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## Renovated gym at old South High open to public



**Council President Blaine A. Griffin is shown speaking at the press conference last Wednesday announcing the public opening of the gym at the old South High School, which is now connected to the Stella Walsh Recreation Center.** Photo courtesy of Tony Brancatelli

Residents using the Stella Walsh Rec Center will now have access to the old South High School gym, which has been shuttered to the public since South High closed in 2010.

In 2021, the city of Cleveland purchased the old high school, with intentions of creating a first responder training complex and expanding recreation opportunities for Broadway and Slavic Village area residents. Since then, the city has been working to reimagine the gym and open it to the public for shared use between the rec center and the Cleveland Department of Public Safety.

The legislation purchasing the school two years ago, sponsored by former Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli, former Council President Kevin Kelley, Ward 6 Councilman Blaine Griffin and Ward 2 Councilman Kevin Bishop, authorized the purchase of South High School by the city from CMSD along with allocating \$5 million for improvements creating the training center for safety forces. Brancatelli supported this legislation with the condition that the gymnasium get renovated and open back up to the public as part of Stella Walsh Recreation Center.

"As an alumnus of South High it is exciting to see the gym open back up to the public as it used to be previously and is a great opportunity for Stella Walsh Rec Center to expand their services to young children in our neighborhood," Brancatelli said.

"I look forward to the city making available one of the classrooms along the outer corridor of the gym to the South High Hall of Fame and Alumni Association. As a Hall of Fame member, having a permanent home for archives, trophies and records is important to recognize the rich history that South High provided in our community," he continued.

The gym is in Ward 12, which is now represented by Councilwoman Rebecca Maurer. Councilwoman Maurer, Council President Griffin and Chief Director of Public Safety Karrie Howard officially opened the gym to the public last Wednesday, July 5.

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## Mayor Burke explains his position on new jail site proposal for Garfield Hts. at Monday's council meeting

By Ellen Psenicka

The city of Garfield Heights has been buzzing since news of the possible building of a new Cuyahoga County jail on the old Bridgeview site in Garfield Heights was introduced at the June 20th meeting of Cuyahoga County Council.

At Monday night's meeting of Garfield Heights Council, Mayor Matt Burke addressed the prospect and his unequivocal support of bringing what is being called the new Cuyahoga County Central Campus to his city, which could include the county sheriff's office, courts, prosecutor's office as well as the jail.

Burke made it clear that the 79-acre Bridgeview site is privately owned by Steve Craig of Craig Realty Group-Cleveland, LLC, and, therefore, the city cannot control the sale of that land, but also made it clear he believes bringing this facility to Garfield Heights would be a huge plus for the city.

He gave several reasons for his support, stating that the property in question has been vacant for 15-20 years and the sale would bring new life to the site, with proposed mental and health facilities which may be included in the project. An estimated 1100 or more employees would bring in an estimated \$80 million payroll annually and substantial revenue to the city.

## Independence Fire Dept. offering Baby Safe Haven

The Independence Fire Department is now providing a Baby Safe Haven for parents in crisis to surrender their newborns, as stated in last Friday's weekly email update from Mayor Gregory Kurtz.

Under Ohio's Safe Haven Law, a mother or father is legally permitted to "safely, securely, and anonymously surrender their newborn (under 30-days-old) if they are unable to care for him or her." The law gives parents in crisis a last resort to anonymously relinquish their infant without fear of repercussion. The law provides protection from prosecution only for the newborn's parents.

The Independence Fire Department is located at 6305 Selig Dr., and is open 24/7. However, the station does not have a "Baby Box." Parents can ring the doorbell and hand the newborn to a firefighter/paramedic.

The parent is not required to provide any information, including his or her name. However, it would help the newborn if the parent chose to provide basic health information. The parent(s) will be offered a form to guide them in providing the most important health information. If the baby needs medical attention, it will be provided. The IFD will contact a county agency to place the newborn in an adoptive home.

The Safe Haven Law allows only a parent to leave an infant with a medical worker at a hospital or emergency service organization or a peace officer at a public safety agency. Ohio Safe Haven Toll Free Number is 866-866-3537.

The mayor said he would like to see the facility handling some of the Justice Center needs for Garfield Heights, citing the leaking roof at the present Justice Center on Turney Rd., where the GHPD and municipal court are housed. He said building a new Justice Center in Garfield Heights would come at a \$30 million pricetag for the city and its residents.

Law Director Tim Riley explained that the new jail would be a holding facility for those awaiting trial, and Deputy Police Chief Dale Merchant said it would also house those serving time for misdemeanors, "mostly serving their 15-20 days and then they're out."

