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## \$10,000 reward offered in case of missing Cleveland teen Keshawn Williams

Cleveland Missing, in partnership with the Cleveland Division of Police and the family of Keshawn Williams, will be conducting a neighborhood canvass to distribute flyers in Slavic Village and surrounding areas.



Keshawn is now age 15, is 5'7" tall and weighs about 130 lbs. He was last seen in the area of Fleet/Gertrude aves.

He was reported missing on June 20, 2023, and the missing person report was escalated to an AMBER Alert. Keshawn remains missing and the public's help is needed to bring him home. There is a cash reward of up to \$10,000 for information leading to Keshawn's whereabouts.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Cleveland Police Department at 216-623-5400.



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## Primary election results

Cuyahoga County held its Sept. 12 Primary Election with only two items on the ballot.

In Garfield Heights, incumbent Ward 2 Councilman Charles F. Donahue, Jr., and Tenisha Mack bested former Ward 1 Councilman Michael Dudley and will face each other for the Ward 2 council seat in the November General Election.

In Maple Heights, incumbent District 6 Councilman Richard Trojanski and Tina Stafford-Marbury bested Ozell Dobbins III for the District 6 council seat and will face each other in November.

## Sewer District's Clean Water Fest returns this weekend!

The number one event in the "number two" business, the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District's popular Clean Water Fest is back to help answer the age-old question, "Where Does It Go?" Join NEORS and dozens of community partners to enjoy tours and trucks, science and special guests, experiments and excitement.

This fun, free, family-friendly celebration of all things (Continued on Page 3)

## G.H. shred location changed

Due to construction on McCracken Rd., in Garfield Heights, the shred event being held this Saturday, Sept. 23, from 9 a.m. to noon, will be held at the Garfield Heights Civic Center. All residents are invited to bring in their documents for shredding in this free event. Limit four bags per vehicle.

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# Bedford Council passes bill to regulate Airbnbs, other short-term rentals in city

By Judith Goldsworth

In response to several recent incidents reported at Airbnb parties, Bedford Council, at its meeting on Sept. 5, passed an ordinance to regulate Airbnbs, bed and breakfast inns, and other short-term rentals in the city.

One incident at an April weekend event on Woodrow Ave., resulted in citations for disturbing the peace, fights, assaults, gun violence, underage drinking and party guests hiding weapons throughout the neighborhood.

City Manager Mike Mallis said that owners of properties used for short term rentals must now have a 24-hour emergency contact number if there are incidents at one of their residences, like the one experienced earlier this year.

Mallis said there are not many short-term rentals in the city, "but we want to be proactive, and to some extent, reactive.

## Other legislation passed

At a meeting held last month, council passed several pieces of legislation for improvements to and expansion of the Bedford Commons, including electrical work, roofing projects and restroom updates. Additional legislation for the Commons project was passed at the Sept. 5 meeting, and like the previous approved work, the costs of all the work will be paid 100% through a Cuyahoga County Community Development Block Grant that had been awarded to the city.

ing the city's gratitude for a \$15,000 donation from an anonymous donor to allow local artists to paint various electrical boxes throughout the city. Bedford would be working with a local nonprofit, Natural Productions, to create and produce the public artwork on city-owned utility boxes, Mallis stated.

## Also passed

•Ordinance for contract with Fabrizi Trucking & Paving Co. Inc., for emergency repairs to the sanitary sewer on Southwick Dr. at a cost of \$43,954. The repairs to fix the failed sewer were so extensive that the city could not do it in-house, Mallis explained.

•Ordinance to enter into a cooperative agreement with Cuyahoga County to improve Bedford's portion of the public roadway on Forbes Rd., with the city agreeing to pay 40% of construction costs. The county is requesting that Bedford partner with the Village of Oakwood and the city of Bedford Heights to resurface Forbes, from Fair Oaks Rd. to Richmond Rd. Mallis said the cost for Bedford's portion would be \$25,700, to be paid in 2025.

•Ordinances to establish water and sewer rates for property owners in the city for 2024. There will be no increase in the charges from this year, Finance Director Jennifer Howland stated.

•Also passed was an ordinance to provide senior citizens and disabled residents with a 30% discount in water and sewer rates for next year. The combined household income of residents receiving the discount for 2024 must be less than \$36,804 for 2022. Howland advised that residents who were eligible for the water and sewer rate discounts in 2023 had to sign up again for next year.

•Ordinance declaring the property and structure at 34 Nordham Dr. a nuisance and condemning it.

## Updates

A waterline project is coming up on Lincoln Blvd., Mallis said, with work beginning in the coming weeks. The contractors have 90 days to finish, he said, adding that ongoing waterline construction projects in the city have resulted in a large reduction of water losses due to leaks and breakages.

The city is also working with the Northeast Ohio Area-wide Coordinating Agency in a connectivity study, with the goal of connecting the Metroparks to the downtown district, Mallis said, adding that a Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative meeting will be held by NOACA tonight, Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 6 p.m., at Ellenwood Recreation Center. Completion of the project would enable the city's eligibility for construction funding, Mallis said.

