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G.H. boy fatally injured by car backing out of driveway

Garfield Heights police said a 4-year-old boy was hit by a car as it was backing out of a driveway last Friday evening about 8 p.m., at a home in the 4600 block of E. 94St. Preliminary investigation suggests the boy's death was accidental and that a family member had been behind the wheel.

The boy was pronounced deceased at 9:17 p.m., July 14, by Dr. Erin McDowell at UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital. Police Chief Mark Kaye said no charges had been filed as of Monday and that the case was still under investigation.

Christmas in July at pool at Dan Kostel Rec Center

Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 29, when the annual Christmas in July pool event will be held at the Dan Kostel Recreation Center, 5411 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights.

There will be Christmas music played throughout the day, swim races, Hula Hoop and Limbo contests, balloon twisting and maybe a visit from Santa Claus himself! See next week's paper for more details!

Maple Heights fire chief announces retirement

By Judith Goldsworth

After decades of serving, protecting and helping the Maple Heights community, the last nine years as head of the city's fire department, Fire Chief Vito Kavaliunas announced his retirement during his report at the July 5th council meeting and received a standing ovation.

Kavaliunas said that in recent years being the head of the city's fire department presented its challenges, especially with the city being placed in fiscal emergency in 2015, which it emerged from in 2020.

He noted that there would be testing conducted to find the department's new chief, adding, "I will always be available. I can't thank you all enough; you've been extremely supportive of the department. And thank you for your help in some very, very difficult times."

Council President Ron Jackson praised Kavaliunas for his professionalism, respectful manner and leadership, which extended to all members of the fire department, and other council members and administration officials echoed his comments, as did Police Chief Todd Hansen, who said, "You've been great to work with... I'm sorry to see you go, and I wish you well in all your endeavors."

Law Director Frank Consolo explained the process for naming a new fire chief. He said it is the responsibility of the city's Civil Service Commission to start the process of scheduling the tests, which would be administered by the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association. He said the position will be

open to the fire department's current three captains.

ARPA funding accepted for elevator work

Council unanimously passed an ordinance at the July 5th meeting authorizing Mayor Annette Blackwell to accept approximately \$66,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds from the Western Reserve Area on Aging which had received the funding through the Ohio Department of Aging.

The \$65,780 will go towards repairing the elevator at the city's senior center to help senior and disabled residents who use the center's services. Human Services Director Linda Vopat said the elevator had been out of service for about three months.

Other legislation passed

- Resolution for agreement with Chagrin Valley Engineering, Ltd. to provide engineering services for the design of the Lee Road and Raymond Street Sewer Improvements Project.

- Resolution authorizing contract with United Survey, Inc., at a cost not to exceed \$1,697,605, to provide for Phase 1a of the Southwest Quadrant Sewer Rehabilitation Project, including repairs to storm and sanitary sewers on streets including Dunham, Steinway, Walvern, Rowena, Mendota, Corkhill, Longvale, Woodbrook and Florence.

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Our Lady of Lourdes Church celebrates 140th anniversary



Hundreds of people gathered on June 25th to celebrate the 140th anniversary of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish near E. 55th and Broadway Ave., Cleveland's Slavic Village neighborhood.

Bishop Edward Malesic celebrated the bilingual anniversary Mass. There were five concelebrants: Fr. Joe Callahan, OLL pastor; Msgr. Richard Antall, pastor of Holy Name Parish; Fr. Robert Jasany, pastor of St. John Nepomucene Parish; Fr. Tom Mahoney, a senior priest-retired who once served as parish administrator and Fr.

Hernandez Argueta, a priest from El Salvador who served with Fr. Callahan at the diocesan mission in El Salvador. Father Argueta traveled to Cleveland for the celebration.

After Mass the congregation stood on the front steps of the church (see photo above) to recreate a group photo like the one that was taken for the parish's 50th anniversary in 1933. An outdoor reception with a variety of Hispanic foods followed. There also was music and a display of parish memorabilia in the old school.

Maple Hts. fire chief retiring

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•Two resolutions for the Stafford Park Restoration Project. One authorizes a contract with GameTime c/o DWA Recreation, at a cost not to exceed \$48,710, for supply and delivery of shelter/bandstand structure materials. The other authorizes a contract with The Vallejo

Company for grading, drainage and sidewalks for the shelter/bandstand project, at a cost not to exceed \$62,405.

