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FREE

Denise Kubinski given Citizen Award Plaque for stopping carjacking in S.V.

At the Cleveland Division of Police Annual Awards Ceremony last Thursday, at Cleveland Public Auditorium, local resident Denise Kubinski was presented the Citizen Award Plaque for stopping a carjacking last year at St. Stanislaus Church in Slavic Village.

The plaque reads as follows:

"On April 14, 2022, an elderly male was attacked on his way to church by two juvenile suspects. They punched the victim and threw him to the ground. The suspects then took the victim's car keys from his hand and ran to his vehicle, where they entered and started it.

"Ms. Denise Kubinski, who heard a commotion and witnessed the juvenile suspects entering the vehicle, placed her body inside the open rear door of the vehicle and blocked the suspects from fleeing. She asked the two juveniles, 'Do you really want to do this?' Other bystanders noticed Ms. Kubinski's brave actions and ran toward the vehicle to assist. Unable to drive away, the suspects exited the vehicle and fled on foot.

"Kubinski's actions prevented further injury to the victim and stopped the suspects from stealing the victim's vehicle."



Denise Kubinski is shown receiving the Citizen Award Plaque from Cleveland Police Chief Dornat Drummond for her bravery in stopping a carjacking last year outside St. Stanislaus Church. Mayor Justin Bibb and Cleveland Safety Director Karrie Howard were also on hand for the ceremony honoring Kubinski.

Kubinski is an alumnus of St. Stanislaus School and grew up in the Fleet Ave. area. She later moved to Garfield Heights for 31 years, where she raised her family and became a longtime member of St. Therese Church.

"I believe anyone would've done what I did as a mom trying to help some scared kids," she told The Neighborhood News in explaining her actions last year outside St. Stan's.

SE Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast is this Sunday, Nov. 5, at Red Chimney

The legendary Red Chimney restaurant at the corner of Fleet Ave., and E. 65 St., in Cleveland's Slavic Village, has long been known for its terrific food at reasonable prices. Well now it will also be known as the place to enjoy a hearty pancake breakfast while supporting the many local nonprofit groups for which Kiwanis provides annual funding.

The Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast will be held this Sunday, Nov. 5, at Red Chimney, 6501 Fleet Ave., from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. Enjoy two huge pancakes, a breakfast meat of your choice and a beverage for just \$8, eat-in or carry-out. Call Red Chimney at 216-441-0053 for your carry-out order. The regular menu at Red Chimney will also be available as well as the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast Special.

Transit study being conducted on Turney Rd.

The city of Garfield Heights and the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission, in coordination with Greater Cleveland RTA, are conducting a study along Turney Rd., from I-480 to the GCRTA Bus Loop at Ella Ave., in Cleveland to the north, to evaluate the corridor's potential and readiness for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD).

The study will produce implementation strategies and targeted redevelopment scenarios for future consideration. These efforts stem directly from the comprehensive TOD Zoning Study, which aims to improve zoning regulations and governmental policies in order to attract more transit-oriented development to key corridors throughout Cuyahoga County - cleveland.com.

The Turney Road Transit-Oriented Development Study is just beginning and the Project Team hopes to engage Turney Rd. stakeholders and share findings throughout the process. If you have any questions about the project or would like to learn more, please go to: countyplanning.us/turneyroad or email Project Lead Rachel Novak, AICP, Senior Planner: rnovak@cuyahogacounty.us.

FALL BACK SUNDAY!
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
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Garfield Pond Program Center groundbreaking



Shown in top photo are Metropark officials breaking ground for the new Garfield Pond Program Center at Garfield Park Reservation. Photo below is a rendering of the new facility when completed next summer.

Cleveland Metroparks held groundbreaking ceremonies Monday morning for the Garfield Pond Program Center and to celebrate progress on the restoration of Garfield Park.

The 3,000 square foot center will serve as an education and recreation program facility, offering water-related try-it sports. It is scheduled to be completed in the summer, 2024. Cleveland Metroparks also unveiled major progress on the restoration of Garfield Pond and Wolf Creek.

What's next for school site?