The city was successful in the two-year cycle of grant funding to Senior and Adult Services, although the exact amount has not been disclosed yet, Mallis said.

Cleveland Tank and Supply's new facility at the Tinkers Creek Commerce Park, which will bring 60-plus jobs to Bedford, is under construction, Mallis said, adding that Lakeshore Electric would begin construction of its own facility there soon, after choosing to relocate within the city. He congratulated APEC Engineering, which has also relocated within Bedford, on opening its new offices and operations in the former YMCA building on Northfield Road.

## New BPD officer sworn in

Mayor Stan Koci swore in the Bedford Police Department's newest officer, Taylor Temple, at the meeting. Temple is a lateral transfer, having served more than six years with the Ashland County Sheriff's Office.

"I decided to come to Bedford and start this new journey," Temple said. "I'm looking forward to making the city look good, the police department look good, and interacting with the citizens and making it a better place to live."

An ordinance for a contract with Painters of the Western Reserve to prepare and paint the exterior of the Train Depot at the Commons at a cost of \$6,800 was approved, as well as an ordinance for a contract with Markertek for audio equipment upgrades in the Commons area, at a cost of \$11,289.

Also related to improvements in Bedford, council passed a resolution express-

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## State of Indy Address

Independence Mayor Gregory Kurtz will present the 2023 State of the City Address and Luncheon at noon on Friday, Oct. 6, at the Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Blvd. Registration deadline for the event is Friday, Sept. 29.

The State of the City Address and Luncheon is open to all ages and is free to Independence residents. Non-residents can register to attend for \$5. To reserve your seat, call the Community Services Department at 216-524-7373.

## Clean Water Fest returns

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Clean water welcomes attendees to meet the stars of Discover Channel's newest hit, "Sewer Divers."

Join thousands of fellow water lovers this Saturday, Sept. 23, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Sewer District's Environmental & Maintenance Services Center (EMSC), 4747 E. 49 St., in Cuyahoga Heights. Parking is available at the Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plant, located immediately south of EMSC. Transportation to the Fest will be provided.

Guests can tour the Southerly Wastewater Treatment Center, the largest wastewater treatment plant in the State of Ohio, visit the award-winning laboratory, Touch the Trucks, conduct experiments with "Mad Matt & Heather's Fab Lab Spectacular," learn about Project Clean Lake and the Regional Stormwater Management Program, and decorate a custom hard hat. Face painting, balloon animals and arts and crafts will be offered in the Kids Zone.

This year's event footprint includes almost 50 hands-on and educational exhibits showcasing the work of the Sewer District and partnering organizations throughout Northeast Ohio. Partners include: Cleveland Metroparks, Great Lakes Science Center, Greater Cleveland Aquarium, Ohio EPA and Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Trash Fish and dozens of other nonprofit organizations.

Also, customers can learn about cost saving programs, including Homestead, Affordability and stormwater credits. Customer Service representatives will be on-site to talk with attendees about the programs, eligibility requirements and more.

# LIBRARIES PLAN SPECIAL PROGRAMS

### Bedford (Bedford Heights/Oakwood Village) Branch Library

Here are some of the **FREE** programs coming up in September at the Bedford Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, located at 70 Columbus Rd., Bedford, Ohio 44146. For more information, or to register for any program, please call 440-439-4997.

**Mobile Pantry -Free, fresh produce distribution, Wednesday, Sept. 20, 1:30 p.m.** This event will be held rain or shine. Each family will receive fresh produce for free, loaded into their vehicle trunk. First come, first-served basis, adults of any age, zip code, income level. Each vehicle can have up to 4 "families" (such as if single seniors are riding together). Vehicles preferred over walk-ups, for safety reasons.

**African American Authors Book Group -In-Person or Virtual. All Are Welcome. Thursday, Sept. 28, 7 p.m.** All Adults Are Welcome. September Title: "Moonrise Over New Jessup" by Jamila Minnicks. Join us for the discussion of this 1950's era historical fiction novel that takes place in one of the many all-Black towns that existed at that time. What was the real political and cultural cost of integration for all Black communities?

**Macrame Ghost Decor -Adults, Saturday, Sept. 30, 11 a.m.** Welcome trick-or-treaters to your home with a cute and easy macrame ghost that you can hang on your front door. All materials will be supplied. **MUST REGISTER**

### Independence Branch Library

Here are some of the **FREE** programs being offered in September 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

**Aging With a Plan/Registration required.** How a little thought today can vastly improve your tomorrow. Saturday, Sept. 23 / 11 a.m.

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**Kindergarten Countdown / Registration required.** Join us as we help build kindergarten readiness skills in a program aligned to Ohio's Early Childhood Standards. This session will focus on counting. Wednesday, Sept. 27 and Thursday, Sept. 28 / 10 a.m.

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## Washington Park Community School

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The September 21st Meeting of the Washington Park Board of Directors has been changed to Thursday, September 28th at 5:30 p.m. at the school.

