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A Father's Day Tribute: Celebrating all my Slavic Village 'fathers'

By Edward Kosek

There is an old adage that says it takes a village to raise a child, and it could not be more truthful for many of us growing up in Slavic Village without a dad.

As a young man growing up without a father, there was a tremendous void in my life. It was the same unoccupied hole that so many children must navigate and learn to manage. The lack of a positive father figure or male role model for children during the formative years is recognized as an "at-risk" factor in the educational profession. Lucky for me, I had my grandmother in my life until I reached seventh grade, as well as several men who served as father figures and life mentors.

Like many of my friends growing up in the Fleet-Broadway neighborhood, I didn't know my dad. However, I was very fortunate that fate aligned my path to cross with several men who owed me nothing, yet proved to be the positive influence that I needed in my life.



Kosek

Joe Conroy

Joe Conroy was the father of four boys who lived directly across the street. Joe always treated me as his fifth son. He and his wife, Barb, included me in every family trip, and since my grandmother didn't drive, just hopping in the back of the station wagon or van with them was a memorable experience. I was included in trips to Geauga Lake, Cedar Point, Tinker's Creek, Dover Lake, the old Municipal Stadium for Browns and Indians games and many other trips.

And he also taught me to be like him, a jack-of-all-trades. When something broke in his house, Joe didn't hire someone else to fix it. Instead, he'd roll up his sleeves and get the job done. Because of him I had no problem remodeling my kitchen and bathroom, installing a new floor, or taking on home improvement tasks that other weekend warriors would avoid. While Joe is no longer with us, he lives on whenever I pick up some tools and begin a project, and there is no doubt that his acceptance of me played a part in my calling to help others.

Marty Piszczak

There were several men who fostered my love of learning and taught me the importance of helping others, especially children. Marty Piszczak was the manager at Stella Walsh Recreation Center on Broadway. He took numerous young men under his wing and taught us the importance of hard work. Marty was the definition of tough love. He was so tough, I remember quitting his Pee-Wee football team. While I quit on Marty in elementary school, he didn't quit on me. Marty hired me to be a summer worker in the playgrounds while in high school and after returning home from the military without a true sense of direction, Marty once again brought me on staff at the rec.

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The Neighborhood News will be closed 4th of July week and will not print a July 5th issue.

This advance notice is being given so that those with news items or advertisements can get them in for either our June 21st or June 28th issue.

Blood donor opportunities

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6/14/2023: 12 - 5 p.m.,
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New county jail in Garfield Heights?

Cuyahoga County Executive Chris Ronayne told 3News Monday that he will propose the 70-acre parcel in Garfield Heights formerly known as the Bridgeview property as the site for the new county jail. He told 3News that the legislation should be introduced at the next Cuyahoga County Council meeting on Tuesday, June 20.



Bridgeview property on Transportation Blvd. at I-480 interchange

Garfield Heights Mayor Matt Burke has long been advocating for the county to build its new jail on the Bridgeview site and hopes to broker a deal that will allow Garfield Heights space in the new facility for a new Justice Center that will

accommodate space for the Department and Garfield Heights Police Heights Municipal Court.

N.H. council members issue statement on court-mandated filing fees for traffic camera citations in response to Fox 8 story; say Mayor Traora is acting alone

On June 8, 2023, Fox 8 News aired a story regarding an order issued by the Garfield Heights Municipal Court requiring the Village of Newburgh Heights to pay a filing fee for every manually operated, handheld photo enforcement citation they issued.

Newburgh Heights Council President Pro Tempore Michelle Graora said that there is a difference of opinion between the court and Newburgh Heights Mayor Gigi Traore as to whether such a filing fee is required.

In response to the Fox 8 story, the Village of Newburgh Heights Council is seeking to clarify the record that failure to comply with the court's order is not a Village of Newburgh Heights policy or position. It is the position of one individual (Mayor Traore) acting independently of the court's interpretation of the photo enforcement laws, Graora said.

The following is a letter from council which is being delivered to each residence in Newburgh Heights:

Newburgh Heights June 12, 2023

We, the council members of the Village of Newburgh Heights (VONH), seek to correct the record regarding the FOX 8 story aired on June 8, 2023. We do not agree with the mayor's operation and administration of the village's traffic camera program. In fact, upon the advice of the Village Solicitor, we adopted legislation (Ord. 2023-13) instructing the administration to comply with the Garfield Heights Municipal Court's order to pay fees as required by the court.

Council understands that Police Chief Majoy has not had full authority regarding the traffic camera program since Ms. Traore assumed the office of Mayor in April of 2022. Please know that in no way does any VONH council member agree with or support any decision that is contrary to Judge Nicastro's order.