•Resolution authorizing Blackwell to accept \$516,000 in grant funding from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Municipal Bridge Program, and directing City Engineer Ed Hren to prepare plans, bid specs and cost estimates for the bidding of the Greenhurst Drive Bridge Demolition Project. The ODOT grant will cover 100% of the project cost.

•Resolution confirming Blackwell's reappointment of Frank Consolo and Consolo Law Firm Co., LPA as law director/prosecutor for the city from Jan. 1, 2024 through Dec. 31, 2025, and authorizing a contract for professional services. Also approved was a resolution reappointing the Consolo Law Firm and John E. Thomas as assistant prosecutor and law director for the city, also from Jan. 1, 2024 through Dec. 31, 2025, and authorizing a professional services contract.

•An ordinance to amend the codified ordinances requiring council approval for expenditures over \$25,000 and recommending an exception to the spending limit so that purchases over \$2,000 for refurbishing city buildings and offices, office furniture, decorations, etc., must be approved by council failed by 4 no-3 yes vote.

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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 27th 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. To become a Registered Bidder, documents, specifications and drawings must be purchased at either www.cvelimited.plancycle.com, SE Blueprint at 2035 Hamilton Avenue Cleveland, OH 44114 or SE Blueprint at 520 South Main Street, Suite 2411 Akron, OH 44311 at the cost of \$100.00 + tax and delivery which includes bid registration, one hard copy set of the bid package and one complete set of pdf files. Additional sets of bid documents can also be ordered online at www.cvelimited.plancycle.com or by emailing seblue@seblueprint.com, calling 216-241-2250 or visiting an SE Blueprint location.

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

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

The STAFFORD PARK PHASE II SHELTER/BANDSTAND 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., 7th floor office 7-303, Cleveland, Ohio 44115.

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

A Pre-bid Conference for the STAFFORD PARK PHASE II SHELTER/BANDSTAND INSTALLATION PROJECT will be held at 10:00 A.M. local time on the 20th 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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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.

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Cleveland City Council passes grant for veterans housing near Union-Miles

Cleveland City Council held its monthly summer meeting on Wednesday, July 12, and passed an ordinance to provide a \$750,000 grant to Union-Miles Community Development Corporation for the "Walter Collins Veteran Housing & Service Facility."

The grant will be used to establish 11 affordable housing units on vacant land on Harvard Ave., east of E. 93 St., for struggling male and female veterans. The grant is from revenue recovery funds the city received. Union Miles will partner with other organizations to bring the project to fruition.

Rid-All Green Partnership, an urban agriculture organization, will engage the veterans through interactive programming onsite, teaching best practices for successful urban agriculture—promoting healthy living and providing actionable stability for veterans. Councilman Bishop

believes this project will help jumpstart other development in Ward 2.

Paid Parental Leave: Council passed legislation to provide city employees with paid parental leave. While Council members began advocating for this benefit during the last administration, Councilman Charles Slife, who initially sponsored the bill, contacted the Bibb administration soon after Bibb took office to pitch this added benefit to city of Cleveland employees. The legislation will provide eligible employees (regular full-time annual and hourly rate) with up to 12 weeks of paid parental leave in connection with the birth of an employee's son or daughter or the placement of a son or daughter with an employee for adoption.

In addition, parents are entitled to up to 20 hours of paid leave for prenatal care appointments or pre-adoption appointments, and leave can be accessed by employees who experience pregnancy loss.

Outdoor Patios, Parklets: Legislation was also passed extending what began as pandemic-era rules to allow restaurant and bar owners to expand seating into parking areas, streets and other public spaces. The program allows restaurants to apply for permits allowing them to expand their seating into outdoor public areas or private parking lots, including streets and on-street parking spaces.

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I learned the importance of service through my father who is a United States Army veteran and a pastor of a local church. My parents raised my siblings and I to honor God and love others. They taught me the value of public service. Based on their influence, I committed my legal career to serving others. I have worked as a county prosecutor pursuing justice for children in Cuyahoga County. I have experience as a judicial staff attorney, a personal bailiff and a Director of Court Services. All of these experiences have prepared and equipped me to serve as judge of Garfield Heights Municipal Court. I look forward to having the honor and privilege of serving as your judge.