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**Public hearing on future G.H. block grant proposals**

The city of Garfield Heights will hold a public hearing to discuss potential projects to be funded with the 2024 Cuyahoga County Community Development Block Grant and Community Development Supplemental Grant programs at 6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 21, at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd.

All applications must meet a community development need related to the health or welfare of the community. Comments or ideas for future projects can be sent to: psalemi@garfieldhths.org. For additional information, contact Pat Salemi at 216-475-1100, ext. 2425.

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**Blood Drive on Lansing**

A student at Constellation Schools Eastside Arts Academy, 6700 Lansing Ave., Cleveland, will hold a blood drive in the school gym from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Tuesday, Sept. 26. To make an appointment, go to vitalant.org and search with Blood Drive Code:U5070.

This blood drive was planned after Storeigh Conway wrote an essay on the following topic: "What is Kindness? What Can You Do, as One Person, to Help Kindness Spread in Your Community and in Your World?" for the Buckeye Community Hope Foundation writing challenge.

**GHUMC Pancake Breakfast**

A Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, Sept. 24, at 10:30 a.m., at Garfield Heights United Methodist Church, 4977 Turney Rd. All are welcome. A free will offering will be collected for the Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland.

**Murder Mystery**

It's Tea Time, so wear your fancy hats, pearls and gloves to a Murder Mystery Play on Saturday, Sept. 23, at 1 p.m., to benefit the Dance with My Father Organization, in the St. Andrew Church Hall, 16029 Maple Park Dr., Maple Heights.

There will be food, dancing, live entertainment and prize for the Best Hat. Donation is \$30.

Call or text 216-816-4030.

**Obituary**

**RITA TRASKA**

Rita Traska (nee Petranek), formerly Dooley, age 96, passed away September 16, 2023. Beloved wife of the late Frank P. Traska and the late Albert R. Dooley. Dear mother of Lawrence (Faith), Susan Sobin (Bob), Kathleen Meler (Peter), Marilyn House (deceased), Patricia Bednarz (Ralph), Mary Marshall (Thomas deceased), Michael Dooley, James Dooley (deceased) (Tammy), Joe Dooley and Peter Traska (Michelle). Loving grandmother of Larry, Karl, Joseph, John, Jennie, Frank, Matthew, Mary, Danielle, Helen, Jack, Lucy, Ralph, Joseph, Neil, Paul, Dean, Maggie, Julian, Abbey, Andrew and Amelia. Great-grandmother of 31. Daughter of the late James Petranek and Nettie (nee Lusk). Sister of the late Helen Walsh and John Petranek. Dear aunt and great-aunt of many.

Visitation Wednesday, September 20, from 4-8 p.m., at the FORTUNA FUNERAL HOME, 7076 Brecksville Rd., Independence. Mass of Christian Burial Thursday September 21, at St. John Nepomucene Church at 10 a.m. (Please meet at church). Interment Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to Holy Family Hospice, 6707 State Rd., Parma, Ohio 44134.

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# About the other Neighborhood News publishers....

To mark its 100th year of publication, The Neighborhood News recently provided an intimate look at the founder of the paper, Vaclav Psenicka, who in 1923 until his retirement in 1961, led his publication through The Great Depression, World War II, the Korean Conflict and countless stories reflecting current events at home and abroad. Whether it be weighty war talk or tidbits on marriages, births, deaths, social events, recipes or even fashion advice, it was all found in the weekly issues of The Neighborhood News under his leadership.

## Publisher James V. Psenicka

After Vaclav Psenicka's retirement, his son, also Vaclav, but Americanized to "Jim," led the newspaper through the Vietnam years as sons and daughters of his readers went off to fight in the jungles of southeast Asia, while at home the war and a deadly conflict between the Ohio National Guard and anti-war protestors at Kent State University threatened to tear our country apart.



During his 40-year tenure as publisher of The Neighborhood News, Jim Psenicka campaigned for cleaner air and strict anti-pollution regulation of the steel industry and countless other causes to make life better for his readers.

"Broadway Day" at Cedar Point, cosponsored by The Neighborhood News and Broadway Merchants Association in the 1960s, was an annual event the entire community enjoyed.

He was a good friend of Ward 13 Councilman Ralph J. Perk, Sr., and worked tirelessly on his mayoral campaign, seeing his election to Cleveland's top job become a reality, and for his son, Ralph J. Perk, Jr., who followed in his father's councilmanic footsteps and also served for 13 years as a judge in Cleveland Municipal Court.

And he was very proud of the fact that under his leadership, The Neighborhood News was named Best Weekly Newspaper in 1999, by the Neighborhood and Community Press Association of Greater Cleveland.

## Publisher Ellen M. Psenicka

Following her husband Jim's untimely death in May, 2001, Ellen Psenicka added the position of publisher to her role as the newspaper's editor.

She worked with her stepson, Michael, who was advertising manager at the paper, to expand the circulation of The Neighborhood News to Bedford and Maple Heights when the owners of Sun Newspapers reorganized and dropped those two suburbs from its distribution area.

To give her writers more free time to cover those added suburbs, Ellen hired several interns over the years from the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center to help out with graphics and ad layout, giving them valuable experience in the "real world" of newspaper publishing.



