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Slavic Village loses good friend with passing of Marcy Shannon

Marcella (Marcy) B. Shannon passed away on Friday morning, Aug. 11, 2023 after a long battle with chronic health issues. Born in Cleveland to James and Marcella (nee Miller) Shannon, she prioritized family from a young age by being a constant source of love and support to her seven siblings: Shirley, James (Beatrice), Patrick (deceased), Ronald, Richard (Debbie, deceased), Timothy (deceased), and Kevin (Kevin Gilliam).



Marcy graduated from Holy Name High School in 1966, worked for over 30 years as a pharmacy technician and served as a union steward for Local 880. Her biggest source of pride was being a loving mother to Melissa Vlasak (Jason Bradley), Frank Vlasak (deceased), and Katy Mansfield (John Rajic) and cherished grandmother to Joseph Vlasak, Jack Bradley and Fiona Rajic. She was loved by her nephew, great nieces, 38 cousins and many friends.

In addition to her beloved family, Marcy had a passion for volunteering and fundraising for churches and schools. She generously donated her time, gifts, home baked goodies and leadership to Holy Name Church, Holy Name High School, including the alumni auctions, picnics and golf outings, as well as Jesus and Mary School and Menlo Park Academy. She was also active in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Her interest in local politics was evident in her contributions to the Ward 12 Democratic Club as a Deputy Ward 12 Leader, the Cleveland Democratic Party and the Central and Executive Committees. Marcy inspired inclusiveness and strongly believed in community as exemplified with her work in offering free bicycle helmets to local youths, helping to organize many of the Slavic Village Neighborhood Summits, as a member of the 4th District Police Community Relations Committee, the Warner-Turney Neighborhood Association, Absolute House, the Fullerton Block Club, a 4-H leader, the Garden Club with the Union Branch of the Cleveland Public Library, the Southeast Kiwanis Club, the E. 63rd St. Block Club, the Iron Ward Music Festival and the Ward 12 Holiday Bash.

When she wasn't busy with her family and volunteer efforts, she loved to visit museums, attend ballets and enjoy the movies with her grandsons. She was very proud of her Irish heritage and rarely missed the St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Cleveland.

A Mass will be held in Marcy's honor on Saturday, Aug. 19, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 3395 E. 53 St., Cleveland, at 2 p.m. A celebration of her life will be held immediately following at Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave., Cleveland. Interment will be private.

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County Exec. Ronayne invites G.H. residents to meeting at Civic Center Saturday on jail proposal

By Ellen Psenicka

Cuyahoga County Executive Chris Ronayne attended Monday night's meeting of Garfield Heights Council and invited everyone to a special Community Engagement meeting this Saturday, Aug. 19, from 10 a.m. to noon, in the upper dining room of the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd.

Ronayne, his staff members and those from the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department will join Garfield Heights Mayor Matt Burke and city officials to discuss the county executive's proposal to build a new county jail in Garfield Heights as part of a Cuyahoga County Central Campus which would also house the Sheriff's Department and could include a variety of social service agencies.

The proposed site for the campus would be 72 acres of the old Bridgeview site on Transportation Blvd., owned by Craig Realty Group, with a purchase price of \$38,703,000.

Residents attending the meeting will have their questions on the proposal answered and be encouraged to state their views to officials.

"We want to know where you stand on the issue," Ronayne told those at the council meeting. "We want to hear from you."

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

- Amending appropriations for current expenditures for the city during this fiscal year to transfer funds from Street

ODOT traffic updates

The following ramp closures for bridge repairs will begin Wednesday, Aug. 16.

- I-77 north to I-490 west ramps closed through late September. Detour will be SR 14 (Broadway Ave.) to Rockefeller Ave. to I-490.

- I-77 south to I-490 east ramps closed through late September. Detour I-490 west to W. 7th to I-490 east.



Cuyahoga County Executive Chris Ronayne, at left, with Mayor Matt Burke at Monday night's meeting of Garfield Heights Council.

Improvement Bond 2010 to Bond Retirement Fund.

- Levying special assessments to the county auditor for the next tax collection for the cost of garbage and refuse collection.

- Levying special assessments to the county auditor for the next tax collection for lot maintenance, which includes grass cutting.

- Updating and amending Chapter 1170 - Comprehensive Storm Water Management - of the city's zoning code.

