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FREE

MHPD seeks help with homicide on Clare Ave.

A Maple Heights gunshot victim died at the hospital yesterday, and Maple Heights police believe the incident may be related to an altercation at the Marathon gas station at the intersection of Warrensville Center Rd. and Maple Heights Blvd., shortly before the victim was shot.

On Tuesday, April 11, at approximately 7:05 a.m., MHPD officers were in the area of Clare Ave. and Warrensville Center Rd., investigating a complaint. While on that complaint, the officers were told by several witnesses they had heard gunshots and then saw two persons running from the area. A male gunshot victim was located by officers in the area of 20125 Clare Ave.

The persons seen fleeing the area, westbound on Clare Ave., were described as an older male wearing a gray hoodie and black pants, and the other person wearing a black jacket (possibly with a hood) and blue jeans, possibly a female.

The victim was transported to MetroHealth Medical Center where he was treated for gunshot wounds but eventually died of his injuries. MHPD continues to investigate the incident.

Anyone with information related to this case is urged to contact the Maple Heights Detective Bureau: 216-587-9624 or Detectives@mhpdohio.com. Information can also be supplied to Crime Stoppers.

Improvements on the way at Dan Kostel Rec Center

At Monday night's meeting of Garfield Heights City Council, an emergency ordinance was passed for a second reading to get the ball rolling on a \$230,000 improvement project to the parking area and entrance at the Dan Kostel Recreation Center.

The ordinance, if passed at a future meeting, would direct City Engineer David Krock to prepare necessary plans and specifications, per the OHM Advisors proposal, and to go out for competitive bids for the project at the Rec Center.

Garfield Heights has received a \$150,000 Cuyahoga County Community Development Block Grant to fund the improvements, with \$80,000 to be paid by the city.

Council also approved the appointment of four members to the Garfield Heights Land Reutilization Program: Lottie Overby, Cotilia Decembly, Eileen Gryszel and Donna Bell, whose terms commence immediately and end Dec. 31, 2026.

The Land Reutilization Program in Garfield Heights allows the city to manage, upgrade and improve nonproductive lands within the city.

Also passed was a resolution providing for only one council meeting to be held on the second Monday during the months of May, June, July and August, 2023.

Garfield Heights, Independence school districts both seek additional funding on May Primary ballot

As early voting is now underway, the Garfield Heights City School District and the Independence Local School District are seeking more funding from voters in this May 2, 2023 Primary Election with a proposed bond issue and additional tax on the ballot in Garfield Heights and a renewal and tax levy increase on the ballot in Independence.

Garfield Heights City School District: Issue 2 - Bond Issue and Tax Levy (Excludes Ward 1-B & C and 3-A.02, which are in the Cleveland Municipal School District)

Bond Issue: 2.6 mills, which amounts to \$81 for \$100,000 appraised value for the purpose of constructing, furnishing, equipping, renovating, rehabilitating, remodeling, adding to, and otherwise improving school district buildings and facilities, and clearing, equipping and otherwise improving sites for those school district buildings and facilities in the principal amount of \$19,500,000 to be repaid annually over a maximum of 37 years.

Additional Tax: 8.6 mills, which amounts to \$301 for each \$100,000 of appraised value to provide funds for the acquisition, construction, enlargement, renovation, and financing of general permanent improvements for a continuing period of time.

The purpose of the joint bond and permanent improvement levy, which will generate approximately \$55 million in total, will go towards constructing a brand new, state-of-the-art Garfield Heights Middle School and an outdoor athletic complex at Garfield Heights High School.

The placement of the bond issue and permanent improvement levy, which will appear as one issue on the May ballot, comes at a unique moment in the financial climate of the district because the community will not experience any impact on their property tax bills until the year 2027, at the expiration of the bond for the high school which expires on December 31, 2026. With the intention of minimizing the tax impact on the community once the existing bond for the high school expires, school officials said citizens will experience a nominal 1.7 mill increase on their property taxes for the next 30 years, an estimated increase of approximately \$60 per year for a home valued at \$100,000.