While maintaining her job as the paper's editor, she also was active in several community organizations, including the Advisory Board of Cleveland Central Catholic High School, the former St. Michael Community Board, and remains a board member of Jones Road Family Development, secretary of the Kiwanis Club of South East Cleveland and a charter member and secretary of the Neighborhood and Community Media Association of Greater Cleveland.

In 2017, she officially retired as publisher and made way for the younger generation, as Michael Psenicka took over the publishing duties. Ellen remains editor of The Neighborhood News and is proud to have been with the paper since 1969, the year she graduated from the Ohio University School of Journalism.

## Publisher Michael S. Psenicka

Following in the path of his grandfather and father, Michael, in 2017, became the third generation of Psenickas to publish the family's newspaper. He was a business major when attending Kent State University after high school, and that knowledge served him well as he navigated the changing world of journalism in the age of computers and social media.

Mike had always been good with computers and knew much more than any of his employees about how to maximize their use for layout and graphic design of the newspaper. So as publisher he continued to guide the staff through the maze of computer hardware and software that the printshop was requiring and the printing presses demanded.

On the business side of publishing, Mike was able to cut costs at the paper to meet the demands of a changing media market and revamped the NN editorial policy to keep the paper solvent. And he was definitely a "hands on" kind of newspaper owner. Not only did he continue to serve as advertising manager and photographer at the paper, but got up early every Wednesday morning to pick up the papers at the printshop and do the delivery route himself.



He was very active with the Garfield Heights Chamber of Commerce and made lots of business contacts there with his wit and easygoing personality. When COVID hit and businesses were forced to shut down or work remotely, Mike made sure The Neighborhood News was out each week as usual and put the paper online so those who didn't venture out could still read their favorite newspaper.

But ask anyone who works at The Neighborhood News what Mike's standout accomplishment was during his time as publisher and they would all say, "the cats!" He found two kittens no more than a few weeks old living in a woodpile on property he owned in Streetsboro, needing nourishment and a place to live. So Mike loaded them in his car and off to work he went. Archie and Baby Bea have been at the paper ever since.



## Publisher Elena N. Psenicka

Mike's time as publisher was cut short on the evening of Sept. 14, 2020, when, while at his newspaper office, he suffered a massive heart attack and passed away at the age of 54. His grief-stricken wife, stepmother and the rest of the NN staff were left to carry on without him.

Elena, his wife, now became the publisher of The Neighborhood News, and with no experience in journalism or newspaper management, was determined to learn and grow in her new position.

The newspaper's office on Garfield Boulevard needed updating and she took on the task, with fresh paint inside and out, front office redesign, wall hangings, a new roof, gutters and parking lot improvements.

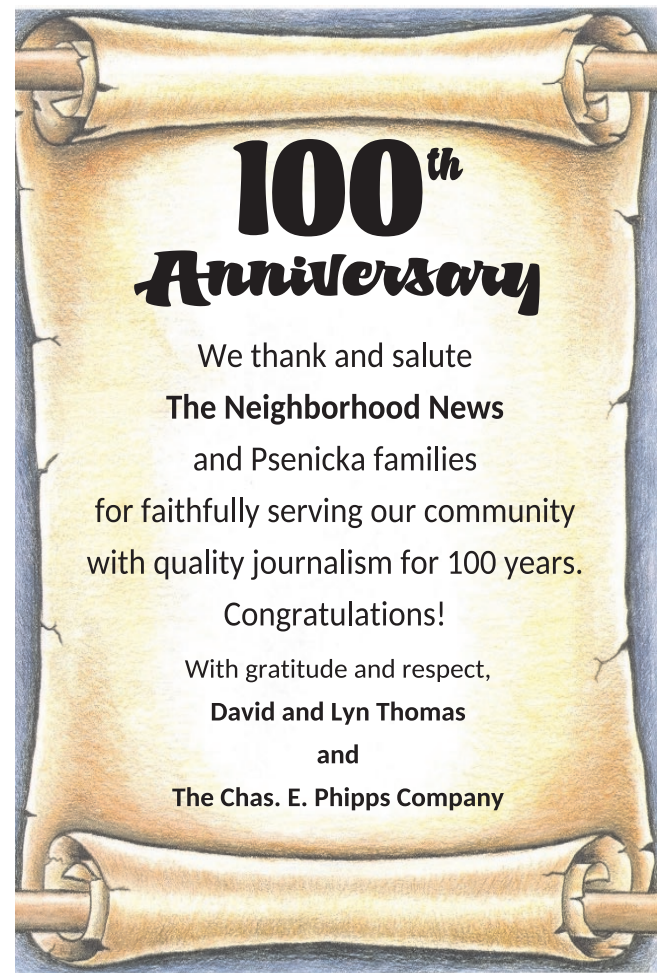
Elena took pictures for the paper as Mike had done, and learned the computer skills necessary to produce the newspaper each week. She was instrumental in creating a new and improved NN website and put the paper on Facebook and Instagram.

