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FREE



Flock cameras coming to Garfield Hts.

By Ellen Psenicka

Garfield Heights Council met Monday night and passed legislation to enter into an agreement with Flock Safety for the purchase and installation of Flock cameras throughout the city.

The total cost for the equipment and maintenance for 24 months is \$127,350, and the entire amount will be paid for with ARPA Violence Reduction Grant funding.

Flock cameras can capture a vehicle's make, color, type, license plate, state of the license plate and over 20 unique vehicle details like roof racks and bumper stickers.

This information helps cities, businesses, schools and law enforcement work together to stop crime by building and installing hardware and software that captures the objective evidence police use to solve crimes.

The Flock Safety technology integrates with the National Crime Information Center to provide alerts to dispatch and patrol officers on vehicle license plates associated with outstanding warrants, missing persons and stolen vehicles.

Also passed at Monday night's meeting:

- Emergency ordinance authorizing City Engineer David Krock to go out for competitive bids for the McCracken Road Repairs Project and authorizing payment of costs through funding by a Cuyahoga County 50/50 Grant program and the city of Garfield Heights.

The county grant authorizes up to \$250,000 for the project with the city's cost share to be 50% of construction costs.

- Emergency ordinance authorizing the mayor to renew an agreement on behalf of the city with Court Community Service for a one-year period at a cost of \$79,160. Court Community Service provides supervised community service work crews to complete cleanup and landscaping projects throughout the city.

- Emergency ordinance to apply for a grant available by the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership created by the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act for the Garfield Heights Police Department to help the department purchase 10 bulletproof vests at a total estimated cost of \$15,000.

For information on the Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Shred Day in Garfield Heights, officials urged residents to visit the city's website. There are also details on the website for an upcoming council committee meeting on dumping in the city and the events planned for the city's Memorial Day celebrations.

Two men dead in Bedford apt. shootings

Two men are dead after being shot early Saturday morning outside Wolf's Cove Apartments on Solon Rd., in Bedford. The deceased males have been identified as Jermeer Banks, 23, and Paris Garrett, 29.

On May 6, at approximately 2 a.m., the Bedford Police Department was dispatched to the Wolf's Cove Apartments for a report of a male laying in the grass unresponsive. Upon arrival, officers located the deceased male on the ground with a gunshot wound.

Officers learned that a second male had been driven to South Pointe Hospital with gunshot wounds. That male is also deceased, according to a press release from Bedford Deputy Chief Rick Suts. He noted that this is an ongoing investigation, so there is no other information available at this time.

Anyone with information concerning this incident is asked to contact the Bedford Detective Bureau at 440-232-3408.

Health magazine names Maple Hts. High history teacher this year's 'Ultimate Guy'

Honored at Maple Heights Council meeting with proclamation

By Judith Goldsworth

Maple Heights High School history teacher Corwyn Lee Collier, a former longtime Maple Heights resident who is also a 2000 alumnus of the high school, was honored with a proclamation from Mayor Annette Blackwell at the city council meeting last week for being named this year's "Ultimate Guy" by Men's Health Magazine, as well as being featured in its January/February 2023 issue.

Collier, an Army veteran and Purple Heart recipient who appears on the cover of the national magazine, spoke briefly at the meeting on his background in Maple Heights, work with the schools, military service and family, as well as achieving the "Ultimate Guy" recognition, and thanked Blackwell for the honor.

Collier, who Blackwell called in her presentation "a beloved and inspiring teacher and head track coach at Maple Heights High School," received severe injuries to his right hand and right leg while serving as a military police officer.

"Corwyn Collier almost died in May 2009," Blackwell said, "when he was serving in Iraq with the United States Army. A bomb exploded under

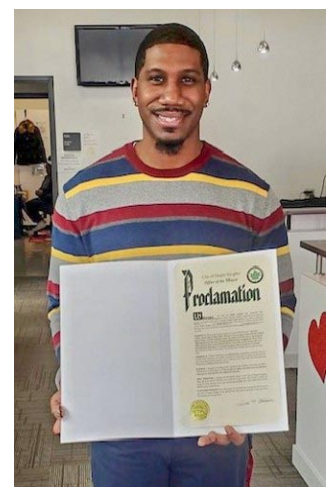
the patrol truck he was in, pinning his right leg between the door and the dashboard, and mangling the flesh of his right hand. He lost so much blood that he went into cardiac arrest and was evacuated by helicopter to a nearby hospital, where he spent 10 months, almost a year, recovering."