The Garfield Heights City Schools intends to share more information with the community about the significant need for new construction at the Middle School and high school athletic complex in the near future.

Independence Local School District: Issue 3

Tax Levy (Renewal & Increase): Renewing \$4,252,863 and providing an increase of \$3,000,000 to average 13.96 mills for each \$1 of taxable value which amounts to \$453 for each \$100,000 of appraised value, for the purpose of providing for the emergency requirements of the school district, for 10 years.

"This will be the first time the District has proposed that the community consider a levy for additional operational funds in 12 years," Independence Schools Superintendent Ben Hegedish wrote in an email to Independence families last month.

He noted that economic impacts over the past years have affected Independence Local Schools, resulting in a need for the Board to place a levy on the ballot for the community's consideration. While district operations are structured to be as fiscally responsible as possible with the funds that currently are available, costs to provide student supports and learning opportunities are exceeding our revenue, Hegedish said.

"If passed," he continued, "funds from the levy would be used, in part, to implement universal and tuition-free preschool for all four-year-olds, beginning with the 2024-25 school year, along with continued delivery of our classes, clubs, sports, technology, curriculum, and opportunities for our students."

City of Maple Heights: Issue 16

Also on the ballot May 2, is Issue 16 in Maple Heights, which is a charter amendment to provide that the Council shall have 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.

Bedford Municipal Court Judge: Democratic Primary only.

In the only candidates race in The Neighborhood News readership area, Nick Papa and Robert N. Pelunis are on the Primary ballot with the winner going on to face the Republican candidate for Bedford Municipal Court Judge in November.

Literacy after-school kids learn skills that last a lifetime



Shown above are four students in the Jones Road Literacy Through the Arts after-school program who won prizes last week, courtesy of the Kiwanis Club of South East Cleveland, for completing reading assignments, giving service to others and exhibiting good behavior skills. They are, from left: Loyalty Odom, Trustian Odom, A'Den Sanders and Karly Woods. All are students at Holy Name Elementary School.

The SE Kiwanis Club, which meets at Jones Road Church, Cleveland, has been helping to mentor the children with the Literacy program in reading and hopes to start a K-Kids club with the after-schoolers, which is a Kiwanis service group for grade school youngsters. Congratulations to Loyalty, Trustian, A'Den and Karly!!

State of the City Address

Garfield Heights Mayor Matt Burke will give his State of the City address and luncheon on Wednesday, April 26, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the Marymount Hospital auditorium, 12300 McCracken Rd., Garfield Heights.

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The Neighborhood News has two pair of free tickets to raffle off for the Garfield Heights High School Theatre production of Jane Austen's "Pride & Prejudice," coming up April 21, 22, 28, 29 and 30.

Tickets are good for any performance. 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, April 19, at 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 **20th day of April, 2023** for the "**MAPLE HEIGHTS SERVICE DEPARTMENT SECURITY FENCE AND GATES**" 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.

A Pre-bid Conference for the **MAPLE HEIGHTS SERVICE DEPARTMENT SECURITY FENCE AND GATES PROJECT** will be held at 10:00 A.M. local time on the **13th day of April, 2023** at the Maple Heights Service Department, 5501 Dunham Road, Maple Heights, Ohio 44137 for all interested parties. Information will be disseminated concerning proper completion of bid package documents.

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 interest 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, "**MAPLE HEIGHTS SERVICE DEPARTMENT SECURITY FENCE AND GATES**"

Tinita Tillman
Finance Director
Maple Heights, Ohio

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Legal Advertisement



Sealed bids will be received by the Village of Newburgh Heights ("Owner"), at the office of the Fiscal Officer, Village of Newburgh Heights, 3801 Harvard Avenue, Newburgh Heights, OH 44105 on the 25th day of April, 2023 until 9:00 am current local time for the:

"Street Signs Replacement"

and will be publicly opened and read immediately thereafter. Each bid must contain the full names of the party or parties making the same, with an affidavit as to interested parties, and in the case of a corporation not chartered in Ohio, with a proper certificate that such corporation is authorized to do business in Ohio, and shall be accompanied by a Bid Guaranty Bond for the full amount (100%) of the Bid, in favor of the "Owner" or a certified check, cashier's check, or letter of credit pursuant to Chapter 1305 of the Ohio Revised Code, in the amount of 10% of the Bid, payable to the "Owner".