The paper's 100th anniversary is now being celebrated on Elena's watch and she has worked tirelessly to make it a celebration to remember, with a newspaper tribute to founder Vaclav Psenicka and publishing old stories, ads and photos from the NN archives.


She has orchestrated the first-ever NN Anniversary Party at Klima Gardens in Cuyahoga Heights on Sept. 24, with free food, beverages, music, games and family fun.

And, like her late husband, Elena is an animal lover and brought another mascot to join the kitties each day at the newspaper, a rescue dog she named Hugo.

So now our readers know a little something about the five Psenickas who have guided The Neighborhood News through its first century of publication. It hasn't always been an easy job, but always worth it.



**TO THE VOTERS OF CLEVELAND:**



You have again overwhelmingly demonstrated your confidence in us by electing Ralph Perk your mayor and by re-electing Ralph Perk Jr. as your councilman of Ward 15. We find it difficult to express our gratitude in words alone. There were countless volunteers who offered so much of their time towards the campaigns. In partial repayment to you, we pledge our strongest efforts in solving our city's problems and upgrading all city services.

Best wishes to you and your families, and please remember us in your prayers.

**MAYOR RALPH J. PERK**      **COUNCILMAN RALPH J. PERK JR.**

September 29, 1933

## Candidate for Council Reports Shot & Threats

George Mark, 26, of 3187 E. 65 St., candidate for council and Martin L. Sweeney's leader in the 14th ward, said he was shot at while getting off the platform at a political rally at E. 66th St. and Regent Ave., S.E.

Mark said he was told two months ago he would be "bumped off" if he didn't cease campaigning for Sweeney. He had just finished speaking last night when the shot was fired, he said.

One of the 100 watt bulbs above his head was shattered by the bullet, according to him.

May 3, 1945

## 'I'm Safe, Mom' Phones Cleveland Sailor Missing For Three Years

When Mrs. Ellen Sikorski awoke from sleep early in the morning in her Cleveland, OH, home to answer insistent ringing on the telephone, she received the thrill of her life when she heard:

"Hello, Mom - I'm okay and I'll tell you what happened to me when I see you soon."

The voice, coming by long distance from Washington, D. C., was that of her 23-year-old son, William Konko, Navy warrant officer, who for three years had been marooned on a Philippine island with four other members of Commander John D. Bulkeley's "expendable" PT boat squadron.

Konko was a third class radioman when he went into the Philippines shortly after Corregidor's fall on a special mission with the famed Bulkeley squadron to evacuate Americans in April, 1942. At the rendezvous his boat crashed and for the next three years he lived a hidden, hunted life as he and friendly Filipinos waged guerrilla warfare against the Japs.

The Clevelander's role in the operation was to direct the vital communications link which kept the guerrillas in touch with the outside world, from which they were able now and then to get supplies secretly from U. S. forces.

Loyal Filipinos came to tell him they had dug up a hidden Japanese radio and asked him to do what he could to get it operating.

Fuel for the generator which provided electricity for the tiny radio set was provided by distilling a liquid extracted from trees. For six weeks after the radio had been put together they tried unsuccessfully to reach the outside world. At last they made contact with San Francisco on their 75-watt transmitter and subsequently were in communication with other United States posts in the Pacific.

Always, Konko said, the Filipinos were sure the Americans would return. The little radio kept the guerrilla forces informed of the onward progress of the Americans toward the islands and the news regularly was circulated among the natives.

After receiving the long distance "I'm okay" call from Washington, with word from her son that he would be home in a few days, the mother's first thought was to put a second mattress, brand-new, on her son's bed.

"He's been sleeping on the ground so long I'm making doubly sure he's going to be comfortable for awhile, at least," she said.

"That phone call has made me so happy I'm crying and laughing at the same time."

## Politicians visit Slavic Village



Shown above in top photo is Senator Ted Kennedy (center) in Slavic Village when he was campaigning for the 1980 presidential nomination. Senator Howard Metzenbaum is shown at left. Inset photo shows Senator John Glenn placing a wreath during the Memorial Day observance in Newburgh Heights. And bottom photo shows President George H.W. Bush speaking at an American Nationalities Movement event in Cleveland, with former mayor and the Movement's president, Ralph J. Perk, Sr., at far right.

July 2, 1952

## Maple Heights Residents Sue To Stop Project

Fourteen residents of Libby Road in Maple Heights sued in Common Pleas Court last Friday to upset the rezoning of a large tract at Libby and Northfield Roads proposed as the site of a \$17,000,000 shopping center.

One of two attorneys handling the lawsuit is Walter I. Krewson, who appeared before Bedford City Council last spring on behalf of George J. Goudreau, builder, who has proposed a \$34,000,000 shopping and apartment development in Bedford.

Business circles have reported that both projects cannot go forward because the marketing area they serve could not support both.

Besides asking that the rezoning be declared illegal, the 14 residents requested the court to bar the issuance of any building permits for the site except for residential purposes. Maple Heights officials have already approved the rezoning of the land for the center.