Blackwell said Collier's accomplishments and honors are many. He is a Purple Heart recipient, holds a Master's degree in Education, and in 2016, he became the first wounded/partial amputee veteran to obtain a pro card with the International Federation of Bodybuilding and Fitness.

She stated that Collier was interviewed on NBC-TV's "Today" show in December on a story about his "Men's Health" win, adding that he shared a thought-provoking motto during the television appearance: "You've got one body and one mind and one lifetime, and what you do with the first two influences the last."

Collier thanked Blackwell and the city for the honor, stating that he had moved to Maple Heights as a child, and graduated from Maple Heights High School in 2000 as a three letter varsity athlete in football,

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Shown above is Corwyn Lee Collier holding his proclamation from Mayor Annette Blackwell and the city of Maple Heights.

CLE City Council to provide more funding for those facing eviction; acquires 2 former schools

Cleveland City Council held its regular meeting Monday night and passed legislation to provide added funds for free legal help for families facing eviction.

The ordinance passed will provide \$500,000 to the United Way of Greater Cleveland, as the lead partner organization, for the "Right to Counsel" initiative that provides free legal help to families facing eviction. Council developed the initiative which went into effect in June 2020. Council members had added \$200,000 to the funding for United Way during the budget process, bringing the assistance to \$500,000.

Council also passed legislation allowing the city to acquire the Empire School property located at 9113 Parmalee Ave., and the Nathaniel Hawthorne School and property located at 3575 W. 130 St.

Both schools will be conveyed to developers for new uses. The Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) has 19 former school sites that it no longer needs and it is seeking opportunities for redevelopment.

The sites include 12 with former school buildings, and 7 that are vacant land. The Empire School and the Hawthorne School are part of the twelve sites with the existing school buildings to be reused in whole or in part.

Introduced:

Council introduced legislation at Monday's meeting that will be funded by the American Rescue Plan Act to

help Cleveland residents who have fallen behind on utility bills. Council has been intent to use the ARPA money and revenue recovery funds for tangible projects that improve or help Cleveland residents and neighborhoods.

Utility Amnesty Program legislation was introduced and, if passed at a future meeting, will provide \$2 million in assistance to eligible Cleveland Public Power (CPP) and Cleveland Water customers to reduce or eliminate outstanding balances.

To qualify, CPP and Cleveland Water customers in the city must have an outstanding balance that dates back to no later than March 2020 and must be signed up on a payment plan with the utilities. Councilman Brian Kazy, chair of the Utilities Committee, sponsored and advocated for this program.

S.V. Community Meeting

Plans for the redevelopment of the E. 55 St.-Broadway intersection in Slavic Village will be discussed at a Community Meeting on Thursday, May 11, from 6-8 p.m., at the Broadway Free Library, 5437 Broadway Ave.

The meeting will be hosted by Councilman Richard Starr, Slavic Village Development and Veda Development. All are welcome to attend.

ODOT construction update

I-480 Valley View Bridge Deck Replacement - Construct a new bridge between the two existing Valley View bridges and replace the decks of the I-480 east and westbound Valley View bridges in Garfield Heights and Independence. Estimated Completion: June 2024

NEW IMPACTS

Transportation Blvd. entrance ramp to I-480 eastbound will be closed on Monday, May 8, through Monday, May 22, for pavement replacement.

Detour will be I-480 west to SR 176 to Granger Rd. to I-480 east.

Transportation Blvd. entrance ramp to I-480 west will be closed on Monday, May 22, through Monday, June 5, for pavement replacement.

Detour will be I-480 east to Granger Rd. to I-480 west.

Democratic PAC meeting

Attention Garfield Heights Democrats: You are cordially invited to the Garfield Heights Democratic Club PAC meeting on Tuesday, May 16, at 7 p.m., at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, first floor, 5407 Turney Rd. If you have any questions, contact Councilman Clifford Kelley, president of the G.H. Democratic PAC, 216-253-0142.

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City of Maple Heights

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- information
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- resources
- local agencies

Tuesday, May 23, 2023; 6-8PM

Maple Heights High School

- Qualify for up to \$10,000 in financial assistance for delinquent property taxes.
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wrestling and track, and received a college track scholarship.