- Updating and amending Chapter 1171 - Erosion and Sediment Control - of the city's zoning code.

- Updating and amending Chapter 1172 - Illicit Discharge and Illegal Connection Control - of the city's zoning code.

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Vote-by-Mail, Early In-Person voting begins for Sept. 12th primary in Garfield, Maple Heights

Vote-by-Mail and Early In-Person voting began on August 15, for the September 12, 2023 Primary Election.

The September primary is for candidates in the Garfield Heights City Council Ward 2 race and for City Council District 6 in Maple Heights. The winners will advance to the November 7, 2023 General Election.

Facing off in the Ward 2 council contest in Garfield Heights are incumbent Charles F. Donahue, Jr., Michael Dudley, Sr., and Tenisha Mack.

Running in the Maple Heights race for city council

District 6 are Ozell Dobbins III, Tina Stafford-Marbury and incumbent Richard Trojanski.

Vote-by-Mail ballot applications are available online at www.443vote.us, by calling 216-443-VOTE (8683) and at all public libraries, and must be received by the Board of Elections on or before 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023.

Early In-Person voting is located at the Board of Elections, 2925 Euclid Ave., Cleveland. Voting hours can be found at www.443vote.us.

Chris Alvarado leaving Slavic Village Development to serve as county's director of regional collaboration

Slavic Village Development announced last week that its executive director, Chris Alvarado, will be leaving SVD effective September 30, in order to serve as Cuyahoga County's director of regional collaboration, pending confirmation by county council. Marilyn Mosinski will serve as interim director.



Chris Alvarado

Alvarado joined SVD in June 2014, and over the past nine years the SVD team has caused the rehabilitation of over 200 vacant single-family homes and decreased the proportion of vacant homes in the neighborhood by over 300%.

This month Broadway Slavic Village was certified as the ninth, and largest, EcoDistrict in the world. Business retention and attraction has strengthened, particularly

along the Broadway and Fleet Ave. corridors. Additionally, the team piloted programs to keep current residents in their homes through direct grants and assisting residents with applications, a program that has been adopted on a citywide basis as the Healthy Homes Initiative.

Slavic Village Development has also established the Community Steward program to build diverse citizen leadership. These last two SVD programs helped hundreds of families stay in their homes throughout the pandemic, preventing another foreclosure crisis.

"I've been proud to serve Slavic Village Development for the past nine years," Alvarado said. "Our community has a bright future thanks to the ongoing work of our neighbors, businesses, organizations and other stakeholders in concert with our staff and board.

"I will miss working with our outstanding and caring team more than anyone can ever know. And I am looking forward to my new role working with communities and neighborhoods across Cuyahoga County, including Broadway Slavic Village. Our organization is in a position of strength, and I am confident that it will continue to be in good hands," Alvarado concluded.

The board of Slavic Village Development has begun the search for the organization's next executive director to carry on its mission to work with and for Broadway Slavic Village's residents, businesses and institutions to promote civic engagement, community empowerment and neighborhood investment.

Giving back to community

Infusing a spirit of community engagement, Vibe City, a new smoke shop in Maple Heights, hosted its inaugural Back-to-School Giveaway at 5180 Northfield Rd., a testament to the shop's commitment to weaving itself into the fabric of the neighborhood.



This annual event at all its locations resonates with Vibe City's core values. Through the giveaway, the shop offered school supplies and haircuts and demonstrated support for the city's children

as they begin their new back-to-school adventures.

WTNO Pizza Party

The Warner Turney Neighborhood Organization is sponsoring a Pizza Party at Mill Creek Falls Park, corner of Warner Rd. and Tioga Ave., on Saturday, Aug. 19, at 1 p.m. All children of the community are welcome to attend. For more details, call 216-570-8116.

Music in Stafford Park

The city of Maple Heights will present its Music in the Park event on Tuesday, Aug. 22, featuring the music of Erin Nicole Neal from 6-8 p.m., in Stafford Park, 5400 Mayville Ave., Maple Heights. Food available for purchase from Dave's Place. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy!