It is agreed that the bid guaranty shall be for the benefit of the "Owner" pursuant to Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code if the undersigned fails to execute the Contract in conformity with the Form of Contract incorporated in the contract documents and furnish Bond and insurance certificates within ten (10) days after the notification of the award of the Contract to the undersigned.

1. Copies of the Contract Documents are on file at SE Blueprint, Plan Room and may be obtained at cost (1) online at www.ohm-bidderplanroom.plancycle.com, (2) in person at the SE Blueprint Akron Office, 540 South Main Street, Akron, OH 44311 or at the SE Blueprint Cleveland Office 2035 Hamilton Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44114, or (3) via phone SE Blueprint Cleveland (216) 241-2250.

Please note that in order to be considered as a "responsive bidder" for this project, you must purchase a set of plans and bid documents, and follow all instructions provided. Bids from contractors who are not on the **Plan Holders List** will be disqualified.

A pre-bid meeting will be held on April 11th, 2023 at 2:00 pm at the Village of Newburgh Heights, 3801 Harvard Avenue, Newburgh Heights, OH 44105.

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Cathleen Nagorski, Fiscal Officer
Village of Newburgh Heights

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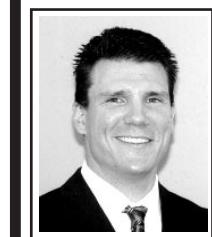
Death Notices



MARY LOU SOKOLICH

Mary Lou Sokolich passed away December 14, at age 92 after a long illness. Born and raised in Dickerson Run, Pennsylvania, she trained as a nurse in Pittsburgh, married Frank in 1955, and relocated to Ohio in 1956. Mary Lou was a proud and devoted nurse who served at St. Alexis Hospital for 25 years. She paused her career to raise five children in Cleveland and later Maple Heights: Martin (Melody), Mike (Lynne), Millie Harnocz (Alex), Matt (Vicky), and Mary Ellen Newell (Greg). She was a kind and caring grandmother to seven: Andy (Andrew), Steve (Donna), Michael (Lillie), Matt Sokolich (Sara), Alex Harnocz (Julie), Jessica Newell, and Elizabeth Norman (Chris) and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, daughter Mary Ellen and siblings Joe and Pat. She is survived by her brother Jack McGrogan of Pennsylvania.

Her family would like to thank her neighbors on E. 141 St. for assisting Mary Lou after Frank's passing in 2014. We also express our gratitude to the staff at Jennings Center for caring for Mary Lou in her later



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NOTICE FOR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

The Planning Commission of the Village of Newburgh Heights will meet on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 6:00pm in the Village Hall Council Chambers located at 3801 Harvard Ave. in Newburgh Heights.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes (3-23-23)
- III. Public Hearing: Review of plan to place utility pole in the right of way to provide power for the remediation of underground petroleum contamination at 4723 Harvard (PPN 511-13-013 & 511-13-016)
- IV. Public Hearing: Final approval of site plan for demolition of existing garage, construction of new garage and associated driveway work for consolidated lots at 4522 & 4528 McGregor Avenue (PPN 511-12-088 and PPN 511-12-089)
- V. Adjournment

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years. We know that she felt a kinship with nurses and caregivers to the last.

Mary Lou will be interred with Frank at Western Reserve National Cemetery. A celebration of her life will be held Friday, April 21, from 5 to 8 p.m., at Vito-Nero Funeral Home, 6130 Turney Rd., in Garfield Heights. To honor Mary Lou's memory, we suggest thanking a nurse, petting a cat, or visiting a neighbor.

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Garfield Heights T-ball & Co-ed Softball Registrations

**EARLY REGISTRATIONS WELCOME BEFORE APRIL 10TH DURING
OUR LATE EVENINGS HOURS AVAILABLE UNTIL APRIL 20TH**

OPEN OFFICE HOURS AFTER APRIL 20TH WILL BE LIMITED & SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Registrations begin April 10th through May 25th for both of these sports at the Dan Kostel Recreation Center located at 5411 Turney Road during open office hours.

