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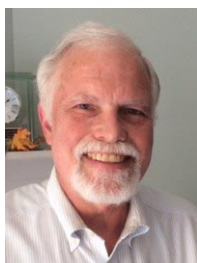
## Suspects sought in robbery, assault at Broadway Pizza



Cleveland police asked in a Twitter post last week for the public's help in identifying two suspects who entered Broadway Pizza, 5645 Broadway Ave., on Thursday, June 15, at 12 midnight and beat, shot at and robbed workers and patrons inside the shop.

If you have any information about the two male suspects shown in the above photo, call Crime Stoppers at 216-25-CRIME. Tips can remain anonymous.

## GHUMC pastor marks 50 years of service, retirement



Pastor Drew

This Sunday, June 25, Garfield Heights United Methodist Church, 4977 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights, will celebrate the Rev. H. Daniel Drew's 50 years of ministry and his retirement as the church's pastor. The public is invited to the 10:30 a.m. worship service Sunday, followed by a reception.

On June 21, 1973, Daniel Drew was ordained in Hoover Auditorium at Lakeside, Ohio, by Bishop Frances E. Kearns. Rev. Drew began his pastoral service on July 1, 1973, and has served faithfully for 50 years. During those years he has served as pastor of nine churches in Ohio, Indiana and Maryland. From 2003 to 2009, he served as superintendent in the East Ohio Conference assigned to the North Coast District which includes much of the Greater Cleveland area.

In 1996, he was assigned to the Garfield Heights UMC where he served full-time until 2003. During this time he helped plan the annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfasts out of which grew a very active Garfield Heights Christian Unity Council, with Rev. Drew as chairman until 2003, when he became a superintendent.

That Council had many activities, most notably the founding of the Good Friday "Procession of the Cross,"

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## Community Flea Market in G.H. this Saturday!

The city of Garfield Heights is hosting an outdoor Community Flea Market this Saturday, June 24, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. Parking for shoppers is available at the Garfield Heights branch library or near the Dan Kostel Recreation Center.

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## Iron Ward Festival kicks off 19th season with opening of Brancatelli Pavilion

Slavic Village's Iron Ward Music Festival will open its 19th season this Monday evening, June 26, at 7 p.m., with the dedication of the Anthony Brancatelli Pavilion, which was built last year by the city of Cleveland on the south end of Dan Kane Park, located on E. 65 St., near Broadway Ave.

The project was initiated by former Ward 12 Councilman Brancatelli in late 2021, and completed by his successor, Councilwoman Rebecca Maurer, in 2022.

The attractive, open-sided metal and timber structure is centered within a newly paved plaza near the Iron Ward stage. It will be used for audience gatherings, food service, and as a rain site for musicians.

Iron Ward asked the city's permission to name the building for the longtime councilman, in appreciation for his continuing support of the summer music series since its inception in 2005.

Headline performers for opening night will be Donny Jones and his popular Infinity Band, playing a blend of jazz, blues and pop favorites. The event is free and open to all residents and friends of Slavic Village.

Concerts in a wide variety of genres, within the shady urban oasis of Dan Kane Park, will continue each Monday evening until Labor Day. Free ice cream will be served when temperatures exceed 85 degrees.

The concerts are made possible with the generous support of Councilwoman Maurer and Slavic Village Development. For more information call 216-469-4806. Watch The Neighborhood News for updates.

## Maple Hts. students honored at council meeting

By Judith Goldsworth

Three Maple Heights students were honored for their achievements during a special presentation by District 7 Councilwoman Edwina Agee at the June council meeting.

Recognized were Cam'ron Bates, a St. Ignatius High School graduate; Noah Cunningham, graduate of St. Benedict School, a pre-K-8th grade school in Garfield Heights; and Maple Heights High School graduate Apryl Mines.

Agee stated that Bates received the District 7 2023 Scholarship for his outstanding academic achievements, including graduating from St. Ignatius with a 3.3 GPA. He will be attending the University of Cincinnati and studying cybersecurity.

Cunningham was recognized for his outstanding grades, and said he will be attending Holy Name High School in the fall, where he will be playing football and baseball for the school. Agee said that he finished the past school year with a GPA of 3.965, First Honors, at St. Benedict.

Mines, who received the Chaplain Kevin James Scholarship from local Chaplain Kevin James during the presentation, plans on attending the University of Cincinnati in the fall.

