. Saturday, March 11, 10 a.m.

Acting Club Children in grades 3-5 can come participate in our new theatre club including theatre games, improvisation, storytelling and more! Saturdays, March 4, March 18, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Registration required.

K Ready Does your child want to work on kindergarten skills? Join us fun activities to build skills for kindergarten readiness. Wednesday, March 15, 6-7 p.m.

Bedford (Bedford Heights/Oakwood Village) Branch Library

Here are some of the **FREE** programs coming up in March 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. Since 2002, our **FREE** Student Success Center's program has helped thousands

of students in grades K-8 improve their grades and subject comprehension. Student Success Centers are available at 10 branches. Students who participate in the program receive homework assistance from trained tutors in the following subjects: language arts, math, reading, science, and social studies. **MUST REGISTER**

The Impact of the Great Migration on Cleveland - Adults, Saturday, March 4th, 11 a.m. Learn about the factors that influenced the Great Migration and its impact on Cleveland in the 20th century. One statistical portrait of Black Cleveland during the first wave of the Great Migration suggests that the population increased from 8,448 to more than 34,000 from 1910 to 1925. At the time, Blacks were concentrated on the city's east side, with many living in the Greater Cedar-Central Area. Learn more about the migration and its impact on the social, cultural, political and economic history of Cleveland. Presented by Dr. Regennia Williams, author and historian. **MUST REGISTER**

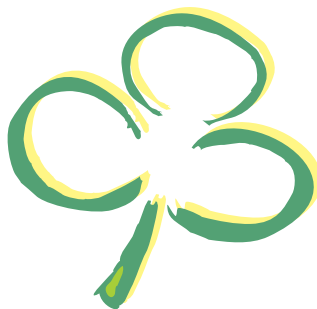
SAT Practice Test -Grades 6-12, Saturday, March 4th, 1:30-5 p.m. This opportunity will allow those taking the SAT in the near future to better understand what to focus on when prepping for the SAT. Detailed reports of results will be available on Wednesday, March 22, from 7-8 p.m. Students are required to bring a couple of pencils, a calculator and are encouraged to bring a water bottle for the practice test. **MUST REGISTER**

G.H. Ward 7 Block Watch

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch, sponsored by Councilman Tom Vaughn, will meet Thursday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m., in the St. Augustine Room of St. Benedict School, 13633 Rockside Rd. Guest speakers will be Garfield Heights Schools Superintendent Dr. Richard Reynolds and School Board President Nichelle Daniels. They will provide updates on the future of Garfield schools. Nonperishable items for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry would be appreciated. All are welcome. For more information contact Gail, 216-662-9213.

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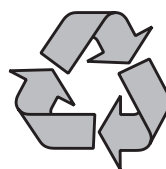


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Grand jury decides not to indict Maple Hts. police officer in May 2002 shooting

By Judith Goldsworth

Making their fourth appearance at a Maple Heights Council meeting in as many months, grieving family members of Datwuan Catchings, who was shot and killed by Maple Heights Police Officer Terrance Duncan following a high speed chase last May, spoke at last week's meeting on the pain they continue to face and their disappointment in the decision of a Cuyahoga County Grand Jury not to indict Duncan in the Cleveland man's death.

Catchings was shot by Duncan in the E. 93-Buckeye area of Cleveland early Monday, May 30, after the car Catchings was riding in hit a deer and became disabled. Duncan and other Maple Heights police officers had chased the car into Cleveland as Catchings was suspected of being involved in a drive-by shooting in Maple Heights earlier that morning. Catchings got out of the disabled car and started running through the neighborhood, according to police reports.

Duncan chased Catchings on foot, and despite the officer's repeated verbal commands for Catchings to stop and put his hands up or he would be shot, Catchings ignored the warnings and kept running and started climbing over a tall fence with a "right angle shaped object" in his left hand, police said.

It was while Catchings was climbing the fence that he was shot in the back by Duncan. Catchings collapsed on the ground after getting over the fence and died a short time later in the hospital. A weapon was recovered at the scene, police stated.

Cleveland police initiated an investigation, as the incident happened in their city, and released the body camera video containing the record of the chase and shooting. The investigation was then turned over to Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost's office, and Yost requested a grand jury decide on whether to proceed with an indictment.