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Friday & Saturday, 9am - 5pm. 4651 Rockwood, Garfield Hts. Bikes, Disney video movies, cameras, lamps, etc.

Multi-family garage sale. July 20, 21, 22, 9am-4pm. 13960 Milo Road, Garfield Hts. Auto supplies and tools, Klipsch speakers, household items. Too much to list! No early birds please!

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

EXHIBIT B Ohio Republic } SS. Cuyahoga County. Let it be Declared, Known, Published, and Resolved to the people this day on the land that God Almighty said to Diara Niema Am'en (Authorized minister) to make this Declaratory Existence of Life In the matter of the Debra Hairston Name change from: In re State ex rel. DEBRA HAIRSTON-HALL [2015msc209598] and Name change to Am'en, Diara Niema²⁰¹⁵ further finds necessary probable cause to comply with laws of Genesis 47:24, Genesis 48:6, and Canon law. Employing the Organized Trust²⁰¹⁶ Prime designate Diara Niema Am'en, Express Principal office ministries authority number AA222141 service at Ansel Road east 95th Street PUBLIC notice due requirement request is permanent until future notice to any man, woman, Administrator or Executor be governed accordingly to assist you in love truth peace freedom and justice at the DHairston Trust ministries mailing address: nondomestic general post box 252: Mayfield road 11459. Ohio. [44106]. Diara Niema Am'en (Authorized Signature) Thank you for your attention today. The Neighborhood News: July 10, July 17, July 24, July 31, 2023.

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College Now Greater Cleveland receives \$85,000 award in honor of 85th anniversary of Third Federal

In recognition of Third Federal Savings & Loan's 85th anniversary, a committee of Slavic Village residents serving on behalf of the Third Federal Foundation, awarded a special one-time grant of \$85,000 to College Now Greater Cleveland to support a new career exploration and travel program for high school students living in the neighborhood.

This is the first time Third Federal Foundation has brought together Slavic Village residents to participate in its grantmaking. Members of the Anniversary Grant Committee ranged from a high school student to lifelong residents and included Hector Aboytes, Victor Benton, Dasia Harris, Lynda Lewis and Sharena Zayed.

"For 85 years, Third Federal has been guided by a core set of values, one of which is trust," said Third Federal Chairman and CEO Marc A. Stefanski. "What better way to celebrate this anniversary than to trust residents to direct resources where they feel it will have the most impact."

The award will enable College Now Greater Cleveland to bring its innovative career exploration program called Xplore to 40 high school students who reside and/or attend school in Slavic Village. Starting in Fall 2023, each four-week, afterschool Xplore session will include three weeks of experiential learning of "meta majors," or groupings of college majors needed in multiple facets of any given industry.

Students will learn from expert advisors and local leaders about different academic majors and resulting careers, and they will then create personalized, in-depth college and career plans while exploring the meta-major. The final week of the session offers a week-long, out-of-state trip so students can explore in person the colleges and careers in industries that interest them.

"The committee considered what could make our community even better and identified a gap in opportunities for high school-aged youth," said Victor Benton, who grew up in Slavic Village and is a graduate of and now a teacher at Cleveland Central Catholic High School in the same neighborhood. "This program will help them see a world of possibilities, including ways to contribute to their own community."

In total, the Anniversary Grant Committee received 12 proposals from area nonprofits located or working in Slavic Village. The committee selected four finalists and invited them to an evening of networking and presentations. Each finalist walked away with financial support as well as new connections and ideas of how to collaborate with one another in the neighborhood.

The other finalists included:

Southeast Cleveland Resource Center, a new resident-founded and resident-led resource center on Fleet Ave., received a \$10,000 runner-up grant for capacity-building support.

The DARL Center for the Arts and Community of Faith Assembly each received a \$5,000 collaboration grant to work with neighborhood partners and build on ideas generated during the presentation event.

Executive Director Emily Thome said she expects the Foundation to make resident-driven grantmaking an ongoing part of its work.

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June recognized as 'LGBTQ+ Pride Month' in M.H.

By Judith Goldsworth

A resolution recognizing June 2023 as "LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus) Pride Month" in the city of Maple Heights was passed at a special council meeting held last month.