In fact, as a body we met with the GHMC judges to make this point explicitly clear. The decision to ignore the court's authority rests solely on the shoulders of Mayor Gigi Traore.

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A Father's Day Tribute:

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Marty had a heart of gold and loved the Slavic Village neighborhood as well as kids that frequented the rec center. Marty's most valuable lessons are etched into the very fabric of my being. He cautioned me to be careful while attempting to lift others up, so that you don't inadvertently get pulled down. He also taught me that success in coaching kids is not measured by the number of wins, but rather by the model we portray and the relationships we build inspiring kids to do and be better. He was a driving force that made me not only want to become a teacher, but also a principal in order to foster a culture where all students develop confidence in a positive environment.

Joseph Mueller

Joseph Mueller was another influential father figure. He was the principal at South High during my senior year in '95. As you might guess, being a principal of an urban high school is not a job for the faint of heart. You are constantly fighting to keep students safe while taking on gangs, guns, drugs and violence. I always respected Joe because of the way he carried himself. It was evident that he was a man of resolute principle who was on a mission to make South High a better place.

Under Joe's leadership as a student, I gained courage to do what's right, and as an adult, I refined that courage to stand up for what's right even when you are standing

alone. The most valuable lessons I learned from Joe were the importance of motivating and inspiring others, as well as to work to G.B.E.D. - Get Better Every Day!

There were many other men in Slavic Village who positively influenced my life and played a role in my calling to be an educator. Mr. Allen at South High, Mr. Riccio at A.B. Hart, Mr. Smith from Stella Walsh, my Uncle Danny and many others from E. 76 St., who also played important roles in my development. Each of these men took the time to build a relationship with me that made a huge difference in my life. The contributions they made in my life are paid forward on a daily basis in the interactions I have with others through my role as an educator. I only hope I can do for others what these men did for me.

These men of Slavic Village and men like them everywhere deserve to be recognized and applauded by those whose lives they selflessly impacted, and wished a very, very Happy Father's Day!

(Editor's Note: Edward Kosek was a student at A.B. Hart and a graduate of the South High School Class of 1995. He is entering his 19th year of serving as an educational administrator and is currently an assistant principal at North Ridgeville High School.)

N.H. council members

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Since this program's implementation in 2013, when under the direction of Chief Majoy, this program operated fully within the requirements of the law. Our current issues are the direct result of our Chief of Police being removed from the decision making and full administration of the program.

Your Council Members,
Steve Moran, Dorene Kray, Michelle Graora, Linda Giersz, Bill Dunman

(Editor's Note: The Neighborhood News has reached out to Mayor Traore seeking her side of this story and will publish her response if received.)

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GHHS 2023 grads achieving highest honors recognized at Garfield council meeting

By Ellen Psenicka

Garfield Heights Council met Monday night and passed a resolution recognizing those students achieving summa cum laude honors in the 2023 Garfield Heights High School graduating class.

Many of the honorees were in the audience at the meeting and shared where they will be attending college and were offered congratulations by each council member for their achievements.

Those from the 2023 GHHS graduating class attaining summa cum laude status are: Brianna Vondrak, Azlan Smith, Taylor Vild, Khamari Howard, Michelina Sajovie, Kenneth Moyers, Arianna Vondrak, Emily Lake, Makayla Svoboda, Brooklyn Rodgers, Tommie Benn, Abel Connors and JaMykle Benison.

The following legislation was also passed at Monday night's meeting:

- Updating the salaries of the Garfield Heights Police Department for 2023 for compliance with the city charter.
- Amending an ordinance on general parking within the city having to do with handicapped locations on public and private lots and garages to include newly implemented handicapped regulations.
- Applying for and accepting the Bureau of Workers' Compensation Safety Intervention Grant to be used to purchase safety equipment, including a fire hose management system, PPE washer extractor and undercarriage washing system for the fire and service departments. The city will be responsible for paying 25% of the total cost of the equipment, or approximately \$7850.
- Purchasing one 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe from Ganley Chevrolet of Aurora, at a cost not to exceed \$45,490, to be paid for with grant funding received by the city's police department.
- Purchasing three 2023 Ford Explorer Police Interceptors from Statewide Ford Lincoln, at a total cost of \$172,554, to be paid for with grant funding received by the city's police department.
- Entering into an agreement with North Coast Two-Way Radio for the outfitting of one 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe and three Ford Explorer Police Interceptors, at a total cost of \$28,463.31.

The next council meeting will be held on Monday, July 10.

