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Shown in the photo are, from left: Maple Heights Planning and Development Director Joe Duffy, Mayor Annette M. Blackwell, G. Keymah Durden III, co-founder of Rid-All Green Partnership, and Monet Durden, administrative assistant, Rid-All Green Partnership. Rid-All received the Business of the Year Award during Blackwell's State of the City Address.

State of City, State of Schools, awards presented in Maple Heights

Last week, Maple Heights Mayor Annette M. Blackwell presented the 2023 State of the City Address at Milkovich Middle School. With over 100 residents and stakeholders present, the mayor shared departmental awards, accolades and successes.

In addition to the presentation by Blackwell, the superintendent of Maple Heights City Schools, Dr. Charles T. Keenan, updated residents on the State of the City Schools.

At the conclusion of the mayor's presentation, she awarded the 2023 City of Maple Heights Business of the Year award to Rid-All Green Partnership, and the 2023 City of Maple Heights Citizen of the Year award to Pamela Poindexter-Crews.

The State of the City slides may be viewed on the City's website: [www./https://www.citymapleheights.com/mayor](https://www.citymapleheights.com/mayor)

Youth team tryouts

Precision Volleyball/Basketball Academy, a local youth organization out of Garfield Heights, announces an Instructional Youth Volleyball League for boys and girls in grades 3-6 which begins Thursday, Oct. 12.

The Boys Youth Basketball team is looking for boys in grades 2-3. Tryouts are Saturday, Oct. 28.

Travel Junior Olympic VB program is looking for girls 10-14 years old. Tryouts are Saturday, Oct. 21, for ages 10-11, and Saturday, Oct. 28, for girls 12-14.

For more information contact precisionvba@aol.com or call Antoine Gates at 216-799-8067.

First a trail - now a jail! September big month for Garfield Heights

By Ellen Psenicka

Garfield Heights Council passed legislation last month to partner with Cuyahoga County and the Cleveland Metroparks to facilitate the rehabilitation of Garfield Blvd., and cleared the way for a multi-use trail down Garfield Blvd., to connect the Metroparks' Towpath Trail from Warner Rd. to the Garfield Park Reservation. Pretty exciting news!

But even bigger news was made last Tuesday evening, Sept. 26, when Cuyahoga County Council authorized the purchase, effective immediately, of 72.1 acres of land on the former Bridgeview Crossings site on Transportation Blvd. and Granger Rd. in Garfield Heights, to build a new Cuyahoga County jail in what will be known as the Cuyahoga County Central Services Campus.

The county passed legislation last week to enter into a purchase agreement with Craig Realty Group - Cleveland, LLC, owner of the site, for an amount not to exceed \$38,703,000.

The new site will also house the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department and several proposed social services outlets, and offers the potential to share space with the Garfield Heights Police Department and other city services.

Garfield Heights Mayor Matt Burke, as well as former mayors Tom Longo and Vic Collova, has long been an advocate for bringing the county resource to his city.

"This is the best option for all of Cuyahoga County as it is centrally located and is clean, buildable land that does not need to be remediated," Mayor Burke told The

Cleveland City Council toughens city curfew law

Cleveland City Council held its regular meeting Monday night and voted to amend the Minor's Curfew law already on the books. Sponsored by Councilman Mike Polensek, the ordinance makes the penalty for failure of a parent or legal guardian to fulfill that duty from a minor misdemeanor for the first offense to a 4th degree misdemeanor (up to \$250 fine; up to 30 days in jail); from a 4th degree misdemeanor for a second or subsequent offense to a 3rd degree misdemeanor (up to \$500 fine; up to 60 days in jail).

The parent/guardian may also be required to perform community service. The value of such service is increased from "not to exceed \$100" to "not to exceed \$250." Councilwoman Stephanie Howse amended the piece to include requiring offenders to undergo a root cause analysis, and will be required to participate in family support programs as directed by the court.