Letters to the Editor Senior centers are NOT nursing homes

Dear Editor:


I heard that Maple Heights Senior Center is a "nursing home." It was mentioned at a meeting for someone running for an office. I want everyone to know that senior centers are a far cry from nursing homes. I spent 10 days in a nursing home for rehabilitation after an aggressive surgery and 4 days in intensive care and 5 days in the hospital. I am now spending time at the Maple Heights Senior Center for the last 8 years enjoying myself.

I am 87 years old, was a wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and am free of bladder cancer. Two heart attacks, temporary loss of sight, 7 other surgeries, stroke and baldness all behind me. A lot of my fellow Maple Heights seniors have had worse problems. We all have the privilege of enjoying each other's company each day at the center.

The staff and bus drivers keep us in a safe environment and tend to our needs if necessary. Also, the bus drivers and wonderful volunteers (for whom we are grateful) deliver 100 or so meals to the Maple Heights shut-ins and take people shopping and to doctor appointments in the morning hours within Maple Heights. We received inheritances from some of our members to redo the water fountain and exercise room. Maple Heights people are caring and generous to supply us with treats now and then, which is greatly appreciated.

And the council finally had enough votes to pass legislation to get our elevator repaired. It is necessary for our safety and to keep this fine ex-library building for future generations. The Maple Heights Senior Center may be the "gem" of the city. And seniors, don't forget we have the right to vote.

Marie T. Sanda
A Maple Heights Senior



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Trinity to mark 50th anniversary as co-ed Catholic high school in Garfield Hts.

By Laurie Meadows '94
Director of Marketing and Communications
Trinity High School

As Trinity High School welcomes students to begin the 2023-2024 school year, we are excited to celebrate our 50th anniversary as a co-educational Catholic school.

Trinity has a very rich history dating back to 1926 when it was first established as an all-girls school by the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis. The school was first located in the Marymount Convent in the city of Garfield Heights, the same city where it has remained since its inception.

Originally called Saint Joseph Academy, the school's name was then changed to Marymount High School in 1939 to avoid confusion with Saint Joseph Academy in Cleveland. In 1954, steadily increasing enrollment led the Sisters to break ground for a new high school building, located just to the east of the convent. And, on Sept. 5, 1957, 470 girls were welcomed to the new Marymount

facility, which continues to serve as the main building of the Trinity campus and preserves its rich history on a lasting foundation.

As enrollment patterns continued to shift and more Catholic families expressed their desire for co-educational secondary education for their sons and daughters, the Sisters decided to adapt Marymount High School and our current co-educational Trinity High School was founded. Trinity High School enrolled 335 girls and 46 boys when it opened its doors on Sept. 4, 1973. The strong Trinity tradition of providing the best Catholic education for young people continues today with 370 students representing several northeastern Ohio counties.

As this school year gets underway, we welcome our incoming ninth graders for orientation on Thursday, Aug. 17. The rest of the classes join them on Friday, Aug. 18, and with that, the 2023/2024 school year will be off to a great start. "As always, our strong Franciscan values will

remain at the heart of all we do. Our well-balanced academic program and unique internship program continue to give our students an advantage and prepare them for post-secondary careers at all levels of college, and trade schools and the workforce," said President/Principal William Svoboda.

But this year is extra special as we celebrate the 50th anniversary milestone. We welcome alumni, friends and benefactors back to Trinity High School on Friday, Sept. 29, at 5 p.m. for a Mass celebrated by 2005 graduate Fr. Rob Ramser, immediately followed by a Grand Reunion where alumni will enjoy hors d'oeuvres and drinks while mingling with their fellow alum and past faculty members.

On Saturday, Sept. 30, alumni are invited to the Homecoming football game against Beachwood at 1 p.m., at Cuyahoga Heights High School where refreshments will be served through half-time. There will also be a special rendition of Trinity's Fight Song played by alum and led by former band teacher Scott Tenney and current performing arts teacher Emily Marshall.

The school year will culminate with the 50th Anniversary Gala on Friday, May 3, 2024, which will include dinner and an open bar, raffles and silent auction as we continue to raise funds to ensure Trinity High School will be around for another 50 years.

"We are extremely proud of our rich legacy here at Trinity High School and we know our students will continue to make an impact in this community for years to come," said Mr. Svoboda, who has been actively involved for 46 of the 50 years.

We look forward to a successful and celebratory school year as one of Northeast Ohio's best-known and respected Catholic high schools as we continue to put God at the center of all we do.