He attended Tiffin University, Toledo University and the University of Southern Mississippi, earning several collegiate athletic honors and graduating from USM with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Sports Administration in 2005.

Collier said he joined the Army in 2006, and became a military police officer. He went to Iraq in 2009, serving for five months when he encountered the roadside bomb. "When I was in the hospital, I made the decision to do something with my life, which was education," he said.

After returning to Ohio, Collier began his educational and bodybuilding journey, receiving his Master's degree in Education from the University of Akron in 2012. He obtained his position at Maple Heights High School in 2013 and has served as head track coach since 2019. He and his wife, Iisha, are the parents of three sons.

Richard Dorment, "Men's Health" editor-in-chief, stated in a release: "Pretty much everything that we're trying to do at "Men's Health," every single day, is trying to get people to push themselves mentally and physically, so that they can be the best version of themselves. There is nobody that we talked to across America who better exemplifies that than this guy," Dorment said of Collier.

Police chief reports

In his report to council, Police Chief Todd Hansen stated that the department's Narcotics Unit had conducted a large raid last week over on Clare Ave., at one of the apartment buildings. A total of \$12,000 in cash was confiscated, he said, along with 350 grams of cocaine and crack and a gun.

Hansen also said that ticket counts were up and arrests were up, and an additional 11 guns had been taken off the street recently.

Legislation

Council placed all the legislation on last week's agenda on first reading, including:

- Ordinance authorizing agreements between the city and Cuyahoga County for planning/construction for the resurfacing of Rockside Rd. from E. 141 St. to Sector Dr. The project is anticipated to bid in 2024, according to information from the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works.

- Resolution authorizing a purchase agreement through the Ohio Department of Administrative Services Cooperative Purchasing Program with Tim Lally Chevrolet to buy four Chevrolet Tahoes for the police department at a cost of \$57,039.45 apiece, which includes the base amount and upfitting for each vehicle.

- Resolution authorizing a contract with Sixmo, Inc. to provide professional architectural and engineering services for roof repair projects at both of the city's fire stations. The city has received \$560,000 in American Rescue Plan Act Community Grant funding through the county towards both projects.

- Resolution authorizing City Engineer Ed Hren to begin preparing plans and specs and to advertise for bids for the Stafford Park Restoration Project, Phase 2, including construction of a shelter/stand for community recreational use. The city has received \$150,000 in Cuyahoga County Community Development Block Grant funding towards the project.

- Resolution authorizing a contract with Catts Construction, Inc. to provide for the Franklin Avenue Watermain Replacement Project, at a cost not to exceed \$1,698,395.34. The city has received grant funding towards this project.

- Resolution authorizing a change order for Metis Construction Service, to increase the contract for the New Vestibule and Elevator Addition Project at City Hall, at a

cost of \$29,800.87.

Council will discuss all of the legislation before possible passage at future meetings.

Announcements

Ward 1 Councilman Stafford Shenett announced that he and Ward 7 Councilwoman Edwina Agee, in conjunction with the Lutheran Church of the Covenant and Equipoise Corporation, would be hosting a Safety Initiative meeting, "Bridging the Gap as a Community and a Team," from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, at the Lutheran Church of the Covenant, 19000 Libby Rd. Judges, the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office and state and local officials have been invited, and all residents are welcome.

Ward 5 Councilwoman Tanglyn Madden announced that fresh fruits and vegetables would be distributed at Southgate Shopping Center at 6 p.m., on Friday, May 19.

Planning and Development Director Joe Duffy announced that there will be a Community Housing Resource Fair at Maple Heights High School, 1 Mustang Way (off Broadway), from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23. Agencies and vendors will be present to offer residents assistance and information about resources and different programs.

Maple Hts. Boys League to hold Opening Day event

The Maple Heights Boys League, in cooperation with the cities of Maple Heights and Garfield Heights, will hold an Opening Day event to kick off the season on Saturday, May 20, from noon to 3 p.m., at Stafford Park, 5400 Mayville Ave., Maple Heights. This is a community event with free food and entertainment. There will be no game that day.

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Awarded woodworking router

Daniel Scoglietti of Maple Heights never expected the surprise he received when applying to the Katz-Moses Woodworkers with Disabilities Fund (KMWDF) for a woodworking router.

The KMWDF is a non-profit that proudly supports woodworkers who have physical and mental disabilities by providing the resources they need to grow their hobby, craft or business, according to its website.