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January 22, 1932

## 67 Grads to Get Diplomas from New South High

To the February 1932 class of South High School will go the honor being the first group to graduate from the beautiful, newly completed school at East 78th., south of Broadway. There are 67 graduates, 36 of whom are boys.

September 12, 2001

# Terrorist attack leaves America under siege

By Ellen Psenicka

While Americans sat at their desks this morning in their office buildings across America, took a moment to enjoy a cup of coffee after getting the little ones off to school, or took their place in assembly lines in the hundreds of factories across this land, an unspeakable horror was unfolding in our nation's capitol and in our nation's largest city.

As we go to press this Tuesday, Sept. 11, newscasters on radio and television are reporting the devastating and unbelievable loss of thousands of American lives and the hundreds of thousands of others injured in the wake of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

As the nightmare unfolds and in some way touches each of our lives, our emotions run the gamut from anger and fear to sorrow and tears for those who have been forced to make the ultimate sacrifice by an unknown enemy whose name and motive we have yet to learn.

It is time for all of us, united in this national tragedy, to band together as Englanders did during Hitler's Blitzkrieg of World War II, and do what we can for those who have been injured in these heinous attacks on American soil, unprecedented since the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

The American Red Cross is making an urgent plea for blood donors. Red Cross officials say that those wishing to give blood should probably wait a few days before calling for an appointment, as their lines will be flooded now with those wishing to help. To make an appointment to give blood, call the Red Cross at 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

Also, the Salvation Army has set up a special toll-free number for those wishing to donate money or items to aid victims of the disaster. That toll-free number is 1-866-429-8888.

Salvation Army volunteers say that anyone who wants to aid their relief efforts can send checks to: World Trade Tower Relief, P.O. Box 5847, Cleveland, Ohio 44101.

And, of course, we can all pray for the Lord's mercy for those who have died and those who have survived, and for a nation under siege.

April 17, 1952

# Suburban Roadblock Experiment Nets Harvest

The first area-wide surprise roadblock staged by the police in southern suburbs early Sunday morning netted an assortment of violators. The effort resulted in police picking up a stolen car, a man carrying a concealed weapon, 31 drunken drivers and 16 drivers without licenses.

The experiment was made by the police in Garfield Heights, Cuyahoga Heights, Valley View, Independence, Brecksville, Newburgh Heights and Brooklyn Heights, and was conducted under the direction of Lieutenant William Horrigan of Garfield Heights and chairman of the Metropolitan Crime Bureau.

An auto thief tried to scoot past Patrolman Robert Nowak and John Slempla of Newburgh Heights, who were checking cars on the Willow Freeway near Harvard. Nowak and Patrolman Art Tallon of Cuyahoga Heights gave chase. The thief raced up the Fleet Ave. ramp and abandoned the car at the intersection and fled.

The 31 drunk drivers were all charged for court in the various municipalities where they were halted. But police only warned the lack-a-permit drivers. The gun-carrier will be charged with a felony.

Horrigan reported that in three instances burglar tools were found discarded by the side of the road. The owners ditched the equipment, then went peacefully through the blocks with no evidence against them.

March 25, 1954

# Petrak Grand Opening

The Petrak Bakery Store, 8514 Garfield Blvd., will hold its grand opening on Friday and Saturday of this week. There will be souvenirs for adults and children. For better pastry, shop at Petrak's.

# Jaycees Fundraiser



Jaycees members participated in their annual Pumpkin Sale in October 1986, on Fleet Ave. Shown at far right is Tony Brancatelli, showing his civic activism long before he would become executive director of Slavic Village Association and the veteran Ward 12 Cleveland councilman.

# Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast



The Kiwanis Club of South East Cleveland gets ready to serve its annual Pancake Breakfast to the large crowd on hand at Karlin Hall, a Czech social club on Fleet Ave., the usual location for the popular event in the 1960s and 70s.

March 5, 1959

# Southeast Suburban News INDEPENDENCE

Tommy Marek reports that the Bohemian Globe-Trotters, an all-girls basketball team, has scored seven victories.

Local officials were on hand to initiate the new bowling center. A scheduled roll-off match between Mayor Pete Wisniewski and Mayor Bill Gerdon had to be called off. The management was unable to find a pair of size 15 bowling shoes for Big Bill.

Mrs. C. Mislinski is in charge of the auto license bureau at Rockside Garden Center-6160 Brecksville Rd. Hours are from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Police department will get two new Chevrolet cruisers next week. Service department employees have requested a 20 percent pay hike, guaranteed 40-hour week and a two week vacation. The request was turned over to council's finance committee for study.

A fire leveled the lumber storage shed on the operating property on Brettin Drive. Lack of water hampered the local fire volunteers.



October 4, 1978

# Thousands turn out for the first Slavic Village Harvest Festival

Even though the day was cool and cloudy a crowd of 5,000 people filled the streets of Slavic Village Sunday to attend the 1st annual Slavic Village Harvest Festival.

Fleet was closed off from E. 65th to E. 67th and people danced in the streets to the sounds of Wally and the Polka Chips and Bill Mulhausen's Band. Ethnic food (if you could wait in the long lines), beer and soft drinks were there to delight your taste buds. Arts and crafts of all types were in abundance to interest both the young and old.

