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No Neighborhood News issue July 5th

The Neighborhood News will be closed 4th of July week and will not print a July 5th issue. The office at 8613 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Heights, will be closed Friday, June 30, and will reopen on Monday, July 10. Normal deadlines for our July 12th issue will apply.

The staff and management of The Neighborhood News would like to wish all our readers a very happy and safe Independence Day holiday weekend. See Page 4 of this newspaper for local celebrations.

County Council holds first reading on resolution to build jail in Garfield Hts.

A resolution which would authorize a purchase agreement with Craig Realty Group - Cleveland, LLC to buy approximately 72.1 acres on the old Bridgview site in Garfield Heights, to build a new county jail was introduced on first reading last Tuesday, June 20, at the Cuyahoga County Council meeting.

The legislation, introduced by County Council Executive Chris Ronayne, stipulates the cost of the purchase would not exceed \$38,703,000 and would include access to Granger Rd. The primary goal of the agreement to buy the Bridgview acreage in Garfield Heights, according to the resolution, "is to purchase land to be used for construction of a new Cuyahoga County Central Campus," with proximity to I-480, I-77, I-71 and I-90.

The cost of the property would be funded by the county's General Fund, including funds made available under the loss-revenue provisions of the American Rescue Plan Act.

Sentenced in Bedford double murders

Roger Herring, 37, was sentenced Monday to life in prison in the courtroom of Judge Timothy McCormick for the murders of two family members in Bedford last year. He pleaded guilty last month to two counts of aggravated murder. He will be first eligible for parole after 30 years.

On August 27, 2022, Herring entered his family's residence near Magnolia Ave. and Broadway Ave., in Bedford, stabbed both his nephew, 19, and brother-in-law, 47, multiple times and then fled the scene.

Bedford police and EMS responded. His nephew was pronounced deceased on scene. The brother-in-law was transported to a nearby hospital where he was pronounced deceased. Herring was arrested later that day.

Iron Ward announces July lineup of concerts

Slavic Village's long-running Iron Ward Summer Concert Series has announced its musical groups for July. They represent genres spanning America's broad musical spectrum.

July 3: Donny Jone's Infinity Band--- Blues, Jazz, Motown + pre-Fourth of July ice cream + patriotic festivities

July 10: Danny Hearn and the Dropdowns--- hard-driving Pop Rock

July 17: Myron Gardner's Band With No Name--- Motown, Gospel, more

July 24: Mark Reilly--- instrumental ballads, folk, country

July 31: Cleveland Public Theatre's STEP--- musical drama by Cleveland's brightest young actors. Venue shift to St. Stanislaus Church plaza.

The free outdoor performances occur as they have for the last 18 years, each Monday evening in summer from 7 p.m. until dusk at Dan Kane Park on E. 65 St., just south of Broadway Ave. Enjoy the new Anthony Brancatelli Pavilion, completed last year by the City of Cleveland.

Iron Ward is produced with the generous support of Ward 12 Councilwoman Rebecca Maurer and Slavic Village Development.

LUCKY DUO BEATS ODDS IN LOTTERY WIN



Convenient Food Mart on E. 98 St., in Garfield Heights, confirmed yesterday to The Neighborhood News that it recently sold a \$2-million scratch-off Ohio Lottery ticket at its store.

As reported by WJW Fox 8 News, the lucky two winners, according to the Ohio Lottery, are Joshua Epifano of Garfield Heights and Scott Dobson of North Ridgeville. They chose the \$1-million cash option and will each get about \$360,000 after taxes. *Photo by Elena Psenicka*

Presentation on Garfield Heights Parks Master Plan

A public presentation of the Garfield Heights Parks Master Plan is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m., on Wednesday, July 12, at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd.

Planners from OHM will present the proposal at 6:30 p.m. The Parks Master plan is designed to be a guide for the city and its residents for years to come. Garfield Heights received funding from the Cuyahoga County Community Development Supplement Grant to create the plan.

For additional information contact Pat Salemi, 216-475-1100, ext. 2425 or psalemi@garfieldhts.org.

ODOT construction updates

The Ohio Department of Transportation has announced the following closures on roadways in Cuyahoga County due to 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.

• I-480 east ramp to Warrensville Center Rd. will have various shoulder closures on Wednesday, June 28, through Thursday, June 29, for bridge repairs.

Community police reports

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

Garfield Heights

Theft of Motor Vehicle

•On June 19, at about 10:11 a.m., an officer went to the Garfield Heights police station to take a motor vehicle theft report. A woman said she parked her Hyundai Sonata in front of her residence in the 11400 block of Edgepark Dr. on the night of June 18, and at 8:30 a.m. the next morning her car was missing from her parking spot on the street. On June 19, at 7:17 p.m., the owner of the stolen vehicle said she had located it in an alley at 7636 Broadway Ave., Cleveland. The vehicle had a broken out rear passenger window, the steering column was peeled and the license removed and placed in the vehicle's trunk. The victim said the only thing missing from her car was the garage door opener.