The legislation was introduced at council's regular June meeting by District 6 Councilman Richard Trojanski, who announced his status several years ago as the first openly gay member of Maple Heights Council. The resolution was placed on first reading at that meeting, and on second reading at a special meeting held on Tuesday, June 27, before being passed at the Wednesday, June 28 meeting.

Trojanski and District 2 Councilwoman Toni Jones, District 3 Councilman Timothy Tatum and District 4 Councilwoman Dana Anderson all voted in favor of its passage.

Three members of council, District 1 Councilman Stafford Shenett, District 5 Councilwoman Tanglyn Madden and District 7 Councilwoman Edwina Agee were not present at the June 28 meeting and did not cast a vote on the legislation.

The resolution states: "All persons are welcome in the city to live, work, play and every family deserves a place to call home where they are safe, happy and supported by friends and neighbors. The city denounces prejudice and unfair discrimination based on age, gender identity, gender expression, race, color, religion, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation or physical attributes. It is imperative that young people in our community, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity and

expression, feel valued, safe, empowered and supported by their peers and community leaders."

Trojanski introduced a similar resolution two years ago to declare LGBTQ+ Pride Month in June of 2021, but it failed to receive a needed majority vote of council at that time.



Independence Branch Library

Here are more 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

Thursday Afternoon Book Discussion / No registration required. Please join us for a casual and lively book discussion of "The Bear and the Nightingale" by Katherine Arden. The books will be available approximately one month before the discussion date. Thursday, July 20 / 2:15 p.m.

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The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch meeting for July has been canceled. The next meeting will be Thursday, Aug. 31, at St. Monica Church's pavilion. Contact Gail at 216-662-9213 for more information.

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Cleveland

Shooting/Home Invasion

On July 14, at 10:56 a.m., a shooting/home invasion took place in the 8000 block of Grand Division Ave. A 31-year-old female was shot in the arm and taken by EMS to MetroHealth Medical Center.

Foreign Agency Pursuit

On July 15, at 7:54 a.m., CPD was notified of a GHPD pursuit at E. 71 St. and Rathbun Ave., Cleveland. GHPD handled.

Fatal Suspected Overdose

On July 16, at 6:38 p.m., a 60-year-old female was the victim of a fatal suspected overdose in the 3200 block of E. 55 St.

Garfield Heights

Child Endangering

On July 28, at about 3:15 p.m., an officer was dispatched to Thraves Rd. and E. 130 St. for a toddler that had been found by neighbors walking down the street alone. Officers were unable to locate the parents or the child's home and contacted Cuyahoga Child and Family Services. Police were advised to transport the child to their facility. At about 5 p.m., the mother of the child went to the police station and said the child's father had dropped off their son at about 2 p.m. The mother said she fell asleep shortly after that and when she woke up the child was gone. She then came to GHPD to report the incident. Child and Family Services asked the parents to come to their office, which they did. The mother was issued a summons for child endangering and given a court date.

Assist Other Departments

On June 29, at 2:32 p.m., GHPD units responded to I-480 west near Transportation Blvd., for a truck that had rolled over. On arrival police found all four lanes of traffic

were stopped. A white Chevy truck belonging to Independence Excavating was on the right shoulder and had severe damage. The driver was found to be ejected from the truck and laying in lane one. Police checked the male victim and found no signs of life. The Ohio State Highway Patrol responded to the scene to conduct the accident investigation. GHPD units remained to assist with traffic control. The medical examiner arrived and the victim was removed to the coroner's office.

Disturbance

On June 29, at about 8:28 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 13100 block of Willard Ave., for an attempted robbery. The caller said he was cooking inside his home when he heard knocking on the front door. He told police he saw through the glass outer door a man standing there with a black hoodie over his head. When the man went to answer the door he saw the stranger pulling out a gun from his waistband. The homeowner slammed his main door shut and called police and the male left. A witness said a white sedan had pulled up to the house and two males got out and approached the home. The second male ran up the driveway towards the rear of the home. Moments later both males ran away from the home, got back into their vehicle and raced away heading east. will be forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

Felonious Assault

•On July 1, at 1 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 8300 block of Garfield Blvd. for a report of four males fighting in the front yard and one of the males had been stabbed. As police arrived a male approached them with blood running down his face. He said two juveniles had knifed and stabbed him and another man. The two juvenile suspects were given commands to show their hands and lay down on the ground with their hands out to which they complied. One of the officers held the males at gunpoint as he observed one of them holding a knife and possibly throwing it in the yard. Both were placed in handcuffs and told police the bloodied man officers had first interviewed was the aggressor and "was attacking everyone." The officer located a silver and black Smith and Wesson pocket knife in the grass next to the house. The bloodied man was taken to MetroHealth Medical Center for treatment, and one of the juveniles was treated by EMS. Charges of felonious assault and tampering with evidence are pending through the Youth Bureau.