The organization answered Scoglietti's request by giving him a \$12,000 CNC router!

"I never expected they would give me such an expensive router," Scoglietti said.

The Elmwood Ave. resident, who actually grew up in Garfield Heights, has been disabled since 2015, with COPD, asthma and other ailments, and took up wood-working last year as a hobby.

He is very grateful to KMWDF for their generosity to him and said the CNC router will be a great help in earning some extra money to pay for his medications.



Shown is Daniel Scoglietti of Maple Heights, with the CNC router he was recently awarded by the Katz-Moses Woodworkers with Disabilities Fund.

LIBRARIES PLAN SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Garfield Heights Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library

Here are a few of the **FREE** programs available in April at the Garfield Heights Branch Library, 5409 Turney Rd. Call 216-475-8178 to register or for more information.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Innovation Center Orientation Learn about the equipment and policies of the Innovation Centers throughout Cuyahoga County Public Library. Attending this orientation allows users to utilize the Innovation Centers throughout the library system. **Monday, May 15, 7-8 p.m. Registration required.**

Stroke 101 May is National Stroke Awareness Month. Join the Cleveland Clinic to learn more about strokes, the signs and symptoms, risk factors and treatment. **Wednesday, May 10, 6-7:30 p.m. Registration recommended.**

Tuesday Evening Book Discussion Join us for our monthly book discussion. This month's title is "Lucy by the Sea" by Elizabeth Strout. **Tuesday, May 16, 7-8 p.m. Registration required.**

2000s Trivia Test your memory of no one's favorite decade, the "Aughties," in a fun night of pop culture trivia! **Thursday, May 18, 7-8:30 p.m. Registration required.**

CHILDREN and FAMILIES

K Ready Join us to learn and practice skills for kindergarten! **Wednesday, May 17, 6-7 p.m. Registration required.**

Oh! Snap Circuits! Learn about circuits with fun challenges using Snap Circuits. **Thursday, May 25, 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

Acting Club Participate in fun theater games, improvisation activities, character creation, storytelling and more! **Saturday, May 27, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Registration required.**

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.

Excel 2 -Adults, Friday, May 12, 10 a.m.

Learn how to manage, manipulate and analyze data using the sort, filter and chart tools available in Excel. Other topics include paste special options and working with multiple sheets. Prerequisite: Excel 1. **MUST REGISTER**

Painted Garden Rocks -Adults, Saturday, May 13, 10:30 a.m.

Come and learn the basic techniques to paint rocks for

your garden, yard or anywhere! Painting rocks is a peaceful and enjoyable art with a beautiful end result. Participants will have the opportunity to join fellow crafters and choose from several pattern choices or make their own design. To allow the rocks to dry and a sealing varnish to be applied, your finished product will be ready to pick up three days after the event. All skill levels are welcome, and all supplies will be provided. **MUST REGISTER**

Baby Club Social Hour, Wednesday, May 17, May 24, May 31, 10:30 a.m.

Baby Club SP2023 Extension Hour for additional socialization.

VolunTEENS: Mobile Pantry Assistance -Grades 6-12, Wednesday, May 17, 12 noon.

Have fun, make friends and earn volunteer hours while helping us with our mobile food pantry! **MUST REGISTER**

Mobile Pantry -Free, fresh produce distribution, Wednesday, May 17, 1:30 p.m.

This event will be held rain or shine. Each family will receive fresh produce for free, loaded into their vehicle trunk. First come, first-served basis, adults of any age, zip code, income level. Each vehicle can have up to 4 "families" (such as if single seniors are riding together). Vehicles preferred over walk-ups, for safety reasons.

Chapter Book Champs, Wednesday, May 17, 6:30 p.m.

Whether you finished the book or not join us for activities. Registration will close one week before the program. May 17th – "Hoot" by Carl Hiaasen. If you would like to attend after registration closes, please call the Bedford Branch at 440-439-4997. **MUST REGISTER**

Pour Painting Pots -Adults, Saturday, May 20, 10:30 a.m.

Explore the fun art technique of pouring acrylic. We will paint a flowerpot and canvas. Items will be left in the library to dry and picked up later. Paint has the potential for mess; please dress appropriately. **MUST REGISTER**

Family Storytime -All ages with caregiver, Saturday, May 20, 2 p.m.