Shown above are members of the Trinity High School Graduating Class of 1973/74, the first class that graduated boys (all three of them) after the school's first year of becoming co-educational.

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Bedford Council approves upgrades to Commons Mentorship course offered

By Judith Goldsworth

Bedford Council passed legislation for upgrades to Bedford Commons, including electrical work, roofing projects and restroom updates, at a special meeting held last week.

The meeting was called to pass legislation to meet specific deadlines before the next regular council meeting in September, Mayor Stan Koci stated.

City Manager Mike Mallis stated that the work on the Commons, as approved in three ordinances, will be covered 100% by Cuyahoga County Community Block Grant funding.

Council approved a contract with D.E. Williams for electrical upgrades to the Commons "to enhance safety for the community," in an amount not to exceed \$14,800.

"With these grants we need to show Cuyahoga County that we're entering into a contract, and/or paid for these improvements, to be finished by the end of September, which is why we requested the special meeting," Mallis commented.

Also passed was legislation for Mallis to enter into a contract with Campo Residential and Commercial Exteriors to replace the roof on the Gazebo and Train Depot at the Commons at a cost not to exceed \$36,500.

And passed was a third ordinance for Mallis to enter into a contract with Millstone Management Group for restroom

upgrades at the Commons in an amount not to exceed \$45,220.

Mallis said Millstone will be doing all of the painting of the public restrooms, in addition to removing and replacing electrical light fixtures, sinks and other plumbing fixtures and the stall partitions.

Other legislation passed

Council passed an ordinance authorizing a contract with ABC Piping, Inc., for the Boiler Replacement Project at the Municipal Complex, in the amount of \$165,000.

The boiler project could be paid with the remainder of a Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council grant that had been awarded to Bedford for energy upgrades, in the amount of \$40,000 to \$50,000, Mallis stated.

Also approved was legislation for a contract with Bain Enterprises for a hydraulic post pounder, in an amount not to exceed \$11,392.65. The equipment will be used by the service department to install posts for signage, rather than doing it manually and risking injury.

Passed were two ordinances for Master Service Agreements with Simplex-IT for "security to better serve the public." One is for information technology (IT) services for all municipal departments excluding the police department; the other is for IT services for the police department itself.

An ordinance to levy assessments for delinquent water bills and place the charges on the property owners' real estate taxes was passed, as was a separate ordinance to levy assessments for removal of weeds, tall grass and trees on various lots, and also put those charges on the respective owners' property taxes.

Finance Director Jennifer Howland said the reason she wanted both these pieces to be passed at the special meeting was to get them to Cuyahoga County in time to go on the tax bills for next year.

Placed on second reading

- Ordinance declaring the abandoned property and structure at 34 Nordham Dr. a nuisance, and condemning.

- Two ordinances to set water and sewer rates for Bedford property owners for 2024. Both pieces also state that there will be no increase in charges for either service from the 2023 rates.

- Ordinance to give a 30% discount on water and sewer base rates for 2024 to property owners who are senior citizens (65 or older) or 100% permanently disabled.

Announcement

Koci announced that as of the next regular council meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 5, the council meeting time will change to 7 p.m. Meetings are usually held on the first and third Mondays of the month during the year, except for summer months. September's first meeting of the month is being held on Sept. 5 due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday, Sept. 4.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, commencing at 5:00 p.m. to consider amending Chapter 1366 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Independence relating to Lease/Rental Occupancy Certificate.

Any person interested in observing and/or being heard may appear in-person or virtually before the City Council by contacting Debra J. Beal, Clerk of Council, at beald@independencetohio.org or by telephone (216) 524-1008 on or before 5:00 p.m. on September 12, 2023, to verify electronic information.

A copy of the proposed ordinance is located on the City's website or may be obtained in advance of the Public Hearing through a request to the Clerk of Council to make arrangements to send the foregoing information via electronically, or picked up at the entrance of City Hall.

BY ORDER of the City Council of the City of Independence, Ohio.

Debra J. Beal
Clerk of Council

NN: 8-16-23

Registrations are now being taken for a 12-week course called "Mentorship Program One on One," offered at Messiah International Ministries, 98 Center Rd., Bedford. All women are welcome. Tuition is \$199.

Orientation for the course is Aug. 26, from 10 to 11 a.m., and classes start Sept. 9, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

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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.