•On June 20, an officer was dispatched to a home in the 10400 block of Grace Ave., for a Mercedes Benz CL2 being stolen from the driveway sometime during the afternoon. The complainant said the keys may have been in the car and his wallet. Vehicle entered into LEADS.

That same day GHPD was advised the stolen Mercedes was recovered by Lorain PD after a pursuit. Vehicle was recovered unoccupied. Owner notified.

Weapon Offense

On June 19, at 2:07 a.m., an officer was dispatched to a home in the 12500 block of Maplerow Ave., for a residence struck by gunfire. The complainant said she heard gunshots and glass breaking in the back of her residence and saw that a Dodge Charger in the back of the house had been struck several times by gunfire. There were also three bullet holes on the east side of the residence. This same house was broken into on April 27, 2023, and the complainant believes the unidentified males involved in that incident were also responsible for the current shootings. Victim was advised to follow up with the Detective Bureau.

Suspicious Activity

•On June 20, at about 2:12 a.m., police were dispatched to E. 110 St. on a call that a woman had seen a black teenage female wearing a pink sweatshirt, black Nike shoes and braided hair down to the small of her back with beads in it at about 2 a.m., walking east on Vernon Ave., from E. 110 St. The witness saw that a white work van with no rear or trunk windows had pulled up beside the girl and a black male with a full beard, about 40 to 50 years old, stepped out of the van and got the girl into the van as she screamed for help. ABOLO alert was sent to surrounding agencies with a description of the girl and the van. The Detective Bureau will follow up.

•On June 20, about 3:20 p.m., an officer responded to a call regarding a suspicious person in a white van trying to lure a child into the vehicle in the area of the 4900 block of E. 81 St. The caller said a white male was driving the van and headed toward Donovan Park. The officer toured the area but did not see the white van. He spoke with a child who said she was playing with friends when a man

in a van told her to get inside with him. She described him as a white male, clean shaven, possibly bald, wearing a black ball cap. Advised to call GHPD if subject vehicle returns to the area.

Shots Fired

On June 21, at about 1:08 p.m., police were dispatched to the area of the 4500 block of E. 126 St., for a report of shots fired. A witness told officers that he saw two vehicles in the middle of the street that appeared to be a road rage incident. He said someone in a white Ford Fusion fired 3-5 shots at a silver Lexus with a smashed fender. The white Ford then left the area going north on E. 126 St. Two spent 9mm casings were found in front of a home, also in the 4500 block of E. 126 St.

Found Property

On June 22, an officer responded to a home in the 4900 block of Edgepark Dr., for a found property report. A woman told police her friend was cleaning out a structure in her backyard and found a Glock 43X 9mm handgun which had an extended magazine loaded with seven rounds with one round in the chamber. Weapon tagged and placed into evidence.

Criminal Damage-Auto

On June 24, at about 11:38 a.m., an officer was dispatched to a home in the 10600 block of Mountview Ave., and spoke to the complainant who told police that when he arrived at this property this morning the windows of his Honda Odyssey had been smashed out and the catalytic converter cut off and stolen from his car. Approximate value \$1000. No suspects at this time.

Calls to Crime Stoppers can remain anonymous

Crime Stoppers encourages members of the community to assist local law enforcement agencies in the fight against crime.

Crime Stoppers provides an anonymous telephone number, Text Tips and Web Tips to encourage citizens to volunteer vital information helpful to law enforcement agencies. By offering anonymity and cash rewards for information leading to indictment or arrests, the program encourages otherwise reluctant callers to provide information.

The 24/7 hotline number, 216-252-7463, allows the caller to remain anonymous. The phone does not have a caller ID function and calls are not recorded.

Those with information can also text TIP657 plus your message to 274637, or can submit information online at www.25crime.com.

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HEAP Summer Crisis Program starts July 1st Trinity High School uses state funds to implement enhanced safety features

The Ohio Department of Development and Step Forward will help income-eligible Ohioans stay cool during the hot summer months. The Home Energy Assistance Summer Crisis Program provides eligible Ohioans help paying an electric bill or help paying for central air conditioning repairs. The program runs from July 1-Sept. 30, 2023.

To apply for the program clients are required to schedule an appointment with Step Forward. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 216-350-8008.

Clients need to bring copies of the following documents to their appointment:

- Copies of their most recent energy bills
- A list of all household members and proof of income for the last 30 days or 12 months for each member
- Proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency for all household members
- Proof of disability (if applicable)
- Physician documentation that cooling assistance is needed for a household member's health (if there isn't a household member over the age of 60).

Last year, Step Forward distributed more than \$431,000 in assistance through the Summer Crisis Program.

"The Summer Crisis Program can have a transformative impact on households that struggle to stay cool during scorching temperatures," Paul Billups, Step Forward's Director of HEAP, said. "This program not only eases the burden of high energy costs, but it restores comfort, ensuring that families can find respite from the heat."