Merchant also mentioned that the new facility wouldn't look like a jail. "No barbed wire," he said. In fact, he pointed out that the new jail built in Franklin County "looks like our library here."

Burke also stated that Craig Realty would only be selling 72 acres of the 79-acre site to the county and is reserving the remaining 7 acres along Transportation Blvd. for possible locations for restaurants and hotels.

The mayor said he has asked County Executive Chris Ronayne to come to Garfield Heights for a meeting with residents and explain just what the county's plans would entail. Burke said an August meeting date is anticipated.

He said he wants to get a sense of what the residents of Garfield Heights are thinking about the proposed jail site in their city and welcomes their calls to his office with comments or concerns.

In an unrelated comment, Deputy Chief Merchant said the license plate readers are being installed in the city this week and "are really going to help us out."

At Monday night's council meeting, the following legislation was passed:

- An emergency resolution adopting the tax budget of the city of Garfield Heights for the fiscal year beginning Jan. 1, 2024, and submitting it to the Cuyahoga County Budget Commission.

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## Public's help sought in fatal hit-skip on E. 55 St.

On July 5, at approximately 12:15 a.m., a vehicle was operating northbound in the 3200 block of E. 55 St., at Magnet Ave., in the left lane and collided with a 41-year-old woman who was standing in the left lane of the roadway. She did not survive her injuries. The operator of the suspect vehicle fled the scene.

The woman was identified as Lashanda Hood, according to #clevelandremembrancepage. It appears that the suspect vehicle is a tan or gold SUV with damage to the front grill and hood area. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Accident Investigation Unit at 216-623-5295 or Det. Moten at 216-623-5290. Anonymous information can be provided by calling CrimeStoppers at 216-25-CRIME.



# Mayor Burke explains his position on new jail site

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•An ordinance authorizing and directing the mayor to enter into an agreement with OHM Advisors to analyze and update the Garfield Heights Zoning Code.

According to the ordinance, the Garfield Heights Zoning Code has remained largely unchanged since

1962, and portions of the language contain outdated, archaic and no longer relevant zoning regulations for 2023.

The mayor mentioned that dealing with such an outdated zoning code has been holding the city back and created a roadblock to growth.

The city wants OHM Advisors to complete a full analysis of the current zoning code and prepare a proposed zoning code update in approximately 18 months at an estimated cost of \$146,540.

•A resolution on behalf of the city of Garfield Heights commending business owner Vipul Patel for his generosity and outstanding service to the community was passed for a second reading to be held at the next regular council meeting Monday, Aug. 14, when hopefully Patel will be in attendance.

## 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023 for the "STAFFORD PARK PHASE II SHELTER/BANDSTAND INSTALLATION 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](http://www.cvelimited.plancycle.com). To become a Registered Bidder, documents, specifications and drawings must be purchased at either [www.cvelimited.plancycle.com](http://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](http://www.cvelimited.plancycle.com) or by emailing [seblue@seblueprint.com](mailto:seblue@seblueprint.com), calling 216-241-2250 or visiting an SE Blueprint location.

Each bidder is required to furnish with its proposal, a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in accordance with Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. Bid security furnished in Bond form, shall be issued by a Surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety. Each bid must be made upon the Proposal Form provided in the set of specifications and must be accompanied by a bank check or cashier's check drawn on a solvent bank in Cuyahoga County in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount bid, or a bid bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the amount bid, as a guarantee that if said bid is accepted, a contract will be entered into and a Surety Bond satisfactory to said City in an amount equal to 100% of the total bid will be furnished. Checks shall be made payable to the City of Maple Heights, Ohio.

Each Proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. Each bidder must submit evidence of its experiences on projects of similar size and complexity.

Bids will be opened and read at the time and place stated above. Those who submitted Proposals or their representatives are invited to attend.

The STAFFORD PARK PHASE II SHELTER/BANDSTAND INSTALLATION PROJECT is partially funded by the Cuyahoga County Department of Development's Block Grant Program (CDBG). 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, 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 INSTALLATION 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 INSTALLATION PROJECT will be held at 10:00 A.M. local time on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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 INSTALLATION PROJECT".

**Tinita Tillman**  
Finance Director  
Maple Heights, Ohio

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# Renovated gym at old South

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The floors at the gym were fully redone by a film production company working on the LeBron James movie "Shooting Stars," and a new secure corridor was built to connect Stella Walsh to the gym, with funding provided by Councilwoman Maurer.