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION, (Garfield Hts. Only)

Saturday, June 17,
10am-Noon, Inside



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The Rock Community Church, (9403 Garfield Blvd.), will have a food pantry distribution for Garfield Hts. residents only (income limits apply) on Saturday, June 17, from 10am-Noon.

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LEGAL NOTICE & REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

The City of Maple Heights, Ohio ("Owner") is seeking qualifications statements from firms to provide professional engineering services for the Lee Road and Raymond Street Sewer Improvements Project (the "Project") located in Maple Heights, Ohio. Firms interested in providing professional engineering services may obtain the Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") for Professional Engineering Services that includes the detailed submission requirements and evaluation process. A copy of the RFQ can be emailed upon written request directed to Tinita M. Tillman, Finance Director, City of Maple Heights at: Finance@MapleHeightsOhio.com

STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS must be EMAILED to Tinita M. Tillman, Finance Director, City of Maple Heights at: Finance@MapleHeightsOhio.com or may be MAILED or HAND-DELIVERED directly to the City of Maple Heights, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio 44137, Attention: Finance Director, Tinita M. Tillman, BY NO LATER THAN 4:00 P.M. Local Time, Thursday, June 22, 2023 and as more particularly required in the RFQ. Each response shall contain the full name of every person and company interested in the same and must be sealed in an envelope and endorsed with the identification of the appropriate contract as more particularly described in the RFQ. Questions regarding this advertisement shall be directed to Tinita M. Tillman, Finance Director, City of Maple Heights at: Finance@MapleHeightsOhio.com or (216) 662-6000.

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Slavic Village Stakeholders seeking new members

The recently formed Slavic Village Stakeholders has issued a call for new members to join them at their next public meeting, Tuesday evening, June 20, at the Broadway Free Library, 5437 Broadway Ave. Ample off-street parking is available nearby. Meet-and-greet is at 5:30 p.m., and the meeting formally starts at 6 p.m.

The Stakeholders are a diverse group of grassroots residents, civic organizations and business owners from throughout North and South Broadway. They focus on leadership development, citizen engagement, street design, building rehabilitation, marketing and economic revitalization.

Stakeholder President Jeanette Lloyd said the group meets each month at a different location in the neighborhood to hear updates, plan events and connect the neighborhood's many individuals and organizations.

Anyone can join simply by coming to the next meeting. For more info or to get on their mailing list, email: slavicvillagestakeholders@gmail.com or call 216-469-4806.

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The city of Garfield Heights is accepting registrations for its outdoor Community Flea Market scheduled for Saturday, June 24, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. The city will provide a table for \$10 or vendors can bring their own table for \$5. For information or to register, stop by the Civic Center or contact Pat Salemi at 216-475-1100, ext. 2425 or email to: psalemi@garfieldhts.org.

Community meeting on vacant lot mowing in CLE

A community meeting on the city of Cleveland's grass and lot mowing program will be held on Wednesday, June 21, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at the Polish American Cultural Center, 6501 Lansing Ave. Hear from Ward 12 Councilwoman Rebecca Mauer and city officials on how the city maintains vacant lots. Q&A to follow.

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a. Dillon Blake from Nerd Power, representing Jason Reed at 38 John St. is requesting a Zoning Permit to install a roof-mounted solar photovoltaic system on the rear half of the house and on both sides of the garage.

b. Darretta Manning, Dream Designs With Dee LLC, proposes to open a business that hosts events at 22793 Rockside Rd, Bedford, Oh 44146, an M-U Mixed Use District.

c. Signarama Cleveland – Marie Cippolletta wishes to install 3 signs on the front (North) of the Amplify storefront and one on the side (east).

Tracy M. Simons
Clerk of Council
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Posted N.N.: June 14, 2023

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Bedford (Bedford Heights/Oakwood Village) Branch Library

Here are some of the FREE programs coming up in June 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.

Faux Stained-Glass Craft-Adults, Saturdays, June 17, 24, 2 p.m.

Create a beautiful faux stained glass piece using glue and ink. You will create a design, outline it and fill it in with transparent colors to produce a unique, decorative stained-glass effect. This class will be held on 2 consecutive Saturdays, 6/17 and 6/24. You will automatically be registered for both sessions when you sign up. **MUST REGISTER**

Bedford Mobile Produce Distribution VOLUNTEER (Teens & Adults), Wednesday, June 21, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

This month our pantry will be outdoors. Please have proper attire for outdoor conditions. Volunteers will help sort, package and distribute produce. We'll have bottles of water available for volunteers. **MUST REGISTER**

Mobile Pantry - Free, fresh produce distribution, Wednesday, June 21, 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, June 21, 6:30 p.m.