### Legislation passed

Council passed an ordinance at the meeting for the rehabilitation of the Lee Road Bridge over Mill Creek in the city, in cooperation with Cuyahoga County.

Also passed at the June meeting was a resolution authorizing City Engineer Ed Hren to begin preparing plans and specifications and to advertise for bids for pavement repairs this year on streets in Maple Heights, including "reconstruction and preventative maintenance."

Council also passed a resolution authorizing a change order for Caves Road Construction Service to increase the contract by \$12,789.28 for the Detention Center- Phase III Overall Conversion Project in the city. It was noted in the legislation that the city received \$50,000 from the District 8 American Rescue Plan Act Community Grant Fund for the Maple Heights Police Department Locker Room Expansion Project.

Council also passed a resolution to overrule the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission to deny the application of Michelle Beden-Payne for a conditional use permit to operate a child day care center at 5310 1/2 Warrensville Center Rd.

Beden-Payne had filed an appeal of the Planning and Zoning Commission's decision and had presented the appeal to council at a previous meeting, according to the legislation. Council's approval of the resolution, overruling the commission's denial, means that the permit is granted to Beden-Payne and Shell's Learning Center LLC, allowing the day care center to begin operations.

Council defeated another resolution to overrule the Planning and Zoning Commission's decision to deny the application of Michelle Affronti of Amarak, LLC, requesting a variance to install an electrified perimeter security system at the company's property at 16008 Libby Rd. As a result, the denial stands, according to the legislation.

### P&Z Commission member approved

Council Clerk Leonette Ciciarella reported that at a special council meeting held on Wednesday, May 31, resident Robert Gillette was appointed to the city's Planning and Zoning Commission for the term ending May 31, 2028.



# Maple Hts. awarded grant for Stafford Park restoration No NN edition on July 5th

Mayor Annette M. Blackwell is pleased to announce that the city of Maple Heights has been awarded a \$150,000 CDBG Block Grant from the Cuyahoga County Department of Housing and Community Development for the Maple Heights Stafford Park Restoration Project - Phase 2, which includes the construction of a new shelter/ bandstand at Stafford Park.

The new shelter/ band stand will be constructed near the existing pavilions, with ADA pathways into and around the project area for inclusion and updated accessibility.

The construction of the new shelter/ bandstand building pad and ADA pathway is scheduled to begin in August 2023, with the delivery and installation of the new structure tentatively scheduled for Fall 2023.

The project rendering for a new pavilion to be constructed at Stafford Park in Maple Heights is shown at right.



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 our June 28th issue.

## GHUMC pastor marks

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which grew out of the Good Friday Procession in Jerusalem. A large part of Rev. Drew's ministry has also been leading and organizing Christian Travel, including nine trips to the Holy Land.

In 2016, he was again appointed to serve the Garfield Heights UMC as a part-time retired pastor, which he has done for seven years. This Sunday will be his last worship service in that appointment.

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Councilman Stafford L. Shenett, Sr.  
Candidate for Mayor of Maple Heights, OH

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## CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO

### List of Meetings for July 2023

Monday, July 3, 2023	Council Summer Session - No meeting
Wednesday, July 5, 2023	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 12, 2023	Southeast Area Law Enforcement (SEALE) Board of Trustees Meeting (if needed) Work Session - 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting - 12:00 p.m.
Monday, July 17, 2023	Council Summer Session -No meeting
Tuesday, July 18, 2023	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 25, 2023	Board of Zoning Appeals (if needed) Work Session - 6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

It should also be noted that the Board of Building Standards and Appeals, Civil Service Commission, Bedford Arts and Cultural Board, Bedford Historical Preservation Board, Assessment Equalization Board, Public Hearings, Planning Commission, Animal Appeals Board, Board of Zoning Appeals and Tree Board meet **as needed**. Notification of these meetings will be posted at the five most public places in the City per **Ordinance No. 8461-09**.

All Meetings will be held at Bedford City Hall, 165 Center Road, Bedford, Ohio 44146. For agendas and minutes please go to [www.bedfordoh.gov](http://www.bedfordoh.gov), <https://bedfordoh.primegov.com/public/portal>. To leave a comment about an agenda item, please visit <https://bedfordspeaks.org/> or call Tracy M. Simons, Clerk of Council, at 440-735-6510.