"Slavic Village -- and all of Cleveland -- deserve access to world-class recreation facilities," said Maurer. "This gym is a critical step to making sure kids in our neighborhood have somewhere to go. Instead of playing basketball in old racquetball courts, they'll have a newly re-done, full-sized gymnasium. It's an honor to support this reopening."

Residents can go on line to [clevelandohio.gov](http://clevelandohio.gov) to find the schedule for Stella Walsh Recreation Center or call 216-664-4658.

# South High 50th Class Reunion

The 1973 Class of South High School, Cleveland, will hold its 50th Reunion on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 6 to 10 p.m., at St. Joseph Byzantine Catholic Church Activity Center, 8111 Brecksville Rd., Brecksville, OH 44141. Attire is casual and alcohol is permitted (BYOB).

Cost is \$50 per person for a buffet-style dinner. Payment by check only to: Barb Weidman, 3575 Brunswick Lake Parkway, Brunswick, OH 44212. Please include your phone number on the check. Updates and additional information will be posted on Facebook. Search for: South HS CLE, OH Class of 1973.

## Negative campaigning or ads about me and/or my team will NOT deter or stop us from moving forward

Hello again Maple Heights Residents,  
I just want to take this moment to assure you all once more that I am committed to running a "gentleman's campaign." Negative campaigning or ads about me and/or my team will NOT deter or stop us from moving forward. We will focus on our goal for a better future in the City of Maple Heights.



I will continue to speak on my platform, vision, and experience as a three-term councilman that will move us forward as a community and city. My initial focus is S.A.Y. "Safety, Seniors, Accountability, and Youth Engagement." Safety is priority!

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The annual comprehensive Financial Report of the City of Independence for the year ended December 31, 2022, has been completed and is available for inspection at the Office of the Finance Director, 6800 Brecksville Road, Independence, Ohio 44131. (216) 524-4131.

Vern Blaze  
City of Independence Finance Director

NN: 7-12-23

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# Community police reports

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## Cleveland

### Homicide Investigation

On June 28, at approximately 8 p.m., officers responded to a home in the 7400 block of Canton Ave., for a vehicle crashed into a house. On arrival officers met with EMS workers who were rendering aid to the male victim, age 24. He was located in the driver's seat of a black Dodge pickup truck with a gunshot wound to his head. The truck had crashed into the house. The passenger, a female, age 25, had fled the scene and was located at a nearby gas station. The male driver was taken to MetroHealth Medical Center by EMS where he was pronounced deceased. Preliminary information indicates that the victims were in the Dodge pickup truck parked in the area and were met by three males who then attempted to rob them and shot

the driver. Detectives continue to investigate. No arrests have been made. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact investigators at 216-623-5464. Anonymous information can be provided by calling CrimeStoppers at 216-25-CRIME. A reward of up to \$5,000 may be available.

### Shooting

On the night of June 30-July 1, a shooting occurred in the 6700 block of Gertrude Ave. A 26-year-old male suffered a gunshot wound to the stomach and was conveyed to MetroHealth Medical Center in serious condition.

### Garfield Heights

#### Traffic Offense-Fleeing

On June 25, at about 1:53 a.m., police attempted to stop a car that had run a red light while traveling west on McCracken Rd., at Broadway Ave. The Chevy continued

on McCracken, and additional units arrived in the area and deployed stop sticks but the Chevy was able to get around them. While continuing to travel down McCracken, the fleeing driver stopped for all stop signs but not the officer's lights and sirens.

The car turned left onto E. 88 St., and was arrested without incident when the road dead-ended at the parking lot of an apartment complex. When the driver exited his car it was not in park and rolled back into the police cruiser causing minor scratches on the push bar. The suspect was transported to city jail and booked for misdemeanor fleeing and eluding, and issued a traffic citation for a red light violation and driving under suspension.

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# Death Notices

## YVONNE RICHMOND

Yvonne Richmond of Cleveland, age 89, passed away July 5, 2023.

Yvonne was born to Emanuel and Viola Smith of Sardis, Alabama, on March 20, 1934. She was their ninth child. She grew up on a large farm, and graduated high school in 1953. She came to Cleveland, got married and had 3 sons: Booker, Eric (deceased) and Phillip.

Yvonne went back to school in 1979, starting at Community College, majoring in mental health studies, and continued in behavioral science and obtained her bachelor's degree. She worked at University Settlement as a social work supervisor, housing homeless families with children. She continued her education in substance abuse, obtaining a Certification in Chemical Dependency in counseling.