Whether you have finished the book or not join us for activities and a book discussion based on the following book: June 21- "Dear Max" by D.J. Lucas aka Sally Grindley. Registration will close one week before the program. **MUST REGISTER**

African American Authors Book Group, In-Person or Virtual, All Adults Welcome, Thursday, June 29, 7 p.m.

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Ribboncutting for new Valley View Bridge express lanes

Ohio Department of Transportation Director Jack Marchbanks, District 12 Deputy Director John Picuri and the construction project team celebrated the ceremonial opening of the I-480 Valley View express lane bridge with a ribbon cutting Monday afternoon underneath the bridge on W. Canal Rd., in Valley View.

Traffic will be able to access the new express lane bridge in both eastbound and westbound directions next week.

The Valley View Bridge is the busiest in the state of Ohio, carrying an average of 180,000 vehicles a day during peak times. Originally constructed in the 1970s, the driving surfaces on the original two bridges were over 40 years old and had reached the end of their lifespan.

To complete this work without causing daily traffic backups, predicted at up to eight miles, ODOT engineers took a proactive approach to minimize delays by constructing a new bridge between the two existing bridges.

The new bridge will help lessen the traffic at interchanges during rush hour traffic by carrying two lanes in each direction. Westbound traffic will be able to bypass the I-77 interchange, and eastbound traffic can bypass the Transportation Boulevard exit. The center bridge will be able to provide a detour if there is a crash on one of the mainline bridges and will also allow for easy maintenance on the bridges in the future.

Work began in December 2017. In the fall of 2020, the new 4,150 ft. center bridge was completed by Walsh Construction Company.

The new driving surface for the I-480 eastbound bridge was completed in 2021 and the westbound bridge was completed in 2022. Operations to prepare the new bridge to carry two-way traffic began in fall 2022 and are nearing completion. On June 4, access to the new bridge in the westbound direction was opened. On Monday, June 19, eastbound traffic will have access to the center bridge, fully opening the new bridge to traffic.

The opening date of the center bridge to eastbound traffic is weather permitting. Minor pavement work and painting will continue through June 2024 with minimal impacts to traffic.

The estimated cost for this project is \$227 million.



A ribboncutting for the I-480 Valley View express lane bridge was held Monday underneath the bridge on W. Canal Rd., in Valley View. Photo by Elena Psenicka

ODOT traffic updates


The Ohio Department of Transportation has announced new impacts for this week regarding the I-480 Valley View Bridge deck replacement work.

Transportation Blvd. entrance and exit ramps at I-480 westbound will be closed overnight between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. on Thursday, June 15, and Friday, June 16, for pavement work. A detour will be posted.

Other roadwork

State Route 14 (Broadway Ave.), between Forbes Rd. and Rockside Rd. in Bedford, will have one lane of traffic maintained in each direction beginning this week through early July for resurfacing.

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Community police reports

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Cleveland

Shooting

On June 6, at 11:39 p.m., a 37-year-old male suffered a gunshot wound to the left leg at E. 71 St. and Harvard Ave. Driven by private auto to MetroHealth Medical Center.

Garfield Heights

Criminal Damage

On June 6, at about 7 p.m., an officer responded to St. John Lutheran Church, 11333 Granger Rd., for a report of windows being broken out by unknown parties. A worker at the church told police she had arrived there on June 6, at about 6 p.m., and was informed of the two broken windows on the north side of the church.

On June 7, at 5:40 p.m., police were called back to the church on a report that two males, one an adult and the other about 13 years old, were seen by passersby throwing rocks at the north side of the building. Multiple rocks were located on the ground as well as broken glass. The males were last seen going north through the lot at Elmwood Elementary School. Both males wore hoodies.

Weapon Offense

On June 8, at about 7:54 p.m., police stopped a car that had gone through a stop sign at E. 122 St. and Oakpark Blvd. The driver and three passengers told police there were no drugs or firearms in the car or on their person. Because of the suspicious behavior of the vehicle's occupants before the traffic stop, police re-

quested the Independence K-9 which arrived and made a positive alert on the vehicle. A search was then conducted and a Glock 27 loaded with 15 live rounds was found under one of the car's seats and another Glock 27 loaded with seven live rounds was found under another car seat. Two of the men were taken into custody and charged with CCW-Failure to Inform and the driver was issued a citation for stop signs.