T-Ball is for boys & girls - ages 5-7 on or before July 1, 2023.

Co-Ed Softball is for boys & girls - ages 8-13 on or before August 1, 2023.

Practices and games are held during the week during the evening hours and some practices/games may be on Saturdays.

Fees: Residents - \$50.00 + current \$15.00 annual ID card

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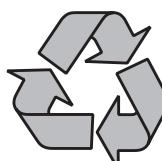
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Community police reports

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Cleveland

Foreign Agency Pursuit

On April 4, at 8:13 a.m., Seven Hills PD was in a pursuit of a suspect vehicle that crashed in the 9100 block of Miles Ave., Cleveland.

Shooting

On April 4, at 2:23 p.m., a 21-year-old male was the victim of a gunshot wound to the lower left leg in the 3700 block of E. 55 St. EMS took the victim to MetroHealth Medical Center.

Dead Body

On April 4, at 11:21 p.m., a 38-year-old male was found dead in a stolen vehicle in the 7900 block of Spafford Rd. No obvious signs of violence or foul play.

Swat Call-up

On April 5, at 12:41 a.m., a full Swat and Crisis Negotiation team were called up to deal with an armed and violent male barricaded in a house in the 7400 block of Indiana Ave. Male taken into custody without incident.

Garfield Heights

Recovered Stolen Auto

On April 3, at about 1:26 a.m., an officer saw a black Kia sedan going west on Broadway at E. 131 St., with no visible registration and illegal window tint going at least 50 mph in a 25 mph zone. The officer initiated a traffic stop but the Kia took off with police in pursuit through several Garfield Heights streets. The pursuit ended when the Kia crashed into a tree on Metroparks property at Edgepark and E. 110 St. The driver fled on foot and was unable to be apprehended by GHPD, Metroparks officers or a Bedford K9 officer. The Kia was confirmed as stolen out of Cleveland.

Child Endangering

On April 4, about 6:05 p.m., police were dispatched to the area of the 12700 block of Darlington Ave., for a child, approximately four-years-old, walking on the street unattended. The child's house was located and police talked to the person at the home who

identified himself as the child's cousin. He said he was babysitting him for his aunt and that he fell asleep while the child was taking a nap. He said he slept for about an hour and was unaware the child had gone outside. He was issued a summons for child endangering.

Weapon Offense

On April 4, about 6:28 p.m., GHPD officers responded to Medina Baye Clothing, 5824 Transportation Blvd., on a call that a black male with dreads was shooting a gun in the parking lot of the business. An employee of the store said she heard yelling from outside the store but did not pay attention to it because it is a normal occurrence for the area. She said a short time later she heard a gunshot. She looked out the window and saw a black male get into a vehicle and leave the area. Officers located damage to the front of the store and a bullet fragment inside the store. Video footage showed a white Dodge Ram that was parked next to an older white BMW and two black males standing outside both of the vehicles talking. A short time later one of the men brandished a firearm and fired one shot at the other male. Both males then left the area heading south on Transportation Blvd. Investigation continues.

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Drug Activity

On April 5, about 3:35 p.m., police were dispatched on a call that a male in a yellow sweatshirt was walking on I-480 East by Granger Rd., impeding traffic. They arrived on scene and saw a male standing on the shoulder of the road talking to a woman inside a car. The man seemed visibly upset and officers asked him to sit in the back of their patrol car, to which he complied. He said he was having a bad day caused by arguing with his girlfriend in the car and wanted fresh air. He was checked through LEADS and had multiple

felony warrants with Cuyahoga County. He was placed in handcuffs and was found to have a small knotted baggie with pills in his pants pocket. He told police some were muscle relaxers and some might be ecstasy. He was transported to the GHPD for possession of narcotics and booked without further incident. He was held on no bond for investigation of possession of drugs.