Fiber throughout city

Council approved an agreement with SiFi to bring
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"These parcels of land have been vacant for over 15 years," Burke said. "I am very excited for this development to occur and eager to see it start. I, along with many longtime residents, welcome Cuyahoga County to The City of Garfield Heights."

County Executive Chris Ronayne, the sponsor of the legislation to purchase the old Bridgeview site for a new jail, said at a public meeting in Garfield Heights in August that the city would be gaining about 850 workers with good paying jobs, bringing a tax advantage to Garfield Heights of about \$1.5 million annually.

Ronayne said the new facility would likely be open for business in 2027-28.

St. Stanislaus Polish Festival this weekend!

The Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus, 3649 E. 65 St., in Cleveland's Slavic Village, will hold its annual Polish Festival on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 6, 7 and 8, in the Parish Social Center, 6601 Baxter Ave.

The Polish Festival features delicious Polish food cooked in the Old World style, like pierogi, kielbasa, czarnina, cabbage and noodles, potato pancakes, stuffed cabbage and many other favorites. There will be a bakery booth that features many items baked by St. Stan's parishioners. The festival will have games of chance, sideboards and boutiques. Two bars will be stocked with Polish and domestic beers, wine, spirits and the special lemon drink "Cytrynowka."

Hours for the festival will be Friday, Oct. 6, from 5-9 p.m. Polish dinners will be served downstairs in the Social Center. The Nu-Tones will perform upstairs from 6-10 p.m. A Polka Dance Contest is included. A tour of the historic Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus is scheduled for 7 p.m.

On Saturday, Oct. 7, dinners will be served from 4 to 9 p.m. There will be a Mass at St. Stan's at 5 p.m., with a Church Tour to follow the Mass. Polka music will be provided by Pan Franek & The Polkatowners in the Social Center from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. A Waltz Dance Contest will also be held that evening.

On Sunday, Oct. 8, dinners will be served from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be a Church Tour following the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Polka music will be provided by Da Polka Bums from 12:30 to 5 p.m. The Piast Dancers will perform at 1:30 p.m. The Grand Prize Drawing will take place at 5 p.m., with chances to win a Grand Prize of \$1,500, \$1,000, \$500, four prizes at the \$250 level and ten prizes of \$100 each.

All are invited to come and celebrate the parish's 150th Anniversary this year and enjoy all the festival has to offer.

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broadband fiber throughout the city. SiFi, where possible, will burrow under the city's right of way. In some cases they would have to create trenches on the city's tree lawns to pull the fiber through, or move sidewalks for the burrowing or trenching. Afterward they will restore the lawns or reinstall or replace any sidewalks.

The company creates the fiber platform that is open access. SiFi then sells wholesale access to companies such as AT&T, T-Mobile, cable companies and other service providers who then can offer fiber broadband to residents

and businesses. Cities also can contract for Smart City applications using the fiber for things such as traffic management systems. The company says they will be able to offer 1 Gigabit to 100 Gigabit data speeds. Construction is not expected to begin for at least a year.

Major Events Fund

Council approved a grant program that aims to support and help land national-scale sporting, fine arts, historic, natural/recreational, culinary, lifestyle or creative industry events in Cleveland. This \$2 million fund will allow the City to invest in high-profile events that bring economic activity and positive national attention to Cleveland.

Bringing helicopters back

Council also okayed legislation authorizing the city to enter into contracts without competitive bidding with MD Helicopters, LLC for the purchase of labor and materials needed to convert two helicopters for the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety, at a cost of \$3,590,997.

Councilman Mike Polensek, who co-sponsored the legislation, has been outspoken in the need for helicopters to help reduce high speed chases and even more so after the state helicopters were so effective in apprehending suspects during this summer.

M.H. Council allows city to apply for NOACA grant to resurface Southgate Park

By Judith Goldsworth

Maple Heights Council approved a resolution authorizing Mayor Annette Blackwell to apply for a grant from the Northeast Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) to help fund the Southgate Park Boulevard Resurfacing Project, at its meeting on Sept. 20.

