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FREE

Garfield Council okays purchase of new security cameras throughout city

By Ellen Psenicka

Garfield Heights Council met Monday night and passed legislation to purchase and install new security cameras throughout the city, at a cost of \$132,000, paid for entirely by a portion of funds received from an American Rescue Plan Act Violence Reduction Grant.

The legislation noted that the equipment currently being used is outdated and in some cases no longer fully functioning. The city will enter into an agreement with 12C Technologies Ltd. to purchase and install the cameras within the city.

Other legislation passed included:

- Three ordinances to renew a total of \$3.6 million in notes in anticipation of the issuance of bonds to pay the costs of improving streets and roads in the city.
- Authorizing the sale and disposal of city property that has been determined to be no longer needed, most of which are old police vehicles.
- Entering into an agreement with Ulmer & Berne, LLP to provide the Garfield Heights Municipal Court with legal services made necessary, as the legislation states, because of the potential for conflicts between the administrative function of the presiding judge of the Garfield Heights Municipal Court and the judicial function of the judge in hearing and determining contested traffic camera tickets issued by the Village of Newburgh Heights. The Village issues a total of approximately 70,000 traffic camera tickets annually. The court has found that special counsel is necessary for representation of the GHMC judges and court personnel, which position Ulmer & Berne will fill.
- Applying for a grant available through the Roger Sharrer "Grow Hockey" program to purchase hockey equipment for the Dan Kostel Recreation Center.
- Entering into an agreement with Krusoe Sign Company to purchase and install two digital sign boards to be located at the Garfield Heights Civic Center and Fire Station Two.
- Passed a \$230,000 improvement project for the parking area and entrance at the Dan Kostel Recreation Center.

Two State of City addresses set in Garfield Heights

Garfield Heights Mayor Matt Burke will give his State of the City address today, Wednesday, April 26, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the Marymount Hospital auditorium, 12300 McCracken Rd., Garfield Heights. It is a sold-out event.

The State of the City address will be given a second time by Mayor Burke on Thursday, May 4, at 6:30 p.m., at the Garfield Heights Civic Center. This free event is open to all.

Day of Prayer observance

All Garfield Heights and Maple Heights residents and their families are invited to attend the 2023 United National Day of Prayer Observance to be held Thursday, May 4, at 6 p.m., at St. Monica Church, 13623 Rockside Rd., Garfield Heights, hosted by Fr. John Mullee and UIC Ministries.

Garfield Heights Mayor Matt Burke and Maple Heights Mayor Annette Blackwell will be honored. The two suburbs will host a prayer team of South Korean intercessors at the event to unite in prayer for unity, repentance, awakening, revival and transformation.

For more information please contact Vontayne Smith - Uicministries2017@gmail.com

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Retired Garfield Hts. School Board treasurer clarifies levy request

Dear Garfield Heights Citizens:

During my time as Treasurer of the Garfield Heights City Schools for the past 18 years and additionally the Director of Business Services for the past 10 years, the direction has always been transparency and honesty. The priority has always been students first whether it was finances, academics, safety and facilities. There was no room for politics and personal agendas. Do what is right for the children of the community. That is why I feel a need to set the record straight on the upcoming school levy and the misconceptions related to the tax request and ballot language.

As for justifying the facility needs of the levy request, I challenge anyone who has been to these two facilities that this levy addresses to say that the current Middle School meets today's student's learning environment as a Middle School (built as a High School in 1962) and that the athletic facility (built in the 1930's) meets the district's athletic teams competition needs. I will leave it at that.

As for the financing of this issue, let's get to the actual facts. While this levy, if passed, will cost a homeowner with a \$100,000 value an additional \$393 annually per the ballot language, the actual cost will only be an additional \$60 per year for the following reasons. The first being that the community will not experience any impact on their property tax bills until the year 2027, due to the way the debt will be structured which has a direct effect on the second and more important reason.