Join us for stories, songs and More trees to be planted in Maple Heights through county grant program, Blackwell speaks on need for trees in city

African American Authors Book Group -In-Person or Virtual. All adults welcome. Thursday, May 25, 7 p.m.

May Title: "Summer on the Bluffs: A Novel," by Sunny Hostin with Veronica Chambers. Join us for the discussion of this GREAT SUMMER READ. A novel about summer on historic Oak Bluffs/Martha's Vineyard exclusive vacation spot to the rich and famous. "Welcome to Oak Bluffs, the most exclusive Black beach community in the country. This book comes in many formats. Regular print, Large print, Book on CD, eBook and eAudio.

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RUTH VACCHER
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All Mass times are Live streamed.

State Rep. Brewer to hold Town Hall Meeting

State Rep. Darnell T. Brewer will hold a Town Hall Meeting on Monday, May 15, at the Garfield Heights Library, 5409 Turney Rd., from 5-7 p.m.

On the agenda for discussion are:

- HB 29, driver's licenses and the Drive to Justice
- Gun Violence: A call to action and Rep. Brewer's letter to Gov. Mike DeWine
- Neighborhood preservation and home owner accountability
- Families and Aging Committee

Blood donor opportunities

Independence

5/10/2023: 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Crown Centre II, 5001 Rockside Road

5/20/2023: 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Independence Community Center, 6363 Selig Drive

5/30/2023: 12 - 6 p.m., Independence Community Center, 6363 Selig Drive

Valley View

5/10/2023: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Teamsters Local 507, 5425 Warner Rd, Unit 7

5/16/2023: 12 - 6 p.m., Valley View Community Center, 6828 Hathaway Road

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Garfield Hts. High student awarded Believe in Ohio scholarship

Taylor Vild of Garfield Heights High School was one of 138 juniors and seniors from 89 high schools throughout Ohio who recently earned the Believe in Ohio STEM Innovation and Entrepreneurship Scholarship.

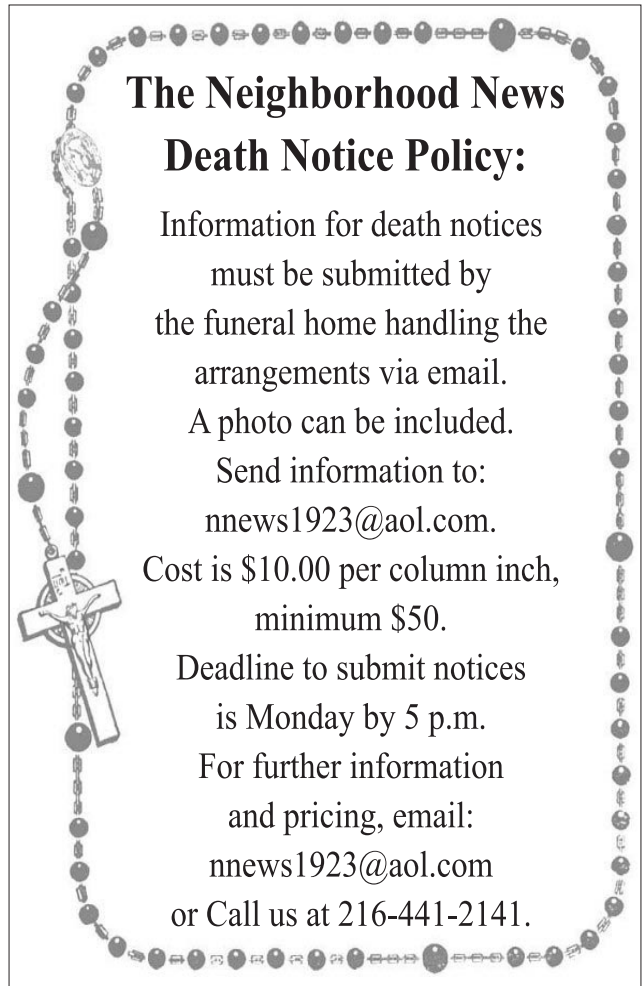
Taylor will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to attend any Ohio college, university or post-secondary career center. The application process evaluated academic achievement, answers to essay questions and proof of a validated accomplishment in STEM Innovation or Entrepreneurship.