The Summer Crisis Program assists low-income households with an older household member (60 years or older) who can provide physician documentation that cooling assistance is needed for their health, have a disconnect notice, have been shut off, are trying to establish new

service on their electric bill, or require air conditioning. Conditions can include such things as lung disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or asthma.

Eligible households can receive up to \$1,500 if they are a customer of a regulated utility, or \$800 if they are a customer of unregulated utilities such as electric cooperatives and municipal utilities. The assistance is applied to their utility bill or to purchase an air conditioning unit or fan, or pay for central air conditioning repairs. Ohioans must have a gross income at or below 175% of the federal poverty guidelines to qualify for assistance. For a family of four the annual income must be at or below \$52,500.

Also, Ohioans enrolled in the Percentage of Income Payment Plan Plus (PIPP) program who meet the above criteria may be eligible for assistance towards their default PIPP payment, first PIPP payment, central air conditioning repairs, or may receive an air conditioning unit and/or fan.

For more information about the features of the Summer Crisis Program and what is needed to apply, contact Step Forward at 216-350-8008. To be connected to your local Energy Assistance provider visit www.energyhelp.ohio.gov or call 800-282-0880.

G.H. Ward 7 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.



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Garfield Heights City Council Ward 2

Dear Friend,

I'd like to take this opportunity to personally Thank those that took the time to sign my petition for City Council here in Ward 2. Perhaps I knocked on your door and missed you because you were not at home.

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I'd like to wish you and your family a Happy and Safe 4th of July.

Again Thank You for allowing me the opportunity to Serve as your Councilman here in Ward 2.

Thank you and God Bless,

Charles F. Donahue - Councilman Ward 2

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Earlier this year, Trinity High School was the recipient of state funding support for physical safety and security upgrades as part of Governor Mike DeWine's K-12 School Safety Grant Program.

Trinity was able to secure the maximum award of \$100,000, and those funds are being used to add SafetyShield to all windows throughout the school by a company called Armor Window Films.

This SafetyShield delays intruders, protects against wind-borne debris and bodily injury from flying shards of glass and other accidental damage which all contributes to keeping Trinity's staff and students much safer overall.

The installation process will take just about a week and has many protective benefits. While Safety-Shield is not considered bullet-proof, it does in fact keep windows from shattering on impact and will aid in preventing instant entry by intruders utilizing weapons in an attempt to break the glass.

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Independence Day Holiday Festivities

Bedford/Bedford Heights

The cities of Bedford and Bedford Heights are hosting their 38th annual Independence Day Parade on Tuesday, July 4, beginning at 10 a.m. The parade starts at Columbus Rd. and Washington St., proceeds east on Columbus Rd. to Perkins Rd., disbanding at Bedford Heights City Hall.

A friendly reminder from city officials: discharging fireworks within city limits is not permitted even though discharge is permitted in the state of Ohio.

Independence

The city of Independence will celebrate the Fourth of July 2023 on Monday, July 3, with fireworks at dusk at Elmwood Park. The Independence Fire Department will be supervising the professional display to ensure everyone's safety. The Kiwanis Pavilion, Liberty Station Building & Playground and Safety Town areas will close on Monday, July 3, at noon. There will be food trucks near the Independence Civic Center starting at 7 p.m.

Mayor Gregory Kurtz wants to remind residents and visitors that in 2022 Independence opted out of Ohio's new law that legalizes the use of consumer-grade fireworks on select days of the year. Sparklers, snaps, snakes, small noise makers and smoke bombs are considered novelty fireworks and are not permitted in the city.

On average, fireworks are responsible for starting about 19,000 fires each year and more than a third of fireworks injuries occur to children under the age of 15. Also, the loud booms late at night scare children, adults and pets. The rain date for the Independence Day Fireworks will be Friday, July 7.

Slavic Village

The Iron Ward Summer Concert Series at Dan Kane Park, E. 65 St., just south of Broadway Ave., will kick off with its Pre-Fourth of July concert on Monday, July 3, from 7 p.m. until dusk. Featured will be the Donny Jone's Infinity Band, with blues, jazz and Motown. Free ice cream and patriotic festivities.


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Lots of legislation passed at latest Bedford meeting

By Judith Goldsworth

Because Bedford Council will not meet in July due to its summer schedule, Monday's meeting agenda contained a large amount of legislation, of which the following were passed:

- Resolution approving and accepting the proposed 2023 tax budget for the year Jan. 1, 2024-Dec. 31, 2024. Finance Director Jennifer Howland said passing the legislation allows three actions to take place: Cuyahoga County Auditor to set the city property rate for next year; Bedford to receive undivided local government revenue in the amount of about \$420,000; and the county auditor to provide the city a certificate of estimated resources.