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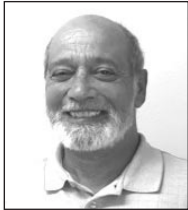
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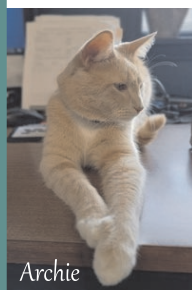
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# Honors, awards for 2023 GHHS graduating class

The Garfield Heights High School graduating class of 2023 was honored May 16, 2023, with academic awards and local scholarships. Parents, family, staff and honored guests applauded the efforts and accomplishments of these outstanding adults.

This year there were 14 students who graduated summa cum laude and received the Four-Star Award. These students all have a GPA of 4.0 or greater. They also received the Presidential Award of Excellence which requires students to maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPA and receive High Achievement in both reading and math in state or nationally normed tests. This year's recipients are JaMykle Benison, Tommie Benn, Abel Conors, Ashley Flora, Khamaree Howard, Emily Lake, Kenneth Moyers, Brooklyn Rodgers, Michelina Sajovie, Azlan Smith, Taylor Vild, Arianna Vondrak and Brianna Vondrak.

The following students graduated magna cum laude with a GPA of 3.75-3.99: Giovaughnii Alcantara, Micheal Diamond and Charles Gardner.

The following students graduated cum laude with a GPA of 3.5-3.74: Oliver Boyette, Gabriel Cobb, Erion Greene, Emily Salem, Morgan Rossello, Layla Shepherd, Sebastian Twardy, Taniya Wofford, Laila Hill, Caleb Lamatrice, Jameria Blackmon, Jalen Couch and Avery Taylor.

Local organizations in Garfield Heights once again showed their support for the hometown youth by sponsoring dozens of scholarship awards.

Commencement ceremonies were held on June 2, 2023, at Public Hall in downtown Cleveland.

## Vondrak twins excel

The Vondrak sisters, twins Brianna and Arianna, are two of the brightest stars in the 2023 GHHS graduating class, both earning summa cum laude status.

Arianna followed a path in high school that led her to Cuyahoga Valley Career Center to study cosmetology and today is a successful and emerging cosmetologist because of her educational experience there.

Both sisters have been part of the National Honor Society. Arianna was a standout cheerleader, and Brianna was a four-year volleyball student-athlete, three of those as a varsity player.

Brianna plans to study International Relations and Public Relations next year at college. Both sisters will be attending Miami University in the fall to pursue the next steps on their educational journey. They credit their

mother for providing the foundation of a strong support system, and encouraging them to work hard, succeed and dream big.

On behalf of everyone in the Garfield Heights City Schools, congratulations to Arianna and Brianna Vondrak for all their impressive accomplishments!



Twins Brianna and Arianna Vondrak, both summa cum laude graduates of the GHHS Class of 2023, are headed to Miami University in the fall.

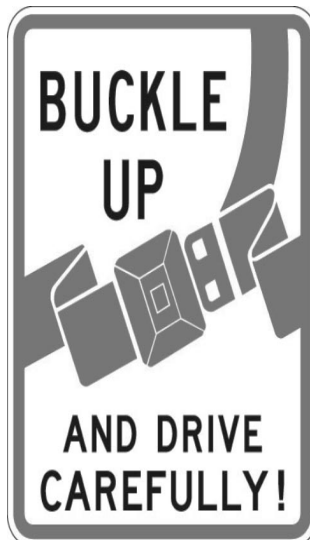


Students Tommie Benn and Taniya Wofford are shown with Garfield Heights Schools Superintendent Dr. Richard Reynolds (center).



GHHS Assistant Principal Ashlee Ward, student Xiomari Rosi and Principal John Townsend are shown left to right.

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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 **29<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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., 7<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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"

Tinita Tillman  
Finance Director  
Maple Heights, Ohio

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# Community police reports

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

## Cleveland

### Felonious Assault on Police Officer

On June 16, at 8:40 a.m., an officer was physically struck by an auto in the 7600 block of New York Ave. Officer transported to University Hospitals.

## Garfield Heights

### Traffic Offense-OVI

On June 12, at about 12:45 a.m., police were called to the Donovan Park area for a complaint that a black car was in the vicinity with its lights on for over an hour. Police located the car on the street in front of a home in the 4800 block of Rockwood Rd., and observed a person in the driver's seat slumped over the center console. Police knocked on the window and were eventually able to wake the man sleeping inside. They asked for the man's driver's license, and were given a Visa debit card. There was an open bottle of Mike's Hard Lemonade next to the man and an open bottle of wine inside the car. He refused to perform a standard sobriety field test and was placed under arrest for OVI. He was placed in a "detox cell" until the booking procedure could be completed.