After last week's council meeting, Maple Heights Law Director Frank Consolo released correspondence that

was sent by Yost to Maple Heights Police Chief Todd Hansen, dated Feb. 3, 2023, in which Yost stated: "On January 24, 2023, the Cuyahoga County Grand Jury was convened. The grand jury was tasked with determining if there would be any felony charges against any officers in the shooting of Datwuan Catchings on May 30, 2022."

"After careful consideration, the grand jury decided not to indict any officer for the shooting of Datwuan Catchings," Yost stated. "As a result, I consider this matter closed."

Consolo had confirmed at a previous council meeting that Duncan was returned to active duty in Maple Heights in September, following an administrative leave and additional training.

Catchings' family members and their attorney, Stan Jackson, have continued to question city officials on why Duncan was hired as a Maple Heights police officer when they alleged he was asked to resign from the Brooklyn Heights police force in 2021 due to performance issues.

Legislation

At last week's meeting, council passed all pieces of legislation on the agenda unanimously, including the following:

- Ordinance approving a purchasing card policy as prepared by Finance Director Tinita Tillman, primarily for small purchases of supplies, merchandise, travel and conferences only.

- Ordinance to submit to the city's voters in the Tuesday, May 2, election, a Charter Amendment proposing giving council the power to change the salaries of all elected officials "at any time, including during the elected officials' term or terms, or any part thereof," as recommended by the Charter Review Committee.

The committee's recommendation "was based in part on a finding that it would be inequitable for one set of councilpersons to be paid a different salary than another set of councilpersons, just because their terms of office begin at different times, even though they are all perform-

ing the same work and services for the city," according to the ordinance. The legislation also states that council may authorize the payment or reimbursement of expenses incurred by city officials, employees or board or commission members for travel or expenses incurred in the interests of the city.

- Resolution authorizing Mayor Annette Blackwell to enter into a contract with Rusty Oak Nursery, Ltd., to purchase 107 trees for planting on Hansen Rd., Watson Rd., and Raymond St., from Northfield to Warrensville Center rds., at a cost of \$24,523, as part of the Cuyahoga County Healthy Tree Canopy Program, Northeast Quadrant Tree Planting Project.

The city has been awarded a county grant of \$44,923.50 for the project, with the city required to commit 10%, or \$4,992.50, of local funds towards an estimated total project cost of \$49,925, the resolution states. Plantings are expected to start this spring.

- Resolution authorizing Blackwell to apply for, accept and enter into a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) Agreement on behalf of the city for construction of wastewater facilities, designating a dedicated repayment source for the loan, and authorizing the signing of contracts and other documents relevant to the agreement. In correspondence to council, City Engineer Ed Hren stated that the city has been nominated for \$380,000 in funding for construction of the Schreiber Road Sewer Improvements and Sanitary Sewer Overflows Elimination Project.

- Resolution authorizing the city to expend public funds and accept private donations to host the following 2023 community events in Maple Heights: Easter Fest, Music in the Park, Fall Fest and Holiday Lighting Event.

Announcements

Blackwell stated that as part of changes to the council agenda, Directors' Reports will only be given at the first council meeting of the month. Council President Ron Jackson said if any residents had questions about the new format they could e-mail or call him.

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Family and friends are welcome Wednesday, Feb. 22, from 6-8 p.m., at Bican Bros. Funeral Home, 5215 Fleet Ave., Cleveland, with closing prayers at 8 p.m.

Cleveland police seek help locating vehicles in possible abduction case

The Cleveland Division of Police is requesting the public's help to locate two vehicles associated with a possible abduction in the North Broadway area of Cleveland.

On Monday, Feb. 20, at approximately 5:35 a.m., officers responded to the area of Anson Ave. and Dolloff Rd., for a female screaming and blowing a whistle. On arrival, officers spoke with residents and learned that a female described as African American, approximately 14-15 years old wearing a pink T-shirt and pink shorts was screaming and blowing a whistle on the street. Residents described two suspect vehicles and stated that the female had been hanging out with occupants of the vehicles earlier.

At this time it is not confirmed that there was an abduction. Investigators are attempting to locate two stolen vehicles: a gray Hyundai Elantra, Ohio plate JNN4395, and a blue Kia Sportage, Florida plate QNJX18

Anyone with any information is asked to call 9-1-1.

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