- Resolution requesting the county auditor to advance taxes from proceeds of tax levies for the year 2022, collected in 2024, pursuant to state law. Howland said this legislation, done in conjunction with the tax budget, asks the county auditor to advance funds to Bedford, rather than the city receiving them in two lump sum payments next year.

- Three pieces of legislation declaring the necessity to improve streets in the city by lighting them; determining to proceed with improvements of the streets by lighting same; and levying special assessments for lighting the streets, at a rate of 1.4 mills (1.40 cents per each \$100 of tax valuation per year), to be collected in 2024.

- Resolution to assess property owners the expense of garbage/refuse collection, recycling and disposal and certifying the costs to the county auditor. Beginning July 1, 2023, the monthly rate will be \$18 per single family residential unit, \$36 for a two-family unit, and \$54 for a three-family unit. This is not an increase from last year.

- Ordinance for a contract with Terrace Construction Co., Inc., for the Lincoln Boulevard Water Main Replacement project, at a cost of \$1,076,543.13, to be paid out of the city's Water Fund. Terrace's bid was roughly \$70,000

less than the next closest bid, and the work is expected to be completed this year, City Manager Mike Mallis said.

- Ordinance approving engineering fee to GPD Group, for design and engineering services for the Bedford Commons Expansion Project, including surveying, geotechnical services, construction documents, bidding assistance, compensation and general conditions understanding, at a cost of \$80,315. Mallis said the city has received a \$700,000 Cuyahoga County grant and also funds from the Bedford AutoMile to move forward on the expansion project, which is expected to be completed by the end of 2024.

- Ordinance approving engineering fee, also to GPD Group, for services for the Boiler Replacement Project in the Municipal Center, including electrical design and engineering services, at a cost of \$23,400. The city has received \$70,000 in grant funding to help with the project to replace both of the old boilers before winter.

- Ordinance to amend the section on "Peddler" in the Building Regulation Code of the city's ordinances, to specifically include the selling of public utilities services at residences and businesses. Energy companies, cable companies, or similar utility companies that have solicitors trying to sell these services to potential customers at their homes or businesses must be registered through the police department, Mallis said.

- An ordinance to adopt the City of Bedford Employee Handbook, and a second ordinance to repeal sections of the codified ordinances rendered obsolete due to the adoption of the updated handbook. The first ordinance adopts a comprehensive handbook for city employees that has been reviewed, researched, updated and compiled by the administration and the city's Labor Council.

- Council approved two motions: One approving the Board of Zoning Appeals' decision to grant LDC Construction LLC's zoning application for construction of a

new manufacturing facility located at 2 Hemisphere Way, in the Tinkers Creek Commerce Park. The second was a separate motion, approving the Planning Commission's decision to grant Signarama Cleveland's application to install two signs on the front and side of the Amplify storefront at Rockside and Northfield rds.

RR closes crossings without notification

In his report to council, Mallis said that recently the Norfolk Southern railroad came in and closed down crossings without notifying the city, even though Bedford had asked earlier this year that the railroads notify the city in advance of upcoming work, especially with the Broadway Ave. reconstruction. "Not surprisingly, they showed up unannounced and closed all the crossings and started delivering materials," he said.

Norfolk Southern reopened the crossings, but left the materials, which are going to be used for a larger improvement to their rail lines later this summer, Mallis said. The city had asked Norfolk Southern to meet with Bedford officials a minimum of 45 days prior to any work taking place. "They were receptive to that," Mallis said. "We'll be meeting with them when they get closer to their project."

Mallis said that the Cleveland Metroparks had accepted the city's gift of 6.4 acres of land in the Taylor-Willis neighborhood adjacent to Viaduct Park, for the expansion of the Bedford Reservation. He said the land should officially transfer over to the Parks in August.

Announcements

Councilman Jeff Asbury announced that the Municipal Pool is expected to officially open this Friday, June 30. He also said that the Summer Concert Series will continue downtown on Wednesday, July 5, with "Tyrone's Blues Sensation."

Mallis announced that the Senior Transportation Connection was working with the city to expand the radius for transportation services for senior citizens to go to medical appointments outside Bedford. The charge for the service will not change.