Recovered Stolen Auto

On June 9, at 11:48 p.m., police observed a car driving recklessly south on E. 131 St., near S. Parkway. It was traveling down the center of the street and then on the wrong side of the road. Police attempted a traffic stop and a short pursuit ensued, until the vehicle hit a telephone pole in front of a home in the 13800 block of Alvin Ave., which caused the wires to go down across the road. It also hit a fire hydrant a few doors down where it came to rest. The male driver took off on foot. Dispatch advised that the vehicle was stolen from Cedar Point Amusement Park and was entered into LEADS as stolen by the Erie County Sheriff's Office. GHPD units set up a perimeter where the driver was last seen running. Shaker Heights PD responded with a K-9 to track the suspect, but he was not located. GHFD responded for the downed wires and pole and damaged fire hydrant. Report forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

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Sentenced to life in murder Dean's Lists

Bennie Washington, Sr. was sentenced in Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court Monday to life in prison for the murder of an 18-year-old female in his apartment near Warner Rd. and Laumar Ave., Cleveland, almost a year ago.

Prosecutors said that on or about July 30, 2022, Washington, 40, shot the woman at his apartment, and that on March 11, 2022, he was evicted from the residence.

On March 17, an apartment manager entered the apartment and noticed garbage bags and blankets on the balcony and believed a body was underneath. She called police and the Cleveland Division of Police and Cleveland EMS responded to the scene. The victim's severely decomposed body was discovered on the second-floor balcony of Washington's apartment. On March 19, 2022, Washington was arrested.

On May 24, 2023, Washington, Sr. was found guilty by a jury in the courtroom of Judge William T. McGinty of two counts of murder, two counts of felonious assault, one count of gross abuse of a corpse, and by the judge on one count of having weapons under disability.

He will be eligible for parole after 38 years.

M.H. shooting

Last Sunday, June 11, at 10:27 p.m., Maple Heights police were dispatched to the Libby Rd./Thomas St. area on a call that five shots were heard in the area.

Shortly after arriving on scene they found a man sitting in the driver's seat of a truck with a gunshot wound. The victim was transported to MetroHealth Medical Center where he is being treated, which is in its early stages.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the Maple Heights Detective Bureau: 216-587-9624 or Detectives @mhp-dohio.com or Crime Stoppers, 216-252-7463.

Muskingum U.

Sarah Piteo of Independence, OH, has been named to the Spring 2023 Dean's List at Muskingum University in New Concord, OH.

Bucknell U.

Dia Zizis, of Independence, has been named to the Dean's List at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA, for outstanding academic achievement during this year's spring semester. A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive Dean's List recognition.

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 **29th day of June, 2023** for the "Stafford Park Phase II Shelter/Bandstand Grading, Drainage and Sidewalk Project" in the City of Maple Heights, Ohio, NO FAXED COPIES ACCEPTED.

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

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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.

The **STAFFORD PARK PHASE II SHELTER/BANDSTAND GRADING, DRAINAGE, AND SIDEWALK PROJECT** is partially funded by the Cuyahoga County Department of Development's Block Grant Program. A bidder/contractor will be deemed committed to the Department of Labor's goals and timetables for the Cleveland, Ohio area as specified in the Notice of Requirements for Affirmative Action to ensure Equal Employment Opportunity Order 11246 by submitting a properly signed bid. Each bidder must ensure that all employees and applicants for the employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability or veteran status.

A copy of the Bid Specification package for the **Stafford Park Phase II Shelter/Bandstand Grading, Drainage, and Sidewalk Project** will be available for review by all potential bidders at the offices of the Cuyahoga County Department of Development located at 2079 East Ninth Street., 7th floor office 7-303, Cleveland, Ohio 44115.

Small Business Enterprises (SBE's) are encouraged to participate on this project. The goal for SBE participation is 35% of total contract award for this project.

A Pre-bid Conference for the **Stafford Park Phase II Shelter/Bandstand Grading, Drainage and Sidewalk Project** will be held at 10:00 A.M. local time on the 22nd day of June, 2023 in the Council Chambers at the Maple Heights City Hall, 5353 Lee 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, "**Stafford Park Phase II Shelter/Bandstand Grading, Drainage and Sidewalk Project**"

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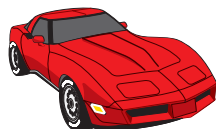
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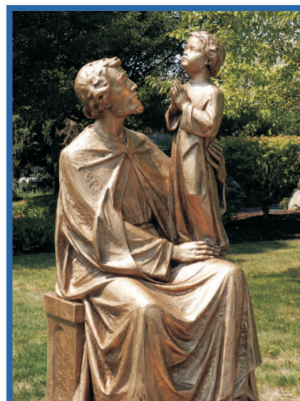
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