Two current debt levies will be expiring at the end of 2026 that are currently costing taxpayers \$330. If you subtract the expiring levies from these new levy requests, citizens will only experience a nominal 1.7 mill increase on their property taxes, an estimated increase of approximately \$60 per year for a home valued at \$100,000. Please take a moment to become informed about the financing of this issue. Demand information from school officials, review the facts, get the whole story and vote your conscience. The success of Garfield Heights City Schools students both academically and athletically begins with all of you.

Allen Sluka

Retired Treasurer and Director of Business Services
Garfield Heights City Schools
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CLE Council takes action to erase medical debt for about 50,000 residents of Cleveland

Cleveland City Council held its regular meeting Monday night and unanimously approved giving \$1.9 million to RIP Medical Debt to erase medical debt owed to local hospitals, doctors groups and clinics. This legislation is expected to help about 50,000 Clevelanders and erase \$190 million in debt. RIP Medical Debt is currently negotiating with the local hospitals to participate in this program.

Residents qualify if they live in a household with income up to 400% of federal poverty guidelines or medical debt that is at least 5% of annual household income. The 400% of federal poverty guidelines means about 80% of Cleveland residents are eligible. A one-person household making up to \$54,360 is eligible, as is a six-person household making up to \$148,760.

Residents don't apply. Instead residents will be notified via a branded RIP Medical Debt letter in the mail that their debt is eliminated and is off their credit report. Councilmen Kris Harsh and Charles Slife initially brought the idea to council.

Council also introduced American Rescue Plan Act and revenue recovery funding legislation for community projects. Council has said they are intent to use the ARPA money and revenue recovery funds for tangible projects that improve or help Cleveland residents and neighborhoods:

Council will consider providing the nonprofit organization Birthing Beautiful Communities \$1 million to be used towards the construction of a Birthing Center at E. 66 St. and Chester Ave. Birthing Beautiful Communities works with expectant moms at every stage of their pregnancy and through the postpartum transition.

BBC was formed in 2014 by African American trained Perinatal Support Persons (PSP) with the pilot program established first in the Hough neighborhood. Since its inception, the organization has served as an agency for training, certifying and employing PSPs who provide services for the women at highest risk for infant death.

Tree canopy on the increase in Maple Heights

By Judith Goldsworth

Maple Heights Council passed two pieces of legislation last week to purchase and install additional trees in the city through a Cuyahoga County grant program.

One of the resolutions passed authorizes a change order for Rusty Oak Nursery, Ltd., to increase a previously approved contract by \$1,453, to buy seven additional trees as part of the Cuyahoga County Healthy Tree Canopy Program (HTCP) Northeast Quadrant Tree Planting Project in the city.

Last year Maple Heights was awarded a county grant of \$44,923.50, with the county planning commission requiring that the city provide 10%, or \$4,992.50, of local funds towards the total estimated project cost of \$49,925.

With the acceptance of the county grant funds last year, the city contracted earlier this year with Rusty Oak to purchase 107 trees to be planted this spring, at a cost not to exceed \$24,523.

City Engineer Ed Hren was authorized by the county planning commission to use the 2022 HTCP funding to purchase an additional seven trees to replace dead, dying or missing trees planted on Dunham Rd., which will increase the contract with Rusty Oak by \$1,453, according to the resolution.

Also approved by council at last week's meeting was a similar resolution authorizing a change order for Longino Lawn Care and Snow Plow to increase a previously approved contract to plant the trees as part of the county project.

Other legislation passed

Passed by council was an ordinance adopting and adding a new section to the city's codified ordinances, creating a special revenue fund entitled "Payroll Clearing Fund."

The city's finance department has implemented a new accounting system, known as Visual Intelligence Portfolio ("VIP"), which also processes payroll. VIP requires that a payroll clearing fund be established for management of all payroll-related expenses, which is a zero-balance fund which acts as a holding account each payroll period for monies to be deposited into, and then swept out of the account to pay all payroll-related expenses for the period.