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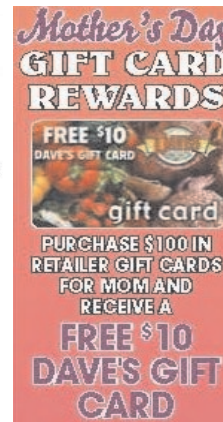
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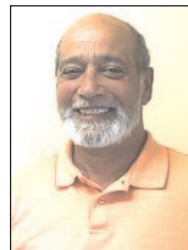
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Both of these women spent a lot of time at the Senior Center, enjoying activities and fellowship with friends, and the families present for this dedication spoke to how important the Senior Center was for both women.

The water fountain/dispenser is located on the first floor, near the entrance; and the exercise room is on the second floor. Both are available for use during the regular hours of operation at the Senior Center.



Family members of Phyllis Leanza try out the new exercise bike at the Maple Heights Senior Center.

Ward 3 Block Watch meets

Garfield Heights Councilman Jason Seither will hold a Ward 3 Block Watch meeting on Thursday, May 11, at 6:30 p.m., at BoysHope GirlsHope, 9434 Dorothy Ave., Garfield Heights.

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"The individual, later identified as 27-year-old Cynquan Leggett, was found in the driver's seat unresponsive. The Cleveland Division of Fire responded and opened the locked vehicle.

"The victim was deceased with a gunshot wound to his head. No arrests have been made. This matter remains under investigation. Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Stoppers at 216-25-CRIME. A cash reward of up to \$5,000 may be available."

Garfield Heights

Burglary

On April 30, at 4:23 a.m., police were dispatched to an apartment in the 4600 block of Warner Rd., for a burglary. The victim told police that when she returned to her apartment after work shortly before calling police, she found that it had been ransacked, with her mattress moved and clothes thrown all over the bedroom floor. All of the kitchen cabinets had been opened and items thrown across the kitchen floor. Dining room chair cushions and living room couch cushions were also thrown about. The victim said she didn't think anything had been taken from the apartment. Report forwarded to the Detective Bureau for further investigation.

Shots Fired

On May 4, at about 12:30 a.m., officers responded to the

Grace Ave. and Turney Rd. area for a report of shots fired. The caller advised a dark Jeep Grand Cherokee was seen leaving the area. Then police arrived and a pedestrian flagged them down in front of Bonkers and said there was a fight in front of the bar and that someone started shooting. Another passerby said the shooter was in a white Chevy Malibu. Police checked the area and saw fresh blood and multiple spent shell casings in front of the bar, but did not locate the suspect vehicles. Six spent 9mm shell casings were recovered in front of Bonkers. Dispatch advised that they had video of the incident. The video showed an altercation in front of the bar but it is out of view. A short time later a male wearing a black hoodie and light-colored jeans goes to the rear parking lot of Bonkers to grab something and comes back to the front entrance of the bar. A white sedan, possibly a Chevy, leaves the area and goes north on Turney. At this time the male wearing the black hoodie pulls a gun and shoots at the white sedan multiple times and runs back to the rear of the parking lot. A dark blue Dodge Charger then leaves the rear parking lot and stops to pick up two other males. The shooter is seen exiting the Charger and then getting back in. The vehicle then leaves and goes north on Turney at a high rate of speed. Spent shell casings recovered and placed into evidence. No victim on scene.

Assault

On May 5, at 6:54 p.m., an officer responded to the Garfield Heights PD station in reference to an assault that occurred the day before at Garfield Heights Middle School involving two juveniles. The mother of the Middle School student that was assaulted said her son was outside waiting for a ride home at 2:15 p.m., on May 4, while talking to a group of girls. He was holding a metal baseball bat from one of the girls, and a short time later an 8th grader took the bat from the victim and for no apparent reason swung it at him, striking him in the left arm/wrist area causing injury. His mother took him to Marymount Hospital for treatment and he was later discharged with a possible fracture to his wrist. The report is being forwarded to the Juvenile Detective Bureau for follow-up.