Family and friends are welcome for viewing on Friday, July 14, 2023, from 4-6 p.m., at Bican Bros. Funeral Home, 5215 Fleet Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44105. Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday, July 15, 2023, at 11:30 a.m., at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 3395 E. 53 St., Cleveland, Ohio 44127, where viewing will be from 11-11:30 a.m.



## Presentation on master plan for Garfield Heights parks

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 more details about the meeting or the proposals, contact Pat Salemi, 216-475-1100, ext. 2425 or psalemi@garfieldhts.org.

## Overnight ramp closures

I-77 resurfacing work between Rockside and E. Schaaf rds., will cause the following temporary ramp closures:

The ramp from I-480 westbound to I-77 southbound will be closed on Wednesday, July 12, at 9 p.m. through Thursday, July 13, at 5 a.m. for resurfacing. Detour will be I-77 northbound to Grant Ave. to I-77 southbound.

The ramp from I-77 south to I-480 west will be closed on Friday, July 14, at 9 p.m. through Saturday, July 15, at 5 a.m. for resurfacing. Detour will be I-480 eastbound to Transportation Blvd. to I-480 westbound.



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# Community Police Reports

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## Theft of Motor Vehicle

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## Trespassing

On June 28, at 10:30 p.m., two officers were dispatched to Garfield Heights High School for an alarm drop coming from the boiler room. As they were exiting their vehicles to check the door, an 18-year-old male was exiting the open boiler room door with a bike. The male

told police he had just got off work across the street and happened to come across the open boiler room door as he was going for a walk. He said he went in through the boiler room, into the gym and down the athletic hallway before coming out. He did not have a reason for doing this, but advised he did graduate from GHHS.

When asked if he had any weapons on him, he said he had a baton and pellet gun. The suspect was placed into handcuffs and the weapons located. Officers checked the inside of the school and found no damage or anyone else inside. The open door was secured by officers. The school principal was called and said she would be in touch with

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## 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023 for the "MAPLE HEIGHTS 2023 CONCRETE ROADWAY REPAIR PROGRAM & MAPLE HEIGHTS 2023 ROADWAY REPAIR PROGRAM" in the City of Maple Heights, Ohio, NO FAXED COPIES ACCEPTED.

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Each bidder is required to furnish with its proposal, a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in accordance with Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. Bid security furnished in Bond form, shall be issued by a Surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety. Each bid must be made upon the Proposal Form provided in the set of specifications and must be accompanied by a bank check or cashier's check drawn on a solvent bank in Cuyahoga County in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount bid, or a bid bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the amount bid, as a guarantee that if said bid is accepted, a contract will be entered into and a Surety Bond satisfactory to said City in an amount equal to 100% of the total bid will be furnished. Checks shall be made payable to the City of Maple Heights, Ohio.

Each Proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. Each bidder must submit evidence of its experiences on projects of similar size and complexity.

Bids will be opened and read at the time and place stated above. Those who submitted Proposals or their representatives are invited to attend.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Cuyahoga County and the City of Maple Heights, Ohio, as determined by the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, Wage and Hour Division, (614) 644-2239.

The right is reserved to accept any bidder, to reject any or all bids, and to waive informalities should it be deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Maple Heights to do so.

Bids are to be submitted in accordance with the plans and specifications on file in the office of the Purchasing Agent. Sealed bids must be marked, "MAPLE HEIGHTS 2023 CONCRETE ROADWAY REPAIR PROGRAM & MAPLE HEIGHTS 2023 ROADWAY REPAIR PROGRAM"

Tinita Tillman  
Finance Director  
Maple Heights, Ohio

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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.

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Each bidder must ensure that all employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, creed, color, sex, or national origin.


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**A non-mandatory Pre-bid meeting will be held on July 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.** at 165 Center Road, Bedford, Ohio.

The bid check or bid bond, as the case may be, will be held as a guarantee that, if the bid proposal is accepted, a contract will be entered into between the bidder and the City of Bedford, and the performance of such contract secured by said check or bond, and in default thereof said check or bond, and the amount represented thereby, shall be forfeited to the City of Bedford as liquidated damages.

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# Independence PD named July's 'Agency of the Month' Democratic PAC to meet



Shown here are Independence police officers with a group of Safety Town students, one of the many community outreach programs that helped IPD to be named July's "Agency of the Month."

The Independence Police Department has been named the July 2023 "Agency of the Month" by the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police and Law Enforcement Foundation for its outstanding community policing efforts.