NOACA has a grant program which will pay a portion of the funds necessary to construct projects that advance the goals of the Transportation For Livable Communities Initiative. The Southgate Park Boulevard Resurfacing Project will advance these by improving the thoroughfare, the resolution states.

In correspondence to council members, City Engineer Ed Hren stated that the estimated \$1.2 million project has already received \$243,000 in Ohio Public Works Commission funding and Hren is continuing to search for additional funds.

Council also passed a resolution authorizing Blackwell to enter into an agreement with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH) for a \$25,000 grant for an Urban Tree Canopy Restoration Project to expand the tree canopy in the city.

The grant will be used to plant 50-60 trees in Stafford Park, specifically in the area that is enclosed by the new Fitness and Storybook Trail, Hren stated.

Also concerning the county Board of Health, council passed a resolution authorizing Blackwell to enter into a contract with the CCBH to provide health services for the city for the years 2024 and 2025, at a total cost of \$361,440. The cost is based on a rate of \$7.25 per person in the city for 2024; and a rate of \$8 per person in the city for 2025.

Council also approved a resolution authorizing Blackwell to enter into a second amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with SAFEbuilt Ohio, LLC, to provide consulting services in connection with the city's building and zoning codes.

The city previously entered into a services agreement with SAFEbuilt, and council passed a first amendment "to perform services at a reduced rate on specified projects" through Sept. 30, 2022. Council's passage of the second amendment extends the agreement, according to the legislation.

Also passed was a resolution permitting an exception to the Employee Vacation Schedule as stated in the Codified Ordinances, authorizing Blackwell to increase the vacation time for current Service Director Tony Ciresi from two weeks to four weeks, due to the many years of service he has provided to the city.

A resolution overruling a decision by the Planning and Zoning Commission to deny the application of Ken Kraynak and Linda Lukat of Kremis Ave., who were seeking a variance of the codified ordinances that single family dwellings must have a garage for off-street parking, failed to pass at the meeting.

The garage that was on the premises was demolished in May 2023. The applicants sought the variance so that they would not have to replace the garage, the legislation stated. Council's failing to pass the resolution means that the Commission's decision to deny the application stands.

In Loving Memory

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, I LOVE & MISS YOU!! AL

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on **Monday, October 16, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.**, before the **Maple Heights Planning and Zoning Commission** in the Maple Heights City Hall Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio, to consider the following application(s):

2023-PZ-39 An application from Michelle Affronti of AMAROK, LLC requesting a Variance from the requirements of Sect. 1298.19(D)(3)(F) of the MH Codified Ordinances prohibiting electrified fences to install a 10' tall 12v/dc battery non pulse monitored perimeter security system, 4"- 8" behind the existing perimeter fence on property located in the Central Business District (CBD) Zoning District at 16008 Libby Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

2023-PZ-40 An application from Armar Anderson requesting approval of a Variance from the requirements of Sect. 1272.06 the MH Codified Ordinances to permit an existing shed to remain in place 18 inches from the rear property line on property located in a Residential Single Family-Medium Density (RSF-M) Zoning District at 16005 Corkhill Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

2023-PZ-41 An application from Ordella Johnson requesting approval of a Variance of 24 inches from the requirements of Sect. 1272.06 (B) the MH Codified Ordinances for side yard setbacks to build a carport across the driveway within 12 inches of the property line on property located in a Residential Single Family- Medium Density (RSF-M) Zoning District at 15508 Glenwood Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

2023-PZ-42 An application from The City of Maple Heights requesting approval of a Lot Consolidation of two (2) residential parcels (**PPN 781-17-122 and 781-17-123**) as required

under Sect. 1226.02(c) of the MH Codified Ordinances for property located in a Residential Single Family-Medium Density (RSF-M) Zoning District at 5627 South Boulevard, Maple Heights, Ohio.