•On July 14, about 10:49 p.m., a male advised he was out walking when an unknown person stabbed him and he collapsed near the area of the 5000 block of Warner Rd., halfway up the hill. He was found to have multiple stab

wounds and was transported to MetroHealth, where he was placed in the ICU. Police to interview him when allowed.

INVITATION FOR BIDS LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed bid proposals will be received by the City Manager of the City of Bedford, Ohio at his office, 165 Center Road, Bedford, Ohio until 12:00 Noon on the **27th day of July 2023** for:

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And will be publicly opened and read immediately thereafter. Each bid must contain the full name or 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 be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check on a solvent bank made payable to the order of the City of Bedford, the amount shall be equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount bid, drawn in favor of the Clerk of the City of Bedford, Ohio, or a Bid Guaranty/Bid Bond in accordance with Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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.

The price of material and labor bid for shall be separately stated.

Copies of the Specifications, Instructions to Bidders, Forms of Proposals and other contract documents are on file at the office of the Clerk of the City of Bedford. These documents may only be obtained through the office of GPD Group by emailing Martin Zakes mzakes@gpdgroup.com and requesting a digital copy. Digital documents will be provided free of charge. Questions or inquiries should be directed to GPD Group at (216) 927-8661. **No questions will be answered after 1 p.m. on July 24, 2023.**

A non-mandatory Pre-bid meeting will be held on July 20th 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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Sometimes it takes a village...

By Ellen Psenicka

What do you do when you buy a playground set that comes with a 93-page instruction booklet for assembling it and what seems like hundreds of pieces to put together?

That was the dilemma faced by members of the Kiwanis Club of South East Cleveland recently when they purchased a playground set complete with swings, a sliding board and various other contraptions for the kids to play with at The Haven Home, a homeless shelter for mothers and their children, located in Slavic Village at St. Elizabeth Church.

SE Kiwanis President Jerry Seppelt started by enlisting the aid of the St. Bernadette Westlake Knights of Columbus, of which he is a member, to get the job done but it didn't take long for everyone to realize they were going to need some expert help.

So they called the Carpenter's Union!

One of the Knights was the friend of a friend who was a member of the Cleveland branch of the Regional Council of Carpenters who talked to the council's representative, Chris Radivoj, and got the ball rolling.

Radivoj said the union does a lot of volunteer work, such as building wheelchair ramps for the disabled and helping out with the local Fairhill Partners Food Drive for seniors in the area. So putting together a playground set for youngsters seemed like a good way to spend a weekend morning.

Radivoj met a handful of union volunteers from Cleveland Carpenters Local 453 & 373 and Cleveland Millwright Local 1090, along with Kiwanis and St. Bernadette's K of C helpers, at The Haven Home about 9 a.m. on a Saturday morning and had the whole project done in about four hours, including coffee and doughnut breaks.

"We were proud to help out," Radivoj said, "especially when we finished up and the kids came out and started enjoying the playground right away!"

Cindy Rios, executive director of The Haven Home, said, "Because of the support from SE Kiwanis, Knights of Columbus and the carpenter's unions, the kids have a safe and fun place to play. The first morning after it was set up, the kids were out there at 8:30 in the morning swinging and sliding. It's a real blessing!"

SE Kiwanis extends its sincere appreciation to the carpenter's unions and St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus and their own membership for a collaborative effort that will put smiles on children's faces at The Haven Home for years to come.



Shown above with the completed playground set are volunteers from the carpenter's unions, St. Bernadette's K of C, and SE Kiwanians who joined forces to make the lives of the kids at The Haven Home on the city's southeast side a little brighter.

Photo by Cindy Rios

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