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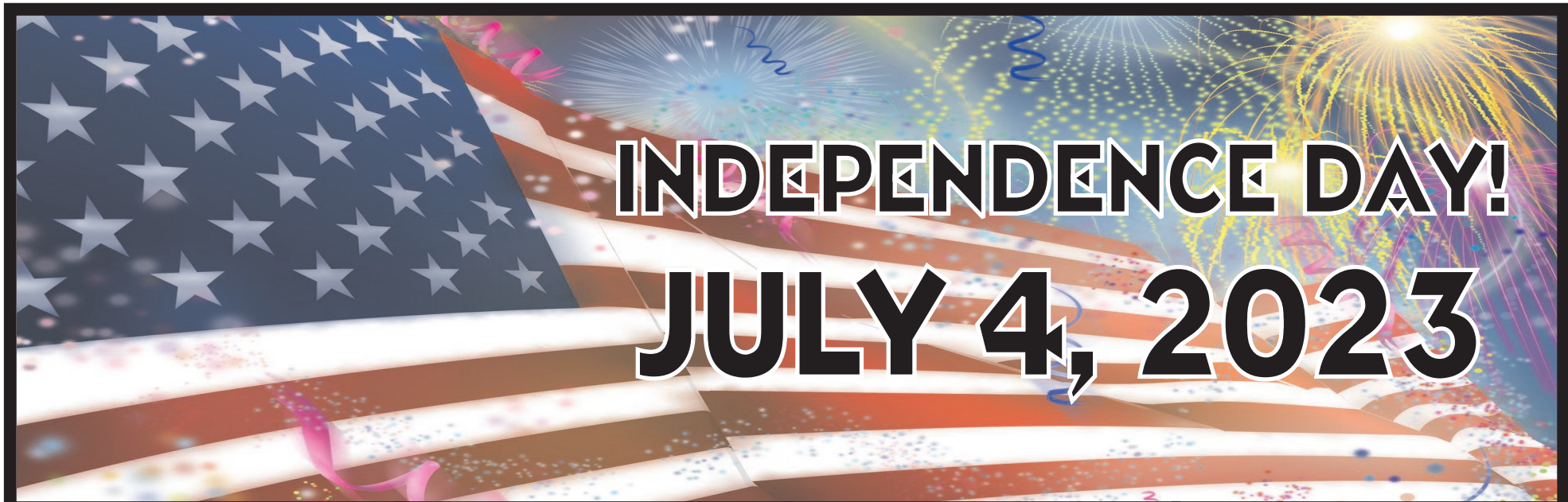
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Mayor Gregory P. Kurtz

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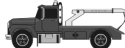
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Fireworks pose a serious threat when not handled properly and cause many fires and severe injuries each year. The discharge of, ignition or explosion of any fireworks (except novelty or trick fireworks) is illegal in the city of Cleveland.

The vast majority of fireworks-related injuries occur during the weeks leading up to and following the Fourth of July. For a safe and fun Fourth of July, leave the fireworks to the experts. Two of five house fires on Independence Day are a result of fireworks. Illegal fireworks pose an even greater threat to those using or storing them and to revelers. Illegal fireworks are notoriously unreliable and dangerous, and can quickly turn a holiday into a tragic day.

Celebratory gunfire is extremely dangerous. What goes up must come down! Firing weapons irresponsibly can cause death, serious injury and damage to property.

Unnecessary noise complaints will be investigated and violators will be cited: "The discharge of, ignition or explosion of any fireworks, except novelty or trick fireworks" is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. Violations of this section after having been warned within 36 hours of a second occurrence are a misdemeanor of the third degree. Violations of this section during any dates of June 15 through July 15 inclusive are a misdemeanor of the third degree.

The Cleveland Division of Police reminds the public that policing is a partnership and that if you see something, say something. Report suspicious and illegal activity to law enforcement. Call 9-1-1 for emergencies. Call 216-621-1234 for non-emergencies. Anonymous information can be provided by calling CrimeStoppers at 216-252-7463 or via text message: text TIP657 plus your message to Crimes (274637).

AG Yost warns consumers of event ticket scammers

With Taylor Swift coming to Cincinnati at the end of June, Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost is reminding Swifties that scammers are looking to take advantage of fans.

Be skeptical of offers that are too good to be true. Sellers, especially on online marketplaces, may offer tickets at face value (or below) for events that are sold out or in high demand, but these offers may be scams.

Use reputable third-party resale sites. To protect yourself, deal with reputable businesses instead of individuals who are not associated with an event. Beware of websites that mimic popular ticket seller's logos or the tour logos.

Before providing any payment or personal information, do a soundcheck. Research a seller's reputation. Search the seller's name, username, email address, phone number and other details for information. Even if you find no negative information, don't assume that the seller is trustworthy. Some con artists change names regularly.

Be wary of sellers who change their tune on specific forms of payment. Con artists often request payment methods that are difficult to trace or recover, such as gift cards, crypto, cash or wire transfer.

Consider paying with a credit card. With a credit card, if a problem arises, you generally have greater protection and the ability to dispute charges.

Consumers who believe they have been defrauded should immediately report the details to the company they used to make the payment. Ohioans can report scams to the Ohio Attorney General's Office at www.OhioProtects.org or by calling 800-282-0515.

Post 309 Pre-4th Dinner

American Legion Post 309, 15521 Broadway Ave., Maple Heights, will hold a Pre-4th of July Dinner on Wednesday, June 28, serving from 4 to 7 p.m. Picnic food will be on the menu: burgers, hot dogs, corn on the cob, baked beans and more! \$9 dinner donation; eat-in or carry-out; open to the public. Call the Post to reserve your dinners: 216-662-7768.