2023-PZ-43 An application from Mark Romans requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit under Sect. 1298.22 of the MH Codified Ordinances to operate a Real Estate Appraisal Business as a Home Occupation Business in a Residential Single Family Medium Density (RSF-M) Zoning District at 14409 Rockside Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

2023-PZ-44 An application from Connie Freeman requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit under Sect. 1282.04 of the MH Codified Ordinances to operate a Doggie Day Care & Overnight Boarding business which is not specifically listed as a Conditionally Permitted Use on property located in the Central Business District (CBD) Zoning District at 15450 Broadway Avenue, Maple Heights, Ohio.

2023-PZ-45 An application from Octavia Beal requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit under Sect. 1282.04(AA) of the MH Codified Ordinances to operate an Auto and U-Haul Storage/Rental Business in the Central Business District (CBD) Zoning District at 16101 Broadway Avenue, Maple Heights, Ohio.

All Applicants and/or their representatives are required to attend. Members of the public are invited to attend, but will only be allowed to speak during the Public Hearing portion of this meeting.

The application(s) and all supporting materials are available for review during normal business hours in the Maple Heights Building Department, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

Leonette Ciciarella Johnson
Clerk of Council/PZC Secretary
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Village of Newburgh Heights

Legal Advertisement

Sealed bids will be received by the Village of Newburgh Heights ("Owner"), at the office of the Fiscal Officer, Village of Newburgh Heights, 3801 Harvard Avenue, Newburgh Heights, OH 44105 on the 14th day of November, 2023 until 10:00 am current local time for the:

"E. 20s Neighborhood Sewer Separation & Bert Avenue Watermain Replacement"

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

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

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

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Cathleen Nagorski, Fiscal Officer
Village of Newburgh Heights

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Bedford addresses challenges presented by Broadway Ave. reconstruction

By Judith Goldsworth

The challenges presented to motorists and residents by the ongoing reconstruction of Broadway Ave., under the supervision of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), were addressed by City Manager Mike Mallis and other officials at the Bedford Council meeting on Monday night.

The reconstruction, which began earlier this year, is being overseen by ODOT, since Broadway is also State Route 14 which travels through Ohio. The entire stretch of Broadway in Bedford is being redone, from the Maple Heights border to the Oakwood Village border.

In his report to council, Mallis said, "Broadway is moving along, and we did bring up a number of concerns to ODOT that centered around parking in the Historic District and traffic patterns up on the hill at Hawthorne Parkway, as well as the traffic pattern change at West Grace."

Councilman Vic Fluharty, who said he appreciated the appearance of the improved roadway, mentioned that there was a problem with traffic going up and down the side streets of Paul, John and Best, since the traffic was diverting there off Broadway.

"They don't even stop for the stop signs, and we need the police up there to slow some of the traffic down," he said. "We don't need any accidents."

The city will continue its discussions of the issues with ODOT, Mallis stated.

Funding for cruisers sought

Council passed an ordinance at Monday's meeting authorizing Mallis to apply for \$150,000 in Community Development Block Grant Funds through the Cuyahoga County Department of Development. If the county awards the grant to Bedford, the funds would be used towards the purchase of new police cruisers for the Bedford Police Department.

"Our intent is to purchase two, possibly three cruisers, depending on what types of vehicles are available," Mallis said.

Also passed was an ordinance to amend previous legislation to make additional appropriations for 2023. Finance Director Jennifer Howland said the legislation provides for the appropriations for expenditures that have recently been approved by council.

Interstate Park to be renamed, other motions passed

Council passed a motion to rename and dedicate the current Interstate Park on Justin St., as "Bill Cosgrove Park" in the city, in honor of the Bedford native who is the current owner, president and CEO of Union Home Mortgage.

Fluharty said, "In all his interviews he talks about Bedford. He really did well, and he's successful in the business world. I always wanted to do something for him

and... I thought it would be a perfect time to rename that park after him."

Council also passed a motion to accept the Planning Commission's decision to allow Ta'Doshya Jackson to open a massage therapy business, which will also include a holistic approach to mental and physical wellness, in the Historical District, at 660 Broadway Ave.