Council also passed an ordinance to accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) 2023 Energized Community Grants. Maple Heights, as a NOPEC member, was eligible for one or more NOPEC Energized Community Grants to help with energy-related expenses in the city. The legislation authorizes Mayor Annette Blackwell to execute the grant agreement to accept the funding.

Also passed was a resolution changing the regular schedule for Maple Heights City Council meetings for the summer months, with no meetings on the third Wednesday of the month. Summer meetings will only be held on the following Wednesdays at 7 p.m.: June 7, July 5, and August 2, with special meetings called as needed.

Funds voted to replace traffic light equipment

Council approved the payment of \$38,097 to Signal Service Co. of Warrensville Heights, to replace a traffic signal control cabinet due to accident damage, at Granger and Libby rds.

Blackwell said that when someone runs into city property and the person who did it is unknown, it becomes the city's responsibility to pay to fix any damage caused.

Announcements

District 2 Councilwoman Toni Jones announced there will be a District 2 Community Meeting on Thursday, May 18, from 6-8 p.m., at St. Andrew Eastern Orthodox Church, 16029 Maple Park Dr. (off Dunham Rd.) She said the mayor would attend as well as representatives of the police department, Waste Management, service department, and engineering and building departments.

District 6 Councilman Richard Trojanski announced that a District 4 and 6 Town Meeting will be held at the Maple Heights Library, 5225 Library Ln., on Monday, May 22, from 6:30-8 p.m.

Sentenced in S.V. homicide

On Monday, April 24, Terry Trussell, Jr. was sentenced by Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court Judge Sherrie Miday to 16 to 21 years in prison after pleading guilty to one count each of involuntary manslaughter, felonious assault and discharge of a firearm on or near prohibited premises in a homicide which took place two years ago in Cleveland's Slavic Village.

On March 29, 2021, David Moore, 26, Trussell, 24, their younger brother, 15, and the victim, 20, were walking outside near Hosmer Ave. and E. 57 St., in Slavic Village. Moore, Trussell and the brother attempted to ambush a group of children who were farther down the street.

Prosecutors said each fired multiple shots as the group of children attempted to run away. During the shooting, the victim was struck multiple times. The Cleveland Division of Police and Cleveland EMS responded to the scene. The victim was transported to a nearby hospital where he was pronounced deceased. On April 15, Trussell was arrested by Cleveland police. On May 25, Moore was arrested by CPD. Moore pleaded guilty to one count each of the same charges as Trussell, and one count of grand theft in an unrelated case. He was sentenced to 18 years in prison.



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Garfield Heights
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Jones Road Church
8000 Jones Rd., Cleveland, 44105
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Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm
Sunday Mass: 9:00 am and 10:45 am
All Mass times are Live streamed.

Easter ham winners announced

Due to the generosity of 36 local merchants, a total of 37 Easter Hams were given away in the annual Neighborhood News Ham Giveaway. The names of participating merchants and ham winners are listed below:

Winners of this year's Easter Ham Contest are: **#1 Roofing**, We're #1, 216-319-0430 - Patty Weber of E. 104 St.; **Ace Hardware**, 5680 Turney Rd. - Woody Garrett of Cardwell; **Arrow Realty**, 4975 Turney Rd. - Cheryl Lindman of Green Rd.; **Mayor Jack Bacci**, Village of Cuyahoga Heights - Ken Flowers of E. 86 St.; **Big Boy Restaurant**, 7800 Granger Rd. - Joe & Lori Hassgel of Twinsburg; **Broadway Scrap Metals**, 8202 Broadway Ave. - Donna Forestall of E. 54 St.; **Browns Tavern**, 5211 Harvard Ave. - Gayle Motcka of Harvard Ave.; **Mayor Matt Burke, City of Garfield Heights** - Kim Sanducci of Rockwood.