Music in Stafford Park

The city of Maple Heights will kick off its Music in the Park 2023 series on Tuesday, July 11, at Stafford Park, 5400 Mayville Ave., with music by Kevin Conwell & the Footprints from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Food will be available for purchase from Dave's Place.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Garfield Heights will hold a Budget Hearing Meeting regarding the 2024 Fiscal Tax Budget at 5:30 p.m., Monday, July 10, 2023 at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, Council Caucus Room, 5407 Turney Road, Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125. Citizens are invited to attend and have the right to provide oral and written comments and ask questions concerning the 2024 Fiscal Tax Budget.

A copy of the 2024 Tax Budget will be made available on the City's website www.garfieldheights.org or by calling the Finance Department at 216-475-1504 to have the document emailed to you by the Finance Director from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Legal Advertisement

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Garfield Heights ("Owner"), at the office of the Finance Director, Garfield Heights City Hall, 5407 Turney Road, Garfield Heights, OH 44125 on the 27th day of July, 2023 until 9:00 am current local time for the:

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

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

1. Copies of the Contract Documents are on file at SE Blueprint, Plan Room and may be obtained at cost (1) online at www.ohm-bidderplanroom.plancycle.com, (2) in person at SE Blueprint Akron Office, 520 South Main Street, Akron, OH 44311 or at the SE Blueprint Cleveland Office 2035 Hamilton Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44114, or (3) via phone SE Blueprint Cleveland (216) 241-2250.

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Barbara A. Biro, Finance Director
City of Garfield Heights

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Week of June 25th, 2023
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New pastor at GHUMC

On Sunday, July 2, Garfield Heights United Methodist Church, 4977 Turney Rd., will welcome Rev. Andrew Scott as the new lead pastor. Pastor Andrew was appointed to Garfield Heights UMC by Bishop Tracy S. Malone at the 2023 Annual Conference upon the retirement of former pastor H. Daniel Drew.

Along with his pastoral position at GHUMC, Rev. Andrew will continue as lead pastor at Hope United Methodist Church in Bedford, Ohio. Due to this, Garfield Heights UMC will have the new worship time of 11:45 a.m., starting this Sunday, July 2. All are welcome.

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on **Monday, July 10, 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-29 An appeal from Eric Scott II requesting relief under Sect. 1262.03(E) and Sect. 1440.24 of the MH Codified Ordinances from the decision of the Chief Building Official denying Applicant's request to operate a tattoo business which is neither a Principally Permitted Use under Sect. 1286.02 of the MH Codified Ordinances, an Accessory Permitted Use under Sect. 1286.03 of the MH Codified Ordinances or a Conditionally Permitted Use under Sect. 1286.04 of the MH Codified Ordinances for property located in an Office/Industrial (O-I) Zoning District at 14250 South Industrial Avenue, #103, Maple Heights, Ohio.

2023-PZ-30 An application from Isaiah Harris requesting approval of Variance from the requirements of Sect. 1272.06 of the MH Codified Ordinances to construct a 5' x 4' landing with 3 feet of stairs in front of the house with a setback of 17 feet for property located in a Residential Single Family - Medium Density (RSF-M) Zoning District at 17412 Mapleboro Avenue, Maple Heights, Ohio.

2023-PZ-31 An application from Lanice M. Ford of LeFace Hair Salon requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit under Sect. 1278.04(Q) of the MH Codified Ordinances to operate a Hair Salon as a Personal Services Business in a Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District at 5308 Warrensville Center Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

2023-PZ-32 An application from Susan Moore of Cupkovic Architecture requesting approval of a Lot Consolidation of two (2) parcels (PPN 782-25-026 and PPN 782-25-023) to replat sublots 56-60 as required under Sect. 1226.02(c) of the MH Codified Ordinances for property located in a Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District at 5270 Northfield Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

2023-PZ-33 An application from Maggie Cifra of Songbird Speech Therapy, LLC requesting approval of a Variance from the requirements of Sect. 1270.04 of the MH Codified Ordinances for a Conditional Use Permit to offer speech pathology services as a home-based Personal Services Business in a Residential Single Family - Low Density (RSF-L) Zoning District at 14224 Schreiber Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

2023-PZ-34 An application from Tekira Godfrey requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit under Sect. 1282.04(F) of the MH Codified Ordinances to operate a Party Rental Company and provide Party Décor Classes and Meetings as Commercial Entertainment for property located in the Central Business District (CBD) Zoning District at 15317 Broadway Avenue, Maple Heights, Ohio.

2023-PZ-35 An application from Lisa Gamble of iCare Connect requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit under Sect. 1278.04(H) of the MH Codified Ordinances to operate a Child Day Care Center in a Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District at 5168 Warrensville Center Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

2023-PZ-36 An application from Ken Kraynak and Linda Lukat requesting approval of a Variance from the requirements of Sect. 1290.06 of the MH Codified Ordinances to not replace the garage that was demolished in May 2023 for property located in a Residential Single Family - Medium Density (RSF-M) Zoning District at 14207 Krems Avenue, 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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LIBRARIES PLAN SPECIAL PROGRAMS

BEDFORD (Bedford Heights/Oakwood Village) Branch Library

Here are some of the **FREE** programs coming up in July 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.