Council passed another motion to accept the Planning Commission's decision to allow Deona Knowles to open a body enhancement business, which also includes a holistic wellness approach, in the Historical District, at 692 Broadway Ave. Also passed was a motion to accept the Planning Commission's decision to allow Reginald Davis of RTD Contracting Solutions, LLC to construct a 265-square-foot addition to a church building at 1406 Broadway Ave.

October events

A representative of the Bedford City School District said that a Community Forum will be held for the four communities of the district, including Bedford, Bedford Heights, Walton Hills and Oakwood, on Monday, Oct. 9, from 6-8 p.m., at Bedford High School, 481 Northfield Rd., for residents to ask about Issue 4, the upcoming 9.9-mill bond issue for the schools that will appear on the Tuesday, Nov. 7 ballot. If voters approve the bond issue, it is intended to raise \$161 million over several years towards new school facilities in the district.

There will be a "Trick Or Treat Street" event held at the Ellenwood Recreation Center for the little ones on Satur-

day, Oct. 21, Mallis said, adding that there will be a Senior Health and Wellness Fair on Wednesday, Oct. 18, featuring vendors and free health screenings. Go to bedfordoh.gov for more information.

Tony Ramos of the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) spoke at the meeting to announce that NOPEC, in partnership with the city of Garfield Heights, would be holding an Economic Development Forum on Friday, Oct. 6, at 10 a.m. at Garfield Heights City Hall, 5407 Turney Rd. All residents were welcome.

Announcement

Mallis said the city's Parks and Recreation Department was awarded a \$62,000 grant through the Cuyahoga County Senior and Adult Services Department for the next two years to offset costs for senior transportation services and the Senior Club, congregate meals, programs and classes.

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- 4) In front of the Frank J. Debelak sign
- 5) In front of the National Wayside Shrine
- 6) Find Officer James Seawright banner
- 7) Find building located at coordinates 41.41905 N and 81.60818 W
- 8) The sign naming the park that has three joining baseball fields
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Program set to erase an estimated \$181 million in Clevelanders' medical debts

Eligible Clevelanders may soon see some or all of their medical debts erased through the city's contract with RIP Medical Debt.

The medical debt cancellation contract with the New York-based 501(c)3 was fully executed earlier this month, with an estimated goal to acquire and cancel \$81 million in Clevelanders' qualifying medical debt by the end in 2023, and another \$100 million by the end of 2024. The program is expected to help about 50,000 Clevelanders.

"Unlike other debts, medical bills are rarely something people can plan ahead or shop around for," said Mayor Justin M. Bibb. "No one should feel like they are being punished for getting sick, and the immediate relief this program provides will be widely felt. I am grateful to City Council for their leadership on this critical economic justice issue."

In April Cleveland City Council unanimously passed legislation approving a \$1.9 million investment to erase medical debt held by local hospitals, doctors' groups and clinics through RIP Medical Debt. RIP is currently developing and implementing a plan to recruit hospitals and other providers into the program.

RIP Medical Debt is known for its work with municipalities nationwide. The nonprofit purchases large bundles of past-due medical debt for pennies on the dollar directly from providers or on the secondary market.

Residents don't apply for the debt relief program. As RIP Medical Debt bundles and buys Clevelanders' debt, residents will be notified via a branded RIP Medical Debt letter in the mail that their debt is eliminated and is off their credit report.

Those eligible for medical debt abolishment must be city of Cleveland residents and have incomes between zero and up to 400% of the federal poverty guidelines or have medical debt that is 5% or more of their household annual income.

Death Notices

HELEN MARIE WORCESTER

1927 - 2023



INDIAN LAND, SC – It is with profound sadness, yet deep gratitude, that our beloved mother, Helen Worcester, 96, passed away peacefully at her home, September 19, 2023. She was born in Elyria, Ohio, to the late Russell Beck and Hazel Sted (nee Lucas). She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 76 years, Leroy, and brother, Harold.