In 2019, the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police and Law Enforcement Foundation Community Relations and Engagement Committee began a new program named "Sharing Ohio's Best" to help bring awareness to the amazing work that agencies do all over Ohio to promote positive policing. This program highlights a police department that does positive work with their communities each and every day.

The committee compiles submissions from agencies and selects one each month to be recognized. Police agencies throughout the state are eligible for consideration. Typically, the committee focuses on creativity and how the program impacts the community.

In announcing July's win for the IPD the committee said: "We congratulate Chief Robert Butler and his team for a job well done! IPD clearly has demonstrated a strong desire to work alongside their community to provide safety, education and opportunities for future team building amongst their citizens. Through the variety of ideas they have implemented, they have connected to a variety of age groups and areas of their city. Congratulations!"

"Our police department is committed to excellence," said Independence Mayor Gregory Kurtz, "and I could not be prouder of their efforts. Under Chief Robert Butler's leadership, the department sustains a working partnership with the community and the schools. This partnership benefits all residents."

Community programs supported by the IPD include: Safety Town, Business Liaison, Shop with a Cop, Bike Patrols, Free Bicycle Helmet Program, K-9 Demonstrations, Female Jogger Safety and Self Defense and Halloween Trick or Treating and various programs for students in the Independence Schools.

## Party at St. Monica's Pavilion

The St. Monica Summers Series "Party at the Pavilion" will present free entertainment provided by New Barleycorn this Thursday, July 13, from 5 to 8 p.m., on the church grounds, 13623 Rockside Rd., Garfield Heights. Food and drinks,

50/50 raffle, fun for all! So bring your lawn chairs and come for a great evening. All are invited, rain or shine.

The Garfield Heights Democratic PAC will meet on Tuesday, July 18, at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. For more information, visit GHD PAC@yahoo.com or call 216-253-0142.

## Anthony Brancatelli Pavilion dedicated in S.V.



Slavic Village's long-running Iron Ward Summer Music Festival opened its 19th season last Monday with the formal dedication of the Anthony Brancatelli Pavilion in Dan Kane Park.

Ward 12 Councilwoman Rebecca Maurer presented a city resolution that recognized Iron Ward organizers and that thanked former councilman Brancatelli for having "devoted his professional life to his community and the city."

## A Letter from Mayor Annette M Blackwell

As 2022 ended, Maple Heights residents began to ask me, "Are you running for re-election for mayor in 2024?" "Will you do another four years?" And the answer is "yes" absolutely! Why? Because we're still working on it. The fantastic and highly talented group of professionals I have worked with daily in this administration believe in what they do and the residents and stakeholders (businesses) they do it for.



In 2016, we began to chart a course for success, to win again. More specifically, in our efforts to be released from the State of Ohio Auditor's Fiscal Emergency Declaration, which we successfully achieved within the (5) five-year deadline, an improved credit rating, we have raised our Bond Rating (5) years consecutively and was awarded a State Auditor's Award for a "clean audit," increased municipal revenue, budget fund balances total more than \$41 million and is the direct result of aggressive economic development which has opened many new small, national and international businesses, new real estate construction, population growth and securing competitive grant funding. The good news for our homeowners and property owners is the residential and commercial appreciation in real estate values. Residential valuations have increased 29%, the city boasts the highest real estate appreciation in the county, and the median home value is more than \$115k, nearly a +25% increase. Economically, I have been able to, along with the assistance and expertise of economic and planning, and development professionals, attract new businesses for local employment and re-investment. While very impressively, our city engineer has secured more than \$10 million in grants to repair our aging infrastructure, including water and sewer lines, local roads' repair and repaving, and environmental projects.

We are also very proud of our marketing and public relations campaign, which was created to improve our city's image and pride. When I think of the next four years, I am committed to continuing our celebrated and measurable work in the pursuit of securing large sums of grant funding for senior and youth programming, especially summer youth employment and juvenile diversion through our partnership with the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Division and decreasing Black infant deaths while working with our local organizations that address Black Infant Mortality. And I want to continue to have fun, enjoying our city and its residents in relaxed and memorable times at the free Music in the Park Summer Concert Series that brings out more than 200 people every performance; the Holiday Lighting Ceremony, which attracts families with the appearance of Santa Claus, the sound of holiday carols and the warmth of hot chocolate and other city-sponsored events; the community resource fairs, Easter Fest and the Fall Fest.

So the answer is "yes" absolutely! I, Annette M Blackwell, am running for re-election as the Mayor of Maple Heights for a third term to begin in 2024.

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