On Thursday, Nov. 2, from 4 to 7 p.m., Slavic Village residents and stakeholders are invited to join Councilmember Rebecca Maurer, Slavic Village Development and city of Cleveland staff at the Polish-American Cultural Center, JPII, 6501 Lansing Ave., for an Open House to help envision the future of the former Fullerton School site located at 5801 Fullerton Ave.

Those interested are invited to drop in anytime during the open house to learn more about the site and to share their views on what comes next.

Maple Heights - On Nov. 7th Re-Elect
MAYOR ANNETTE M. BLACKWELL



Mayor Blackwell Has Proven:

Financial Stability Safety Initiatives
Economic Growth Youth Programs
Infrastructure Enhancements Senior Services

Paid for by Timothy F. Tatum, Councilman District 3

G.H. Town Hall meeting

Garfield Heights Mayor Matt Burke will host a Town Hall meeting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 2, at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. Participants will learn about the city's service department and the recently updated municipal website.

State Representative Darnell Brewer will also speak.

Holy Day Masses at St. Monica Church in G.H.

All are invited to join the parishioners at St. Monica Church, 13623 Rockside Rd., Garfield Heights, for Masses on All Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation, on Wednesday, Nov. 1, at 8 a.m., 9 a.m. and noon.

Masses honoring all our deceased will be held on Thursday, Nov. 2, at 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Residents of Newburgh Hts.:

The time to vote is less than a week away. As a current council member, I am writing to share what working with the current Mayor is like on a day-to-day basis. In our form of government, council and the mayor are elected to work together to act in the best interests of our residents. In practice five members of council and one Mayor SHOULD cooperate, collaborate and decide how to spend resources, investigate grant opportunities, set schedules for resident events and plan for the future of Newburgh Heights. For the past decade, that has been how this government body successfully worked changing the landscape of the village with new streets, new businesses, new homes, new administration building, new police department, new service department and new fire department. I could continue.

Since May of 2022, things have changed. With our current Mayor, there is little to no cooperation. There has been one person making decisions for our 1,852 residents based on her agenda only. Council members, who have a collective 50 plus years of experience, are no longer contacted, no longer asked to participate, and no longer consulted on village event scheduling, village local business meetings or direction for this community. With council committees in place to participate in these meetings, we are consistently left out of conversations, meetings and committees.

There have been local business meetings held where not only Council was NOT invited, but the meetings were held without our knowledge. Council was, for some time, not able to speak to our department heads, our emails were intercepted by the Mayor and department heads were not permitted to respond independently of the Mayor.

Council meetings have become a free-for-all with little to no decorum, allowing a forum for shouting, name calling and belittling from the Mayor. The mayor has taken every opportunity to disparage our council members and members of the communities in public forums i.e., City Club, podcasts and press conferences. We have been called racists at every turn despite the fact that it was these members of council who nominated and placed her in the position to become mayor, not counting the previous two times Traore was elected Pro-Tempore by the Council.

It is time for Newburgh to get back on track, to govern our community in the way it was designed to function, with cooperation, input from all members and the best interests of the community in mind.

Dorene Kray, Council at Large
Village of Newburgh Heights


Paid for by Friends of Dorene Kray, Dorene B. Kray, Treasurer

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It's time for a change in Maple Heights

It is unfortunate that we have to spend time addressing dirty politics, but since I am a credible candidate that can make a difference, the attacks are getting greater. I am sure some of you recently received a postcard in the mail with the intention of tainting my character while hoping to gain votes for the incumbent. In response, residents have reached out to me, tired of the foolishness. Why? Because my opponent's campaign is showing their true colors and the type of culture their team represents. Think about it, do you really want such shameless intentions coming out of your city's office? I know I do not. I am not that person, and neither is my team. Instead of investing their resources in addressing our pressing issues like safety, seniors, youth engagement, landlord accountability, streets, and the overall quality of life for our residents, they would rather focus on dirty politics. This shameful promotion is proof enough that it is time for a change.



As a three-term council member on the legislative level, I have been blessed to vote and approve the appointment of significant directors including our economic development and finance directors. If given the opportunity to serve as your next mayor, I look forward to continuing this work on the executive level as we push to move this city in the right direction.