She is survived by her loving daughters, Joanne (Ken, deceased) Jones, and Janice (Carl, deceased) Tucker; sons, Brian (Marie) Worcester, Bruce (Denise) Worcester and Tom (Donna) Worcester; grandchildren, Daina Worcester, Bruce (Megan) Worcester and Staci (Sylvie) Jones; and great grandchildren.

Married to her childhood sweetheart, Leroy Worcester, in 1944, Helen was a devoted wife and mother. Her life's commitment was to her husband and family, providing a loving and nurturing environment focused on sharing, fairness, respect for each other, independence, a strong work ethic and always encouraging each child to pursue his or her dreams and life path. Throughout the years, her children and grandchildren knew they were deeply loved and that family was her first consideration. Her sacrifices were many as she surrendered her pursuit of art and creative talent for family. She and her husband raised five children, and she enjoyed several secretarial positions with various companies. In 1988 she retired from Ferro Corporation, where she was widely respected for her knowledge of the chemical industry.

Upon retirement, she and her beloved husband, Leroy, spent many years in their Low Country home in South Carolina, where they enjoyed traveling, gardening, art and participating in various community activities. In 2012, they moved to another South Carolina community, where they spent their remaining years together enjoying family and a sedate lifestyle.

Her life lessons, warmth, humor, humility, and love of family will forever be missed. Services will be private, attended by family members only, with interment in Beaufort National Cemetery, Beaufort, SC, where she and her husband will be together once again.

An online guest register is available on the obituaries page at www.burgessfunerals.com.

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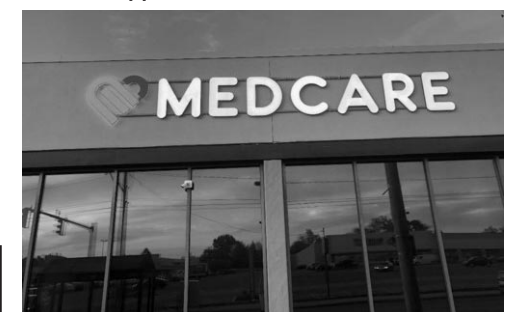
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On Sept. 17, at 2:40 a.m., police were dispatched to the Sunoco station at 5326 Turney Rd., for a report that a Chevy Malibu hit the garage door of the station. An employee told officers that earlier a female was in a verbal altercation with a male at the gas station. After the male left, the female got into the Malibu, put it in reverse and turned it as it reversed into the western most garage door of the Sunoco station. She then was reported to have left in the car, going north on Turney Rd. Police identified the owner of the vehicle and her address from the license plate of the Malibu captured on the city-owned traffic cameras near McCracken Rd. She was a Maple Heights resident and police found the damaged Malibu outside the home listed as her address. Officers knocked on the door of the home but no one answered. Charges pending will be leaving the scene of the accident on private property. Report to be referred to the prosecutor for further review.

Theft of Motor Vehicle

On Sept. 21, at about 10:41 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 9300 block of Garfield Blvd., on a report of a motor vehicle theft. The victim said his Kia Optima was taken from the parking lot of his address by an unknown party. He said the car was unlocked but no keys were inside. Vehicle entered into LEADS as stolen.

Traffic Offense-Fleeing

On Sept. 22, shortly before midnight, officers were dispatched to the area of the 4800 block of Donovan Dr., after someone reported a suspicious vehicle parked on the wrong side of the street for about two hours. Police found a dark blue Chevy Malibu parked with a white male sleeping in the driver's seat. When police tried to talk to him he appeared confused and refused to talk to them. Then he turned his car on, put it in gear and sped off, then went off the road and onto the front lawn of a home on Green Dr., then back on the road and continued toward E. 81 St.