Tony D'Eusano, Local Realtor, 216-956-9277 - Barbara Krawczyk of E. 102 St.; **Dave's Supermarket**, 7422 Harvard Ave. - Brenda Simon of Ella Ave.; **Dave's Supermarket**, 4948 Turney Rd. - Jim Toy of E. 32 St.; **Dependable Electric**, 440-845-8661 - Albert Dombek of Mendota Ave.; **Councilman Chuck Donahue**, Garfield Hts. Ward 2 - Michael Roch of Kimberly Dr. and Yvette Prorock of Plymouth Ave.; **First Federal Lakewood**, 12648 Rockside Rd., Garfield Commons - Mike Smothers of Krakow Ave.; **Fisher Auto Parts**, 5727 Turney Rd. - Nancy Harp of Andover Blvd.; **Gas USA**, 7020 Harvard Ave. - Doug Mendat of Valley Ranch.

Harry's Steakhouse, 5664 Brecksville Rd. - Linda Lappert of Park Knoll Dr.; **Councilman Avery Johnson**, Garfield Hts. Ward 4 - Anessia Daily of Turney Rd.; **Matrix III Income Tax Service**, 5258 Transportaion Blvd., Nancy Fitch of Grannis Rd.; **PNC Bank**, 7101 Broadway Ave. - Patricia Kajewski of Forman Ave.; **R & K Sausage and Catering**, 7700 Harvard Ave. - Karen Widmar of Cleveland; **Rad Air, Complete Car Care**, 5266 Turney Rd. - Sue Houska of Maplevue Ave.; **RE/MAX Haven Realty, Inc.**, 5306 Transportation Blvd. - Holly Miller of Maplewood Ct.; **Ricco's Garfield Beauty Salon**, 8809 Garfield Blvd., Tillie Tekien of E. 71 St.

Shell/Turney Pit Stop, 5095 Turney Rd. - Norman Bush of Solon; **SUBWAY Turneytown**, 4984 Turney Rd. - Eleanor Meliefso of Andrews Blvd.; **Sunoco on Fleet/Fleet Deli**, 7025 Fleet Ave. - Lynn Lambert of Laverne Ave.; **3 Girls Pizza**, Trevor Elkins co-owner, www.3girlspizza.com - Diane Niepokny of Rita Dr.; **Tiffany's Pizza and Grinders**, 5035 Turney Rd. - Kim Frezza of Charmwood Ave.; **Councilwoman Rachelle Tonsing**, Garfield Hts. Ward 5 - David & Alyce Mroczynski of Schreiber Rd.; **Turney Town Laundromat**, 4934 Turney Rd. - name unavailable; **Turney Town**

Sunoco, 4935 Turney Rd. - name unavailable; **Unique Tax and Accounting, Inc.**, 6116 Fleet Ave. - Sue McDonough of E. 52 St.; **WeldonPC.com**, 5829 Turney Rd. - Tina Redcliff of Orme Rd.; **The Neighborhood News**, 8613 Garfield Blvd. - Leon Jarosz of Carol Dr.; **Shannon Landscaping and Snowplowing**, 216-441-6167 - Ron Johnson of Jeffries Ave.

Mother's Day Dinner at Post 309

On Wednesday, April 26, a Mother's Day Dinner will be held at American Legion Post 309, 15521 Broadway Ave., Maple Heights, serving from 4 to 7 p.m. Dinners include two stuffed cabbages, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, salad, rolls and dessert. Dinner donations are \$12 each; open to the public. Dine-in or carry-out. Call the Post to reserve your orders, 216-662-7768.

Genealogy Society meets

The Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society will meet on Monday, May 1, at 7 p.m., at the Independence Civic Center, Willow Room, 6363 Selig Blvd., Independence. A talk on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad will be presented by Ed Svec, who will discuss how the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad developed within the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, the many sights along the track and fun events and experiences that keep the railroad running.