Father Clarence Korgie, pastor of St. Stanislaus Church, commented that he thought the festival was great since it brought people who left the area years ago back to the old neighborhood.

Debbie and Ron Wilinski, co-chairpersons for the event, and other committee members, Claudia Woloszyn, Sebastian Ricco, Dennis Bienkowski and Jim Jagelewski, were all ecstatic with the great turnout and are looking forward to next year's event.

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# 'POLISH VILLAGE' SIGN RECYCLED

The old "Polish Village" neon sign that hung on the now-demolished Polish Village bar at the corner of Fullerton and E. 71 St., in Slavic Village, has been restored and rehung at 5001 Fleet Ave., with a little "tweaking" of its lettering.

The building is owned by Andreoli Properties, which is renovating the property. Anthony and Tiffany Andreoli installed the sign as a welcome to those coming into the neighborhood. Special thanks to Slavic Village Development, the County Landbank, Detective Sloan and the Helen Brown Foundation for helping recover and renovate the sign in honor of the late Judge Raymond Pianka.

Photo by Tony Brancatelli



## G.H. Ward 7 Block Watch

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch, sponsored by Councilman Tom Vaughn, will meet Thursday, Sept. 28, at 7 p.m., at St. Monica Church's pavilion off Rockside Rd. All are welcome. For more information contact Gail, 216-662-9213.

# Maple Heights police celebrate updates

Shown at right is Maple Heights Police Chief Todd Hansen (at left) cutting a celebratory ribbon with Lt. B. Kevern for the new police meeting room newly furnished with a brand new kitchen, bathrooms, showers and locker rooms, with separate facilities for women.



Photo by Elena Psenicka

The chief extends thanks to Mayor Annette Blackwell, who has supported the long project from the very beginning, as well as Lt. Kevern, city officials and civic leaders who helped with raising funds for the project, and the architect, Kelvin Singleton, and everyone for their help and patience.

## Letters to the Editor Shenett should debate mayor

To the Residents of Maple Heights,

I am generally concerned by Councilman Shenett's refusal to engage in a public debate with Mayor Blackwell. As the challenger, I would think that Mr. Shenett would be eager to engage in an open and honest debate about our current mayor's record, as well as present the voters with reasons for choosing a new direction.

Additionally, his decision is also confusing given his claims that he is "fully aware of the false narratives, distractions and in some instances made-up controversies. These types of adverse messages... will not deter our work, vision and message for a better Maple Heights." It would seem to most that a public forum would be an ideal place to address these concerns directly as well as articulate his vision for the city.

Sincerely,  
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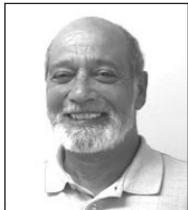
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# Community Police reports

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

## Child Endangering

On Sept. 3, at 6:54 p.m., police responded to the 9700 block of Plymouth Ave., for a report of a child wandering around in the middle of the street. The couple that had reported the incident was holding the sleeping child, later identified as a two-year-old boy, when officers arrived. Police began knocking on doors to find where the boy lived and were directed by neighbors to a house down the street.

The man answering the door at that home appeared to be startled, and once he was aware of the complaint, stepped outside and said he was missing his two-year-old grandchild. Officers said his eyes were bloodshot and watery and he smelled of alcohol. The man was the only adult watching the toddler and his nine-year-old daughter, who was crying because she couldn't find her little cousin. Police learned that the toddler had been dropped off at his house for him to babysit at about 5 p.m. At 5:30 p.m. the man took a nap, so when officers located the two-year-old at almost 7 p.m., the child had been on his own for about 90 minutes. The parents were notified and arrived on scene shortly to pick up their son. The grandfather was issued a criminal summons for child endangering.

## Neighbors on Duty

Find out the latest on safety in Garfield Heights at the next Neighbors on Duty meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 6:30 p.m., at the Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. Special presentations by Judge Sergio DiGeronimo, GHFD Chief Kenneth Strobe, GHPD Chief Mark Kaye and Mayor Matt Burke. To register or for more information, email: [thevillagesoutheast.com/nod](mailto:thevillagesoutheast.com/nod) or call Councilman Kelley at 216-253-0142.

## Theft

Sometime during the weekend of Sept. 9, at 2 p.m., and Sept. 11, at 9 a.m., person(s) unknown stole 26 new tires from a trailer at Aim National Leasing, 8150 Old Granger Rd., valued at \$10,096. Report forwarded to the Detective Bureau for investigation.

## Shots Fired

•On Aug. 28, at 3:05 a.m., police responded to a call for a home struck by gunfire in the 9800 block of S. Highland Ave. The homeowners said they were awakened by gunfire, about 5-7 shots, outside their home about 3 a.m.