The suspect led police on a pursuit with speeds sometimes as high as 70mph that finally ended when he lost control of the car with the right front tire striking a curb causing a flat, coming to a complete stop on Garfield Blvd., at E. 78 St. He was put in handcuffs and told police he didn't know why he had fled. He was placed under arrest for fleeing and eluding and taken to GHPD jail. He was held there on the additional charge of resisting arrest and issued a traffic citation for traffic control device and reckless operation.

Theft from Auto

On Sept. 26, about 7:30 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the 9300 block of Plymouth Ave., for a report from a man who said he found his Kia Forte pushed into the street approximately 30 feet north of where he had parked it originally. No damage to the vehicle was observed by the officer. The victim said missing from the car were 12 pair of miscellaneous sneakers valued at about \$2500.

Criminal Damage

On Sept. 28, at 6:42 p.m., police responded to the Family Dollar, 5522 Turney Rd., for a large group of juveniles breaking items in the store and being verbally abuse to customers. They left the store before officers arrived when an employee threatened to call police. If they are caught the store manager asked that they be banned from coming into the store.

Shots Fired

•On Sept. 30, at about 1:16 p.m., officers were dispatched for two shots fired in the area of Langton Ave. An additional caller said she heard four shots fired. The caller also said a witness had seen four people in a silver Kia discharging a firearm. On arrival officers found one semiautomatic handgun spent shell casing in front of a home in the 10900 block of Langton. Police toured the area for the reported vehicle and possible suspects but were unable to locate them.

•On Oct. 1, at 4:55 p.m., police responded to the area of E. 90 St. and Garfield Blvd. for several shots fired. Another caller gave a specific address in the 4800 block of E. 86 St., as the source of the gunfire. No one answered the door there and no victims who may have been shot were located. Two spent shell casings were located in the driveway. There were no signs of blood or victims in the yard. A witness said he had heard eight or nine shots from the backyard of the residence and a few minutes later saw two vehicles leave the driveway, a red Kia and an unknown make and model black car. He did not see the drivers or any occupants.

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Independence Branch Library

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Focus on 4's and 5's / Registration required. Pre-school children 4 and 5 years of age and their caregivers can join us for stories, songs and a focus on skills to prepare for kindergarten. Wednesdays through October 25 / 11 a.m.

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

Kindergarten Countdown / Registration required. Build kindergarten readiness skills in a program aligned to Ohio's Early Childhood Standards. Wednesday, Oct. 11 / 11 a.m., and Thursday, Oct. 12 / 10 a.m.



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Innovation Center Orientation Learn about the equipment and policies of the Innovation Centers throughout the Cuyahoga County Public Library. Attending this orientation allows users to utilize the Innovation Centers throughout the library system. Upcoming sessions: Saturday, Oct. 14, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 20, 2-3 p.m.; Monday, Oct. 23, 6-7 p.m. Registration required.

Maker Program Join us to make a project on a machine in the Innovation Center. Monday, Oct. 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Registration required.

Tuesday Evening Book Discussion Join us for our monthly book discussion. This month's title is "The Wager" by David Grann. Tuesday, Oct. 17, 7-8 p.m.

Excel Charting and Formatting Learn how to manage, manipulate and analyze data using the sort, filter and chart tools available in Excel. Customers should already be familiar with the basics of Excel. Monday, Oct. 23, 1-3 p.m. Registration required.

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Understanding and Responding to Dementia-based Behavior Learn about dementia-based behavior

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CHILDREN and FAMILIES

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Bedford (Bedford Heights/Oakwood) Branch Library

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Tree Painting -Grades K-5, Saturday, Oct. 7, 10 a.m. Come paint and celebrate

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Reducing Stress and Building Resilience - Adults, Saturday, Oct. 7, 12 noon. Learn how to reduce stress and build personal resilience with corporate health coach Viktoria Lévy. **MUST REGISTER**

Linguistic Bias -Adults, Tuesday, Oct. 10, 7 p.m. Join linguist Cindy Mercer of Marymount Manhattan College as we explore the ways that linguistic bias can play a role in spreading and maintaining stereotypes.

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