All are welcome. Coffee and refreshments will be served. For additional information contact Cuyahogavalleygensociety@gmail.com.

Last weekend for GHHS Theatre's 'Pride & Prejudice'

The Garfield Heights High School Theatre Department continues its spring production of Jane Austen's "Pride & Prejudice" on Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, April 30, at 1 p.m. Tickets are just \$10 each and can be purchased at the box office, with free admittance for children and students.

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Bedford (Bedford Heights/Oakwood Village) Branch Library

Here are some of the **FREE** programs coming up in May 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**

Teen Tuesday -Grades 6-12, Tuesday, May 2, 3:30 p.m.

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

Baby Club -Ages birth – 35 months with parent/caregiver, Wednesday, May 3, May 10, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a five-week club for caregivers and children ages birth to 35 months. Connect with your kids and other families and get answers about your growing child. Siblings welcome! **MUST REGISTER**

LEGO Free Build (K-5), Thursday, May 4, May 18, 3:30 p.m.

We have the LEGOs. Come and create with us!

Practical Home Preparedness -Adults, Saturday, May 6, 11 a.m.

The safety and security of your family is everyone's primary concern but if the things that we take for granted like clean water, electricity, natural gas for your home heating or the internet were suddenly taken away... what

then? This short workshop will provide you with the knowledge and outline of what you need to know to deal with most any emergency you and your family may face. Reserve your seat at this workshop NOW! **MUST REGISTER**

ACT Boot Camp, Saturday, May 6, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Learn the format of the ACT, understand skills tested on the ACT, and practice tried and true strategies that help you complete each section within its allotted time. Perfect timing for those taking the ACT in June, July or next fall. **MUST REGISTER**

Make Your Own Seed Bombs! 3rd - 6th Graders, Tuesday, May 9, 6 p.m.

Get ready for spring as we combine soil and seed into a portable ball that you can plant anywhere!

Independence Branch Library

Here are some of the FREE programs being offered in May at the Independence Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, located at 6361 Selig Dr., Independence. For more information or to register for any program, please call 216-447-0160.

ADULTS

Steps to An Effective Job Search / Registration required. Looking for a new job and not sure where to start? Then this program may be for you! During this program we will give you tips to create a successful job search strategy. Ultimately, you will learn how to search for a job, research companies and popular job search websites. You will also learn about the importance of networking and how you can become your own recruiter. Finally, you will learn how Cuyahoga County Public Library's research databases can help you learn more about companies. **Wednesday, May 3 / 10 a.m.**

May Book Discussions / Registration required. Please join us for a casual and lively book discussion of "The Starless Sea" by Erin Morgenstern. The books will be available approximately one month before the discussion date at the check-out desk. All are welcome. **Wednesday, May 17 / 7:15 p.m.; Thursday, May 18 / 2:15 p.m.**

Stencil Art Program - Adult Craft / Registration required. Using a Cricut maker machine and software we will create simple stencils for this craft. During this program we will use created stencils to spray paint designs onto small pieces of wood for display. **Saturday, May 20 / 2 p.m.**

Synagogue to Sanctuary - Cleveland's Historic Jewish/African American Connection / Registration required. Learn about the deep cultural heritage contained within these special places of worship and the work being done today to preserve them and share their remarkable stories. Across Cleveland many historic sacred structures were constructed as synagogues by Jewish congregations that are now home to Black churches of various Christian faiths. Each of these places has made history whether for their significant architectural contribution or role in the Civil Rights movement. **Wednesday, May 24 / 7 p.m.**

TEENS

Teen Cupcake Challenge / Registration required. Are you looking for something sweet? Come use your creative skills to decorate cupcakes. Prizes for most creative. Cupcakes and decorating materials provided. **Saturday, May 6 / 2 p.m.**

Teen Maker Club / Registration required. Join us each month to work on a creative project using the Cricut cutting machine. May's project - Tumblers/Mugs. **Wednesday, May 10 / 7 p.m.**

CHILDREN

Sensible Snacks / Registration required. Students in grades 2-4 will gain some tips for making healthy snack choices, then prepare and taste two easy-to-make healthy snacks. **Tuesday, May 2 / 4 p.m.**

For more information, stop by the Independence Branch, call 216-447-0160, or visit www.cuyahogalibrary.org.