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. 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 17th day of August, 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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Ronayne invites residents

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- Authorizing the sale and disposal of municipally-owned property which has been determined to be no longer needed for municipal purposes.

- Doing all things necessary to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) for the 2024 Road Reconstruction Project.

- Doing all things necessary to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard Sewer Separation Project.

- Entering into an agreement with Anago Cleaning Systems for the regular cleaning of the Garfield Heights Police Department and Civic Center.

- Establishing a maximum amount for blanket certificates for the fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 2023.

- Entering into an agreement with Teletronics, Inc. for the purchase and installation of a fiber core switch.

- Amending Chapter 351 - Parking Generally - of the city's codified ordinances was passed for a second reading.

- Entering into an agreement with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to participate in the ATF Gun Crime Task Force. Burke said the purpose of the partnership will be to "seize more guns off the street" and make the city safer.

- Doing all things necessary to apply for, accept and utilize the 2023 Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant to purchase a Cellebrite Cell Phone Extraction System. The mayor said the system will unlock cell phones police have seized and use the information on them to solve crime.

- Amending and supplementing the city's plan of classification and compensation of non-union pay positions. Burke said this legislation was necessary in order to hire an assistant building commissioner to be groomed to replace current Building Commissioner Mark Morow when he retires next year.

- Doing all things necessary to apply for, accept and utilize the 2023-2024 Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Program Grant to purchase bulletproof vests for the Garfield Heights Auxiliary Police officers.

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Columbarium dedication at Maple Shade Cemetery

The city of Independence dedicated the newly installed columbarium walls at Maple Shade Cemetery last Thursday, Aug. 10. Columbarium walls with niches are designed to receive and store cremated remains.

Mayor Gregory Kurtz, members of City Council and the administration as well as pastors from local churches — Fr. Matt Jordan, St. Michael Catholic Church; Rev. David Wigger, pastor, Independence Presbyterian Church; and Lisa Thomas, pastor, Independence United Methodist Church—attended the dedication service.

“The columbarium walls were built on the northeast side of the beautiful Maple Shade Cemetery in the existing turnaround, in response to a strong interest among the residents and the increased interest in cremation,” said Mayor Kurtz. He added, “This is just the first phase of a multi-phase project that will include the expansion of Maple Shade to accommodate traditional burials, as well as enhance the streetscape with fencing, lighting and landscaping.”



Shown at the dedication in front of the columbarium walls are, from left: Vern Blaze, finance director; Annie Lynch, city planner and economic development specialist; Jessica Hyser, economic development director; Councilpersons Jim Trakas and Anthony Togliatti; Vice Mayor David Grendel; Fr. Matt Jordan of St. Michael Catholic Church; Lisa Thomas, pastor of Independence United Methodist Church; Rev. David Wigger, pastor of Independence Presbyterian Church; Don Ramm, city engineer; Michael Gero, building official.

Each 12” x 12” niche allows for up to two urns and has a Cambrian black granite exterior door, engraved with the names, birth and death dates of the individual or individuals inurned there. A pearl grey granite encapsulates the remainder of the walls. At this time, three walls have been installed that provide a total of 288 niches which can be used to hold up to two cremains. The city’s plans allow for expansion in the future.

Community police reports

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

Garfield Heights

Weapon Offense

•On Aug. 6, at 5:40 p.m., police were notified that a group of three male juveniles had been at the Sunoco

station at the corner of Turney and Langton, and one of the males had a gun in his pants pocket. Officers found them walking east down Langton and as they approached in their police vehicle, two of the juveniles went into the backyard of a vacant home but emerged after police got out of their cruiser. An officer found two firearms in the backyard of the home the boys had just left. One was a Smith & Wesson fully loaded handgun and the other a Smith & Wesson bb gun. Both juveniles were turned over to their uncooperative mothers. The mother of the third boy refused to let him in her residence and he left on foot.

•On Aug. 14, shortly after midnight, officers initiated a traffic stop of a suspicious vehicle on Grand Division near the intersection of E. 88 St. An officer approached and was informed by another officer on scene that there

was a semiautomatic pistol on the ground next to the 16-year-old male who had been detained. Police retrieved the fully loaded weapon and secured it in the patrol car. While searching the vehicle a second loaded firearm was found underneath it, another semi-automatic pistol. As the search continued, a third loaded firearm, a carbine rifle, was found in the trunk.