### Criminal Damage-Other

On June 12, at 7:17 p.m., police were called to St. John Lutheran Church, 11333 Granger Rd., for juveniles throwing rocks and breaking the church windows. Police located the juveniles in the back parking lot of Brilliance School near Penfield Ave. One of them told police he was dared to throw rocks and break the window by other kids on the playground and he did just that. The other juvenile was uncooperative and denied any wrongdoing. A church worker told police this is the fourth time the windows have been broken by juveniles and the damage ranges from \$1000 to \$2000. She said the one window broken that day had just been replaced the day before. Both juveniles were released to their legal guardians and will have pending charges of criminal damaging. Report forwarded to the Garfield Heights Juvenile Detective Bureau for follow up.

### Vandalism

On June 13, an officer responded to the station for a vandalism report. The complainant said that between June 12, at 1 p.m., and June 13, at 1 p.m., someone had damaged approximately 15 windows on the house he owns in the 10600 block of Mountview Ave.

### Criminal Mischief

On June 13, an officer was dispatched to a home in the 10600 block of Raymond Ave. The homeowner told police that sometime between June 12, at 10 p.m., and June 13, at 7:05 a.m., someone had struck his car parked in the driveway with paint-filled balloons. He also said the

same incident occurred about a week ago. The paint was able to be rinsed off. Police advised him to get motion lights and/or cameras.

### Theft of a Motor Vehicle

•On June 13, an officer took a report from a woman who stated her 2019 Jeep Cherokee had been stolen from a parking lot in the 4600 block of E. 131 St., on June 13, between midnight and 1:42 a.m. She was advised that it was recovered by Cleveland police after it crashed at E. 143 St. and Miles Ave., and the Jeep had sustained damage.

•On June 14, an officer was met at the station by a female victim of auto theft. She told police that between 10 a.m. on June 8, and 6:30 p.m. on June 10, her 2010 Porsche Cayenne was stolen from her driveway in the 13800 block of North Dr.

## Beyerle Rd. eyesore demolished... finally!

By Forest City Block Club

Forest City Block Club members had been working on getting squatters evicted from 3585 Beyerle Rd., in Cleveland's Slavic Village, for over a year. During the four years the squatters occupied the house there were many nuisance and eyesore issues, with severe health, safety and fire-related problems impacting the neighborhood.

Residents had spoken to the mayor and officials from city hall about this problem and at a Cleveland City Council meeting, where Remi Murrey from Channel 5 news picked up the story.

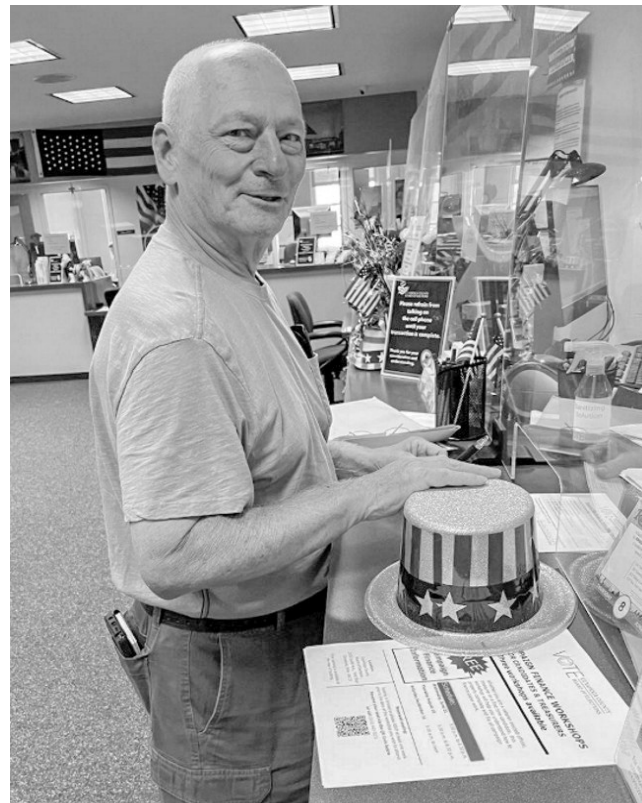
Remi interviewed residents about the problems at the house and ran a story on March 9, 2023. The next day the city's Building and Housing Department told residents that a Motion to Vacate this house had been granted. The story broke the logjam. Two weeks later, Cuyahoga County sheriffs informed the squatters they had to vacate the premises, and on May 25, 2023, the house was demolished.