Traffic Offense – Fleeing

• On May 6, at 12:30 a.m., an officer was in the area of Forestdale Ave. and Cranwood Park Blvd., when he saw a black Chevy Equinox with no visible registration and illegal blacked out windows and initiated a traffic stop. The car stopped but the vehicle was still in drive, the officer noted, and commanded the driver to put the car in park. After about 5 seconds the driver fled the traffic

stop going east on Cranwood Park Blvd., at a high rate of speed. The officer pursued the vehicle, and the pursuit concluded on DeForest Ave., just before Lee Rd., in Cleveland, when the driver stopped the car and fled on foot with the officer giving chase. While pursuing the suspect, the officer noticed a black pit bull also running with the male which was aggressively barking at the officer as they approached a high fence with barbed wire. The officer terminated the foot chase at the fence line and returned to the suspect vehicle where the pit bull had followed him and went back into the car. No other occupants were in the Equinox. Officers toured the area for the fleeing suspect but did not locate him. The dog was taken to the Garfield Kennel. An inventory search of the Equinox found suspected marijuana, suspected cocaine, a scale with drug residue, 29 live 9mm rounds, a 9mm magazine, an apple iPhone and \$742 in cash. Suspect at this time is unknown and is believed to be armed with a 9mm handgun.

• On May 6, at 9:32 a.m., an officer was pursuing a vehicle north on Warner Rd., from the area of Avondale, and as the vehicle was traveling into Cleveland, it crashed into a UPS truck at Warner Rd. and Bancroft Ave. As the vehicle started to catch fire, a male suspect ran from the area on foot going west from the scene of the crash. The suspect was caught in the 7700 block of Bancroft Ave., and needed medical attention. The squad responded, and the suspect was taken to MetroHealth Medical Center for treatment. A loaded Smith & Wesson M&P handgun was located inside the suspect vehicle. Cleveland PD unit on scene.

Recovered Stolen Auto

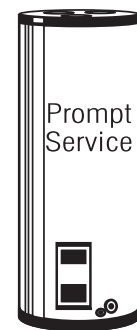
• On May 3, at 2:02 a.m., an officer on patrol in the area of the Aura bar parking lot saw a black Jeep Cherokee SRT with a dealer plate leave the parking lot and failed to signal onto Turney Rd. The officer performed a traffic stop at the Shell gas station, 5095 Turney Rd., and found the dealer plate to be stolen out of Beachwood from Crestmont Cadillac. The driver was asked to get out of the vehicle, which he did, and was placed in handcuffs, patted down for weapons and placed in the back of the police car. A search of the vehicle found a large bag with several baggies of suspected marijuana inside. Dispatch confirmed the plate was stolen. Suspect to be criminally charged with receiving stolen property and drug possession.

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New van for Maple Heights seniors



On April 28, Mayor Annette M. Blackwell and the Maple Heights Department of Human Services accepted delivery on a brand new Starcraft 12-passenger transit van for the city's senior citizens.

Mayor Blackwell presented a check to Dane Patterson of Bus Services Inc. for the van, that was partially paid for by a NOACA Federal Grant for Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities, the city of Maple Heights Human Services Department and individual donations.

This van is a replacement vehicle which will complete the city's fleet of four senior transport vans. They are used to carry seniors within a 5-6 mile radius of the center of Maple Heights for medical transport, weekly grocery store trips, dialysis and other various needs of senior residents. It will be operational once the city logos and decals are added.

Maple Hts. District 1 Block Watch

A District 1 Block Watch meeting, sponsored by Maple Heights District 1 Councilman Stafford L. Shenett, will be held on Saturday, May 13, at St. Martin of Tours Church, 14600 Turney Rd., Maple Heights, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Guests will include members of the Maple Heights Police Department and city officials. District 1 Block Watch captains, members and residents are encouraged to attend this informative meeting.

CLEAN SWEEPERS



Garfield Heights hosted a successful RiverSweep clean up along Broadway Ave. on Saturday. Approximately 80 volunteers, including local students, Boys and Girls Scouts and Marymount Hospital workers were among those participating.

Local Primary Election results recorded

In the May 2 Primary Election last week, the Garfield Heights City School District Bond Issue and Tax Levy went down to a resounding defeat, 248 (for) and 891 (against).

The Independence Local School District Tax Levy (renewal and increase) fared somewhat better but was still defeated by voters 806 (for) and 1115 (against).

The proposed charter amendment in Maple Heights to provide that council would have the power to change the salaries of all elected officials at any time, including during the terms of elected officials, was given an emphatic thumbs down by a vote of 158 (yes) and 534 (no).

Nick Papa will be facing the Republican candidate for Bedford Municipal Court Judge in November, as Papa defeated primary opponent Robert N. Pelunis by a vote of 2536 to 1128 in last week's Primary.

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