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 **11th day of May, 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 4th day of May, 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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CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC NOTICE FOR OPEN POSITION

Applications for the **City of Maple Heights Planning and Zoning Commission** will be available to qualified Maple Heights residents beginning **Wednesday, April 19, 2023** from the **Clerk of Council Office**, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio, 44137, to fill one (1) open position for the term expiring **May 31, 2028**.

The Planning and Zoning Commission consists of five (5) qualified electors of the City not holding any other official position in the Municipality, who have resided in the City not less than two (2) years prior to appointment, and who shall retain such residency during their appointed term.

Completed application forms are to be submitted only to the **Clerk of Council Office**, Maple Heights City Hall, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio, 44137. **The deadline for submission of said applications is by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3, 2023.** For further information, call the Clerk's office at (216) 587-9000.

Leonette Cicirella Johnson
Clerk of Council/PZC Secretary
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PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on **Monday, May 8, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.**, before the **Maple Heights Planning and Zoning Commission** in the Maple Heights City Hall Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio, to consider the following application(s):

2023-PZ-22 An application from Rhonda Reid requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit under Sect. 1284.04(F) of the MH Codified Ordinances to operate an Adult Day Care Center in an Office/Industrial (O-I) Zoning District at 14250 South Industrial Avenue, 103, Maple Heights, Ohio.

2023-PZ-23 An application from The City of Maple Heights requesting approval of a Lot Consolidation of two (2) residential parcels (**PPN 784-10-069 and PPN 784-10-070**) as required under Sect. 1226.02(c) of the MH Codified Ordinances for property located in a Residential Single Family-Medium Density (RSF-M) Zoning District on Adams Avenue, Maple Heights, Ohio.

2023-PZ-24 An application from La'Toya Clark requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit under Sect. 1280.04(R) of the MH Codified Ordinances to operate a Beauty Salon as a Personal Services Business in a General Commercial (GC) Zoning District at 20541 Southgate Park Boulevard, 202, Maple Heights, Ohio.

The case application(s) and all supporting materials are available for review during normal business hours in the Maple Heights Building Department, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

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SWAT Incident

On April 19, at 8:35 a.m., a SWAT incident took place in the 3800 block of E. 54 St. A crisis intervention arrest was made when an armed male was barricaded inside his room making threats.

Self-Inflicted Gunshot Wound

On April 19, at 11:15 p.m., a 19-year-old male in the 7100 block of Alice Ave., accidentally shot himself in the hand. Taken by EMS to MetroHealth Medical Center.

Garfield Heights

Traffic Offense - Fleeing

On April 13, at about 5:50 a.m., an officer was conducting speed enforcement on I-480 East near Broadway Ave. He conducted a registration check on a vehicle with a North Carolina plate and found it was stolen from that state. The officer attempted a traffic stop but the vehicle fled at speeds up to 90 mph and headed into Macedonia with GHPD in pursuit. Macedonia PD was alerted and they set up spike strips ahead of the pursuit. In the middle of Rt. 82 near Cherry Lane the male driver slammed on his brakes and fled on foot from the vehicle. The female passenger also fled on foot in a different direction. The GHPD officer pursued the male suspect and eventually found him in a swampy area and detained him at gunpoint. Assisting officers handcuffed him and patted him down, finding a large pocket knife in his pocket but no other weapons. While police were questioning him he began to have trouble breathing and had a short seizure. He was taken to Marymount Hospital where he was admitted. A LEADS check on the suspect found he had no driver's license with felony warrants out of North Carolina and Tennessee and was also showing to be an active gang member. He will be criminally charged with receiving stolen property, and misdemeanor charges of fleeing and eluding and obstructing official business.