Summer Lunch-18 & younger, Monday-Friday, 1 - 2 p.m. Kids ages 18 and under can get a **FREE** lunch provided by the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, while supplies last.

Summer Fun for Everyone - Grades 1 - 6, Monday-Thursday, now through Thursday, July 27, 2 p.m. Beat the summer slide and get a running start into next school year at Cuyahoga County Public Library. This summer we are expanding our **FREE** summer programs for students. Registration is no longer required. Just drop in and enjoy reading, science, technology, engineering, arts and math activities. It's summer fun for everyone!

Teen Crafternoon, Wednesday, July 5, 3 p.m. Join us for a fun summer-themed craft! **MUST REGISTER**

Let's Jam! - Adults, Saturday, July 8, 11 a.m. In this quick jam session, customers will learn to make strawberry freezer jam. This simple jam method involves zero canning with all the joy of making fresh jam! **MUST REGISTER**

Summer Sound-Off: Beat the Heat - Teens, Monday, July 10, 1 p.m. Want to make your own music? Come learn how to create your own songs using GarageBand!

Summer Sound-Off: Sonic Pi - Teens, Tuesday, July 11, 1 p.m. Want to make your own music? Come learn how to code a song with Sonic Pi! No coding experience necessary.

Summer Sound-Off: Strange Music - Teens, Wednesday, July 12, 1 p.m. Want to make your own music? Come write and record a song with other teens using ukuleles and everyday objects!

Ellenwood Book Discussion - "The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo" - Adults, Wednesday, July 12, 2 p.m. Attend our July monthly book discussion at the Ellenwood Recreation Center. This month we'll be reading and discussing "The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo" by Taylor Jenkins Reid. Copies of the book will be available at the Bedford Branch and Ellenwood Center one month prior to the date of the discussion.

Summer Sound-Off: Do-Re-Meme - Teens, Thursday, July 13, 1 p.m. Want to make your own music? Learn how to meme-ify pop songs? Add your own twist to your favorite songs and create something funny to share.

Family Storytime - All ages with caregiver, Saturday, July 15, 12 p.m. Join us for stories, songs and fingerplays.

The Power of Words, Saturday, July 15, 1 p.m. Learn new writing skills with Sylvan of Twinsburg. Learn how to mindfully choose your words in order to effectively relay a clear message. Learn how to make word choices based on the purpose of your writing and keeping your audience's attention. **MUST REGISTER**

Mobile Pantry - Free, fresh produce distribution, Wednesday, July 19, 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, July 19, 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: July 19 - "Ways to Make Sunshine" by Renee Watson. Registration will close one week before the program. If you like to attend after registration closes, please call the Bedford Branch Library. **MUST REGISTER**

Stay Cool, Thursday, July 20, 3 p.m. Come make cool snacks and new friends! **MUST REGISTER**

Excel Advanced Methods and Tools, Friday, July 21, 10 a.m. Learn how to use some of the advanced functions available in Excel, including lookup and logical functions. We will also discuss the use of pivot tables and conditional formatting to analyze and visualize data. Prerequisite: Excel Charting and Formatting. **MUST REGISTER**

African American Authors Book Group, In-Person or Virtual, All Adults Are Welcome. Thursday, July 27, 7 p.m.

July Title: "The House of Eve: A Novel" by Sadeqa Johnson. Join us In-Person or on ZOOM for the discussion of this historical fiction novel set in 1950's as two African American women set out on a journey to attend college.

Alcohol Ink Coasters - Adults, Saturday, July 29, 10:30 a.m. Adults, come join us in making your own cool and vibrant, Alcohol Ink Coasters! It's so easy, and each coaster will have it's own unique look. **MUST REGISTER**

GARFIELD HEIGHTS BRANCH of the Cuyahoga County Public Library

Here are a few of the **FREE** programs available in July 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. Saturday, July 8, 10 a.m.; Monday, July 17, 6 p.m. Registration required.

Breast Cancer & Women's Health Presentation Join us for a presentation on breast cancer and women's health by Marnae Colston-Jackson, RN. Sponsored by the Cleveland Clinic Taussig Cancer Institute. Tuesday, July 11, 6 p.m. Registration preferred.

InDesign Basics Learn the basics of Adobe InDesign software. Friday, July 14, 10 a.m. Registration required.

Tuesday Evening Book Discussion Join us for our monthly book discussion. This month's title is "Victory City" by Salman Rushdie. Tuesday, July 18, 7 p.m. Registration recommended.

Qi Qong Learn the self-healing technique of qi qong, which combines breathing, movement and focused mind. Some exercises are done standing, others seated. Please wear comfortable clothing. Wednesday, July 19, 7 p.m. Registration required.