Traffic Offense-Fleeing

On Aug. 9, at about 3:10 p.m., police attempted to stop an ATV which had run a stop sign on Cranwood and E. 131 St., and a pursuit ensued to Miles Ave., where the ATV continued to flee at speeds of around 60 mph. The ATV driver made abrupt turns and continued to change directions on Miles, all the while cutting off oncoming traffic, operating on sidewalks, doing wheelies and operating in a manner that showed no regard for public safety. The ATV then cut into an empty lot on Miles Ave., and went south towards the tree line and backyards of Hlavin. When he reached the tree line the driver struck a fence post and was thrown off the ATV. He then got up and ran on foot west on Hlavin and then south on E. 128 St., into a backyard on E. 128 St. Despite a foot pursuit, establishing a perimeter, deploying a K9 tracker and a drone, the suspect escaped. The ATV was found to be just stolen out of Maple Heights and MHPD drove to the site with the vehicle's owner. The owner said he was attempting to sell his ATV to a male on Facebook, but when the male took it for a test drive he never returned.

Traffic Complaint- Possible OVI

On Aug. 10, about 10:36 p.m., police were dispatched to the area of Transportation Blvd. near Granger Rd. for a two-vehicle accident with injuries. GHFD was also dispatched. The driver of one of the vehicles involved was incoherent and going in and out of consciousness. Several open containers of liquor and beer were all over the passenger compartment of his truck. GHFD gave first aid to the driver and transported him to MetroHealth Medical Center. At the hospital he submitted to chemical testing as to his sobriety. He was advised of a possible OVI charge pending the results of his urine sample.

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With reopening of gym, there's something for everyone at Stella Walsh Rec!

By Ellen Psenicka

Want a place to do laps or just relax in a heated, Olympic-sized swimming pool, shoot hoops in a completely refurbished basketball court, sweat out the small stuff in a sauna bath, join a rookie league kickball team or practice a healthy lifestyle with aerobics classes and yoga, or just play some computer games with friends?

Well there's one place you can do it all - Stella Walsh Recreation Center at 7345 Broadway Ave., in Cleveland's Slavic Village, adjacent to the former South High School. And it's all free!!

Rec Center Manager George Jackson was kind enough to give members of the Kiwanis Club of South East Cleveland a tour of the facility and the newly-opened gym on a Thursday afternoon, which was a quiet part of an otherwise busy summer weekday which sees between 70-113 kids enjoying all the center has to offer.

Thanks go out to Susan Gordon, director of Community Building at Slavic Village Development, for being an advocate and champion in getting the gym open to the public. It was completely refurbished by the production company who shot the movie "Shooting Stars" at the gym, a biopic of LeBron James and his fellow basketball players in high school at St. Vincent St. Mary High School in Akron.

Manager Jackson clearly likes his new job and has big plans for the upcoming season of activities for both kids and adults. In addition to the pool and basketball court, other amenities include a weight room, racquetball court, computer room, meeting room and a pickleball court is on the horizon.

All are welcome at Stella Walsh Recreation Center no matter where you live, Jackson said. Just stop by and fill out a registration form and you will be assigned a number to use whenever you visit the rec center.

Esports coming

Online competitive gaming is coming to Stella Walsh Recreation Center this fall with the addition of Esports (Electronic Sports) to their programmed activities. Esports introduce youth to recreation and education through gaming. The 6th through 12th grade participants will gain computer knowledge while being exposed to new and emerging technology and professional opportunities

related to gaming and esports.

Donations from the Southeast Kiwanis, Susan Gordon, and Friends of Brancatelli have equipped the activities room at Stella Walsh with a PS5, large screen television and appropriate games that will enable Stella Walsh to start competitive gaming against other recreation centers and gamers across the region.

Four games will be featured: Fortnite, League of Legends, Rocket League and Overwatch. For more information call 216-664-7245 or go online to city www.clevelandohio.gov <<http://www.clevelandohio.gov>>



Shown above are some of the Stella Walsh Recreation Center staff, SVD's Susan Gordon, and Rec Center Manager George Jackson at far right, along with SE Kiwanis Club members who donated money to the rec center for PlayStation 5 games like the one shown on the screen for everyone to enjoy.

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