The female passenger who had fled was not located or identified.

On April 14, about 2:42 a.m., officers were advised that a car confirmed stolen from Wayne County was on McCracken Rd., west of Broadway. The car was traveling normally on E. 126 St., to Granger Rd., but once it approached Granger it made a westbound turn and accelerated at a high rate of speed and took off with police in pursuit. Stop sticks were successfully deployed as the vehicle approached Turney and McCracken rds. It then went north on Broadway and into Cleveland at speeds topping out at about 100 mph. The suspect then fled the car on foot traveling east on a path connecting E. 74 St. and E. 75 St., in Cleveland. CPD officers intercepted him and he was arrested without further incident. At his arrest location police found a Glock 23, 40-caliber handgun on the ground. The suspect was taken to Marymount Hospital because of a head injury he had sustained from impact with a fence during his foot chase and was released and taken to GHPD following discharge. The female passenger was located in the vehicle and was found to have multiple felony capias' and was subsequently taken to Cuyahoga County Jail. The male suspect was charged with having handguns under disability, receiving stolen property, improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle, fleeing and eluding and obstructing official business. Other charges for traffic offenses pending. Suspect was held without bond.

Recovered Stolen Auto

On April 16, shortly before 5 a.m., officers observed a stolen vehicle run a red light on Park Dr. and Broadway. Police tried to initiate a traffic stop but the car, which contained several juveniles, took off with police in pursuit. During the pursuit the suspect vehicle crashed into grass and concrete barriers in Cleveland, giving off fiery sparks, smoke and became disabled but continued to flee. It had fluids leaking from it and parts flying off as it fled, going sideways during the pursuit. The pursuit ended in the area of Birchwood and E. 94 St., when the occupants fled on foot from the vehicle. After a brief foot pursuit two of the male suspects were detained. One of them was booked without incident and taken to GHPD jail while the other was taken to Marymount Hospital to get medically cleared before being booked into the jail. Cleveland PD confirmed the vehicle was stolen out of their city. Report forwarded to Juvenile Detective Bureau.

Criminal Damage - Auto

On April 17, at 7:13 a.m., an officer responded to the

10700 block of Penfield Ave., in response to a woman who said her vehicle was parked in her driveway when someone slashed all four tires, scratched the hood and passenger tire well and smashed the windshield. The vehicle was a 2018 red Kia Sorento.

Felonious Assault

On April 18, at about 9 p.m., police were dispatched to the GetGo gas station on Transportation Blvd., for an apparent road rage incident that had just occurred. The female victim told officers that while traveling west on Granger Rd., in her Volkswagen Passat, she crossed Turney Rd., and began driving slowly to look for signs for I-480. She saw a vehicle behind her becoming impatient with her slow driving. The vehicle behind her then crossed into oncoming traffic to pass the woman at which time she heard a loud "boom" and saw that her passenger side window was shattered. She then drove to the GetGo station and called police for assistance. She told them that her driver's side window was completely rolled down, which appears to have allowed the bullet to come through the open window, past the driver and strike her passenger side window from inside. The holes made in her window suggested to police that the weapon involved was a small caliber handgun. Officers reviewed video footage from several cameras in the area and believe the suspect vehicle was a newer model, dark-colored Jeep Cherokee.

Robbery

On April 19, at about 3:17 p.m., police were dispatched to Turney and Granger rds., for a juvenile male that was just jumped by a group of 7-10 male juveniles. The victim said the juveniles beat him and took his gray/white Air Jordan shoes. They were last seen walking north on Turney, just past Wendy's. Police located one of the male suspects inside the Shell gas station at 5095 Turney Rd., who matched the description given by a witness to the assault and robbery. When he came out of the gas station he got into a red Chevy, but when he saw officers approaching he took off running east on Turney towards Park Heights Blvd. He was located hiding behind a garage on Wadsworth Ave. He was apprehended wearing the gray/white Air Jordans and admitted he put them on soon after assaulting their owner. The victim sustained swelling to his face and bruises to both his hands from the assault. The juvenile suspect was charged with obstructing official business and robbery and was transported to the Juvenile Detention Center.