Medicare 101 Learn about Medicare benefits, supplemental insurance, Medicare Advantage plans, prescription drug coverage and more with Marcy Rosenthal from Managed Care Consultants. Thursday, July 20, 6:30 p.m.

Children and Families

Summer Fun For Everyone Children in grades 1-6 can drop in for engaging science, technology, engineering, art and math challenges. Weekly on Mondays and Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.; Wednesdays and Thursdays, 2-4 p.m.

Acting Club Participate in fun theater games, improvisation activities, character creation, storytelling and more! Saturdays, July 8, and July 22, 10:30 a.m. Registration required.

Chess Club Come learn the game of chess or practice your skills! For school-aged children in grades K-8. Thursdays in July, 4 p.m.

INDEPENDENCE BRANCH LIBRARY

Here are some of the **FREE** programs being offered in July 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.

ADULT

The Black Laws of Ohio - Unknown Tragedy & Triumph/Registration required. A presentation of the Black Laws of Ohio by historical scholar Herbert A. Burns.

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Mayor Blackwell wins 'Kindness' Challenge Independence Branch Library programs

On Tuesday evening, June 20, Maple Heights Mayor Annette M. Blackwell was presented with the 2023 Kindland Northeast Ohio Mayors' Kindness Challenge First Place Award. Kindland challenged all 59 mayors in Northeast Ohio to encourage kindness within each of their cities.

The city of Maple Heights set the example by encouraging acts of kindness throughout the city, and even had a collaboration with the Maple Heights City Schools, co-sponsoring the "Light The Way" campaign.

Mayor Blackwell stated, "Being a thoughtful neighbor here in Maple Heights is a virtue I wanted to celebrate and encourage. Being kind is simple, free, positive and healthy, but a very powerful way to be thoughtful of others. I am proud of the Maple Heights residents and my team who met the challenge and won."



Pictured with Mayor Annette Blackwell is Stuart Muszynski, CEO of Kindland.

Congratulations, Mayor, on receiving this amazing award!

The Kindland Award is presented by Cleveland, Ohio-based, nonprofit organization Values-In-Action Foundation, which brings together communities, organizations and schools by recognizing and sharing the acts of kindness around us in an effort to inspire positivity and goodness.

Slavic Village teen possibly abducted

Keshaun Williams was reported to be missing since June 17, 2023 from his home in the 5700 block of Fleet Avenue. He was reported as missing to law enforcement on June 20, 2023.

Investigators have conducted and continue to conduct multiple interviews and follow up on information provided by sources. At this time the case is being investigated as a possible abduction. Keshaun may be or may have been traveling in a black SUV with persons unknown. Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of Keyshaun Williams is asked to call 9-1-1.

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TEEN
Exposing Ohio's legislative oppressive laws in the 19th century, their devastating effects on the African American community, and opposing forces which lead to its final repeal. Thursday, July 6 / 7 p.m.

Dot Painted Flowerpot / Registration required. Paint a flowerpot using the dot painting method. Join us and learn the basics of dot painting! Learn the importance of paint viscosity in this art form, the various tools that are used and techniques for different design styles. Paint can be messy, please dress accordingly. Saturday, July 15 / 2 p.m.

Teen Summer Maker Days, Ages 11-18 / Registration required. Create, explore and innovate with a new maker project each of the four maker days. Wednesday, July 12, Thursday, July 13, Wednesday, July 19, and Thursday, July 20 / 2 p.m.

CHILDREN
Focus on 4's and 5's / Registration required. Preschool children 4 and 5 years of age and their caregivers can join us for stories, songs and a focus on skills to prepare for kindergarten. Wednesdays, through July 12 / 11 a.m.

Booktalkers Tween Book

Club / Registration required. Chat about your recent reading adventures with Ms. Dottie and Ms. Kathy. Group members can share books they've enjoyed and will walk away with some great book suggestions! Monday, July 10 / 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.

Camping Fun Family Program / Registration required. Join us for this fun family story/craft program all about the joys of camping. Tuesday, July 18 / 6:30 p.m.

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MISSING

Date Missing: June 17, 2023
Missing From: Cleveland, Ohio

Keshaun Williams (KEE- nickname)

DESCRIPTION:

Date of Birth: 12/9/2007

Age Now: 15
Case Number: 2023-182341
Gender: Male
Race: African American
Complexion: Caramel skin
Height: 5'7
Weight: 130
Hair Color: Black
Hair Length: Braids
Eye Color: Brown

Anyone with information, please contact: Cleveland Police- **216-623-5400**

LOCATION LAST SEEN:
Fleet Avenue & Gertrude Avenue
CIRCUMSTANCES OF DISAPPEARANCE:
He was at a house party

LAST SEEN WEARING:
Black jogging pants/shirt

IDENTIFYING MARKS OR CHARACTERISTICS:
He has braids to back and sides are shaved/gray and red Jordans

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happy 4TH OF July

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