A bullet had entered the residence through the west side window and was found on the floor of the dining room with broken glass around it. Officers found broken glass in front of a neighboring home which appeared to be from a car parked on the road. They searched the surrounding area and found seven fired .40 caliber Smith & Wesson shell casings on E. 98 St., between S. Highland and McCracken Rd. Doorbell cameras may have captured the incident and will be checked out by the Detective Bureau. Local hospitals were negative for gunshot wound victims.

•On Sept. 14, shortly before 6 p.m., police received a call that about eight shots had been fired near the open field on Thornhurst. A black male in a silver Kia was observed getting out of the car and firing into the field, then got back in the car and drove north towards Miles Ave. Officers found no injured persons in the area of the field but did locate eight spent rounds in the roadway and grass.

•On Sept. 17, at 5:23 p.m., police responded to the vacant land behind Andover Apartments for several shots fired. As officers arrived on Andover Blvd., shots were heard from the area of the vacant land just west of the 6000 block of Andover Blvd., towards the rear field of the Garfield Heights Middle School. Then a man wearing all black ran into the parking lot in the 6000 block of Andover Blvd. He stopped in front of the officers' cruiser and was ordered to drop the handgun that was in his hand, which was later found to be a semi-automatic Glock 40 caliber model, with the gun and extended magazine both empty. He dropped the gun, keys and cell phone he

had and ran without his shoes continuing east across Andover Blvd. He was arrested by police in the backyard of a home in the 6000 block of Andover Blvd. He was charged with discharging a firearm within city limits and obstructing official business.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Village of Walton Hills, Ohio in the Village Hall, 7595 Walton Road, Walton Hills, Ohio 44146, until 12:00 o'clock noon on September 29, 2023 for the removal of snow from various driveways in the Village in accordance with specifications and instructions to bidders on file in the Village Hall. Said bids shall be enclosed in an opaque, sealed envelope, Marked "SNOW PLOWING OF PRIVATE DRIVES", and shall bear the name of the bidder.

The Council of the Village reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the Council of the Village of Walton Hills, Ohio.

Nickol Sell, Fiscal Officer, Village of Walton Hills, Ohio.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS

Cuyahoga County Community Development  
2024 Municipal & 2024 Supplemental Grant Programs

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The Public Hearing will be held IN PERSON on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 11:00 AM at:

Maple Heights Senior Center

15901 Libby Road

Maple Heights, Ohio 44137

For further information, contact Leonette Cicirella Johnson at (216) 587-9000.

Any persons who wish to attend and require special accommodations under the Americans With Disabilities Act, please contact the Maple Heights City Hall at (216) 587-9000, or by email at [lcicirella@mapleheightsohio.com](mailto:lcicirella@mapleheightsohio.com) no later than 72 hours prior to the public hearing.

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### CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO

#### List of Meetings for October 2023

Monday, October 2, 2023	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 3, 2023	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 11, 2023	Southeast Area Law Enforcement (SEALE) Board of Trustees Meeting (if needed) Work Session - 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting - 12:00 p.m.
Monday, October 16, 2023	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 17, 2023	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 24, 2023	Board of Zoning Appeals (if needed) Work Session - 6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

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

All Meetings will be held at Bedford City Hall, 165 Center Road, Bedford, Ohio 44146. For agendas and minutes please go to [www.bedfordoh.gov](http://www.bedfordoh.gov), <https://bedfordoh.primegov.com/public/portal/>, or call the Clerk of Council, at 440-735-6510.

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## Democrat Mark Smith announces his run for Garfield Hts. City Council in Ward 3

On Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023, DEMOCRATIC Candidate Pastor Mark Smith (Sanctuary Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio) held his 2023 Garfield Heights Ward 3 Campaign Kick-Off and Fundraiser. The event was well attended. Dignitaries and public officials there included State Senator Kent Smith, Garfield Heights Mayor Matt Burke, Council President Thomas Vaughn and Garfield Heights Councilman Charles Donahue. Also, among the guests were multiple ministerial groups including the Mt. Pleasant Ministerial Alliance and United Pastors in Mission. There were numerous Ward 3 residents on hand wishing Democrat Mark Smith great success and supporting this event. He is pleased to announce the support of Congresswoman Shontel Brown as well.

During his announcement, Democrat Mark Smith stated, "Almost 30 years ago I told my wife that we were going to build a house, and as she looked at me in total disbelief, because we didn't have a lot, she entrusted me and followed me. We began our journey together and purchased our first and only home here in Garfield Heights - Ward 3 on Donovan Dr. I found three main reasons to purchase and build in Ward 3 - Location, Location, Location."

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Garfield Heights Ward 3 Democratic Candidate Mark Smith can be reached at 216-641-8762 or email Mark at Electmarksmith@gmail.com.

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## Biking with G.H. Mayor Matt Burke

Cuyahoga County Executive Chris Ronayne joined Garfield Heights Mayor Matt Burke Saturday morning for a five-mile bicycle trek that included Garfield Boulevard, where a trail is to be constructed, Mill Creek Falls and the Mill Creek Trail that goes through Cleveland Metroparks' Garfield Park Reservation.

Host for the Bike with Mayor Burke was Jim Klimo, owner of Garfield Culinary, where the ride began on Turney Road.



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