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VETS ENJOY BREAKFAST Community Police Reports

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Old friends and new ones enjoyed a complimentary breakfast for Garfield Heights veterans recently at the Garfield Heights Civic Center in appreciation for their service. Photo by Wendy Walters

Murder on Anson Avenue

On Friday, April 7, 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 traveling 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.

Ward 7 Block Watch meets in Garfield Heights

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch, sponsored by Councilman Tom Vaughn, will meet Thursday, April 27, 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.

Assault

On April 20, at 2:17 p.m., police were dispatched to Garfield Heights Middle School for a large crowd of unruly juveniles. As officers were monitoring the situation, police were also flagged down by a crossing guard at Turney Rd. and Antennuci Dr., regarding a group of juveniles crossing the Turney Rd. bridge. At that moment dispatch advised of a fight on the Turney Rd. bridge. Police observed two females fighting on the corner of Turney Rd. and Tonsing, with a large group surrounding. An officer and a juvenile male who assisted him broke up the fight.

One of the girls who appeared to be the aggressor and a second girl who was walking away and was implicated in the assault were both arrested and taken to city jail. The victim's mother was advised to follow up with the youth detective.

Traffic Offense – Fleeing

On April 20, at about 9:46 p.m., an officer was on patrol in the area of Turney Rd. and Garfield Blvd., when he saw a silver Toyota Prius, checked the car's registration, and found that its owner had multiple active felony warrants for his arrest which included a probation violation, breaking and entering and burglary. The owner was also a registered sex offender out of Arizona. The officer followed the car into the rear parking lot of Dave's Supermarket and attempted to initiate a traffic stop. At that time the front seat passenger, a tall white male with a bald head and dark clothing, got out of the Prius and went through the rear door of Aura. The Prius then took off speeding north down Turney Rd. It was all over the road, passing multiple vehicles on the left, driving in the opposite lanes of traffic and did not stop for traffic signals. The car traveled at speeds of from 70-75 mph

almost causing multiple accidents. At one point the driver threw a half full beer can out of the driver's side window which struck the cruiser in pursuit. He started going the wrong way down a one-way street at which time the pursuit was terminated in fear of a head-on collision. Report forwarded to the Detective Bureau for review.

Litter doesn't stand a chance with these two around!

Brothers Matthew and Ellis Lunger aren't your typical youngsters. While other kids their age are busy playing video games in their spare time, these two are out in the front yards of homes along Turney Rd., in Garfield Heights picking up trash.,

Their parents, Jenna and Matthew Lunger, Sr., said Ellis, 6, actually began cleaning up the street at his Nana's house, also in Garfield Heights, when he was just two-years-old.

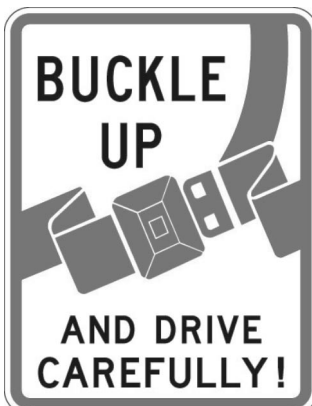
He and Matthew, 9, are proud of their city, said their mother, and want to keep the streets of Garfield Heights litter-free because, in their own words, "Everyone deserves a beautiful place to live."

The boys would like to encourage other kids in Garfield Heights and surrounding cities to join in the effort to get litter off the streets and pride back in their neighborhoods.



Just another day on Turney Rd. for Matthew Lunger, at right, and his brother, Ellis, who come back home with bags full of litter and front lawns litter-free.

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