Forest City Block Club residents are strengthened by this accomplishment and working on solving other neighborhood problems together.



A member of Forest City Block Club celebrates the demolition. Photo by Mark Silverberg

## Ward 2 Councilman Donahue running for reelection in Garfield Hts.



Garfield Heights Ward 2 Councilman Charles F. Donahue is shown filing for reelection.

On Thursday, June 8, Garfield Heights Democratic Ward 2 Councilman Charles F. Donahue filed his petitions for reelection with the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections. Donahue said he has been humbled and honored to serve the residents of Ward 2 over the past four years as councilman.

"It's all about good government and helping people and doing the right thing for all the residents of Garfield Heights," he said.

Donahue is a military veteran who is a retired sergeant, US Army engineer, former school teacher and currently serves on the Cuyahoga County Democratic Executive Committee and is a member in good standing within the Garfield Heights Democratic Club PAC. He said he can be seen throughout the city volunteering his time and services to many organizations and groups serving the residents of Garfield Heights.

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# The Garden Factory Free Plant Stand is BACK! Former Garfield Heights councilwoman passes away

The Garden Factory Free Plant Stand, a plant swap and drop off location for neighbors to share plants, is back open for business in Slavic Village. Look for it on the east (driveway) side of Gold Plum, 6506 Gertrude Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44105.

Now in its 5th year, the Free Plant Stand has placed thousands of plants into the hands of neighborhood gardeners, newbies and old hands alike. Houseplants, tools, pots and other garden-related items are also accepted.

If you are an experienced gardener, this is a great way to encourage new gardeners to try a new plant by dropping off perennial divisions or spare starter plants or bulbs to share. You may even find something interesting to take home yourself!

Please mark your donations with the plant name and variety (if known). Hints about growing conditions (sun, shade, etc.) are also helpful.

A donation of over 3,000 vegetable starter plants was recently received and there are still tomato and pepper plants awaiting adoption. First come, first served!

Donations are random and ever changing so if you don't see anything interesting one day, stop back again some other time and try again. New this year is the "Seed Cupboard." Now seeds can also be left in a protected box.

The Garden Factory Free Plant Stand is located in the heart of the Garden District and is sponsored by local business owner Anne Sherridon. It is operational 24/7 from May until November.

Questions? Call Anne at 216-441-0267 or email: asgoldplum@gmail.com.

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Tracy E. Mahoney (nee Tayfel), 58, beloved wife of Richard K.; loving mother of Richard K. Jr. (Cynthia), and Megan (Niki); cherished grandmother of Tiernan and Jackson; dearest sister of Bonnie Zimmerman, Kimmy Pallini, Roger Tayfel, the late Wanda Tylicki and the late Kaley Tayfel; loving daughter of the late Sharon and Roger Tayfel; daughter-in-law of Geraldine Mahoney (late Jay); dear aunt and cousin of many.



In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial contributions be made in Tracy's name to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis TN 38105. Friends may call at the FERFOLIA FUNERAL HOME, 356 W. AURORARD. (ST. RT. 82), SAGAMORE HILLS, where Funeral Services will be held FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2023 at 12 NOON. VISITATION WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, AND THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Interment at Crown Hill Cemetery immediately following funeral services.

## Ward 7 meeting, cookout

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch Meeting & Cookout, sponsored by Councilman Tom Vaughn, will take place on Thursday, June 29, at 7 p.m., at St. Monica Church's pavilion off Rockside Rd. All are welcome.

Contact Gail at 216-662-9213 if you are planning to attend.

## ODOT traffic updates

The Ohio Department of Transportation has issued the following road closures next week necessitated by various bridge repairs in Cuyahoga County:

I-480 east to I-77 north will be closed on Thursday, June 29, at 9 p.m. through Friday, June 30, at 3 a.m. for bridge repairs. Detour will be SR 176 north to I-490 east to I-77.

Warrenville Center Rd. to I-480 west will be closed on Monday, June 26, at 7 p.m. through Tuesday, June 27, at 6 a.m. for bridge repairs. Detour will be SR 17 (Libby Rd.) to SR 14 (Broadway Ave.) to I-480.

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