Juveniles

On April 7, about 5:25 p.m., dispatch received numerous calls of juveniles near or on Turney Rd. throwing rocks onto I-480 and some walking on the

freeway and attempting to run in front of motorists. Once units began to arrive, police observed a large volume of traffic beginning to slow down in the westbound lanes of I-480, near Granger Rd. Officers got closer to the traffic tie up and saw about 6 to 7 juvenile males running down the embankment and across Granger Rd., toward Trinity High School. Police canvassed the area and saw the juveniles attempting to get inside St. Joseph's Senior Center. Officers surrounded the area and detained the juveniles for questioning. All of them

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NOTICE OF CITY OF STRONGSVILLE

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

FOR ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

FOR THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER

AGILITY TEST – SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M.

WRITTEN TEST – SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2023 AT 2:00 P.M.

Applications and requirements can be downloaded from City of Strongsville website at www.strongsville.org, Human Resources Tab; or picked up at Strongsville City Municipal Offices at 16099 Foltz Parkway, Strongsville, Ohio, 44149. Applications, with all the testing requirements, will be available beginning Monday, April 24, 2023. You must be at least nineteen (19) years of age on or prior to June 3, 2023, and 21 years of age prior to appointment. Completed applications, along with all other required documents **must be received by the City no later than Friday, May 26, 2023 by 4:30 p.m., either by filing online at the website listed above or returned in person to the Civil Service Secretary at the Strongsville Municipal Offices.**

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Sponsored by Fountain of Grace Outreach Ministries, the resource fair offers free grilled hamburgers and hotdogs, free resource referrals, clothing, hygiene and household goods, plus a new facility tour. For resource table space contact Pastor Al, 216-673-4764.

Murder on Anson Ave. in Cleveland

Last Friday at approximately 9 p.m., Cleveland police officers responded to Barkwill and Dolloff aves., in the North Broadway area, for a report of shots fired. On arrival officers located a white SUV idling in an open field near 4913 Anson Ave. The vehicle was unoccupied and the victim, a 40-year-old male, was lying in a driveway near the SUV with multiple gunshot wounds to his chest. He was unresponsive and was pronounced deceased at the scene. Preliminary information indicates that citizens reported seeing a white SUV travelling at a high rate of speed in the area and then heard gunshots. No arrests have been made. Anyone with information is asked to contact investigators at 216-623-5464. Anonymous information can be provided by calling Crime Stoppers at 216-25-CRIME and a reward of up to \$5,000.00 may be available.

Other shootings

On April 9, shortly before 8 p.m., two men were the victims of shootings in the 6600 block of Gertrude Ave., Cleveland. One male, 25, was shot in the chest and arm, and the other was shot in the ear and ribs. Both males in critical condition and conveyed to Metro. The shooting originally started in the Walmart lot on Steelyard Dr.

NOTICE OF CITY OF STRONGSVILLE APPLICATIONS FOR LATERAL TRANSFER FOR POLICE OFFICERS

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The next physical agility test is scheduled for June 3, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Contact the City prior to Friday, May 26, 2023 by 4:30 p.m. If you wish to take this physical agility test.

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were later released to their parents or guardians. No further police actions was taken. All of the juveniles are in the 8th grade at Garfield Heights Middle School.

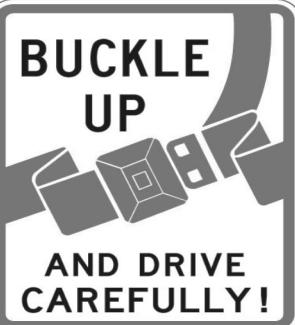
Officers discovered a trail of pocket lighters leading from the shop and headed across Turney Rd., westbound. The trail led to an alley but no one was seen in the area.

Breaking & Entering

On April 7, at about 4 a.m., police were called to The Culture Smoke Shop, 4799 Turney Rd., for an alarm drop. On arrival they saw the front windows of the business were smashed in.

Surveillance video showed five young juveniles wearing dark clothing and masks breaking into the store. A rock was used to break the front windows. Four of the juveniles went into the store while one stood outside appearing to be a lookout. In addition to the four lighters

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