Vote for Stafford L. Shenett for Mayor on Tuesday, November 7th.
*Paid for by Committee to elect Stafford L. Shenett for Maple Heights,
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ATTENTION MAPLE HEIGHTS RESIDENTS OF DISTRICT 6

The election is less than a week away on November 7th. I humbly ask that the residents in Maple Heights District 6 give me the opportunity to serve as your next councilperson. Recently, there have been negative and untrue articles undermining my character and intentions. I am asking that you feel free to contact me for complete and factual information on whichever you may be concerned about. I will not react to the "Trick-or-Cheats" of my opponents supporters; I will not respond to smoke filled accusations; I will not respond to bitter supporters who themselves cannot win a political race in their own city; I will continue to maintain a higher standard of integrity, dignity, and honesty. I walk and speak with positive actions within my community, which are briefly summarized in my literature. Assisting people is my passion, so my joy sincerely comes from helping others. My goals are to increase the quality of life in our district while assisting to increase citywide progress.

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Council Candidate
Maple Heights
District 6



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VOTE FOR MAPLE HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

Heating assistance available to stay warm this winter

With the chill of winter fast approaching, the state of Ohio wants to ensure its residents stay warm and comfortable in the colder months by helping alleviate the burden of costly energy bills.

From Nov. 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024, income-eligible Ohioans can receive one-time assistance with their home energy bill through the Ohio Department of Development's Home Energy Assistance Winter Crisis Program.

The Winter Crisis Program assists Ohioans facing service disconnection, have been disconnected, need to establish new service, need to pay to transfer service, have a Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) default, need to make their first PIPP payment, or have 25% or less supply of bulk fuel in their tank to maintain service. Qualifying households must have a gross annual income at or below 175% of the federal poverty level. For a family of four, that is up to \$52,500.

Last year the Winter Crisis Program assisted more than 67,000 households in Ohio, providing a total of \$19 million in benefits.

"A warm and comfortable home should not be a luxury only some people can afford," said Lydia Mihalik, director of the Department of Development. "This program does more than just provide financial assistance; it shows some of our most-vulnerable residents that we're here to lend a helping hand when they need it most."

Households serviced by a Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO)-regulated utility must sign up for PIPP or another payment plan if there is still an outstanding balance on the utility bill after receiving assistance.

Ohioans can start their application online but will need to schedule an appointment with their local energy assistance provider to complete the application. Depending on the agency, the appointment may be in person, on the phone or virtual. The application and list of providers can be found online at energyhelp.ohio.gov. Ohioans

can also call 800-282-0880 to find their local provider. Hearing impaired customers may dial 711 for assistance.

Clients need to bring the following documents to their appointment: copies of their most-recent energy bills; a list of all household members and proof of income for the last 30 days or 12 months for each member; proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency for all household members; proof of disability, if applicable.

For more information about the Winter Crisis Program, visit energyhelp.ohio.gov.

Free holiday meal to go at Third Federal Savings

Free holiday meals to go will be served on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, Nov. 22, from 3-5 p.m., in the parking lot of the headquarters of Third Federal Savings, 7007 Broadway Ave.

Vehicles can enter through the 7100 Aetna Rd. gate. Pedestrians and those using public transportation will have access through a walk up gate and door. Signs will be posted.

CEO Marc A. Stefanski and the associates of Third Federal wish all their neighbors in Slavic Village a blessed Thanksgiving.

Visit Our New & Improved Website:
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Tell Cuyahoga County Council NO WAY to the proposed new jail in Garfield Heights

Next meetings: November 14 & 28
2079 East Ninth Street - 4th Floor @ 5PM

With no public vote and little discussion, Cuyahoga County leaders decided to build a \$750+ million dollar jail in Garfield Heights, and just voted to spend \$38 million to buy the land. **They want to tax us for 40 years** to pay for the whole thing. There's still time to stop them! Join us to say "NO" at Cuyahoga County Council meetings.

You can RSVP here: <https://tinyurl.com/cuyahogacouncil>

Want to get more involved? We'd love to talk with you about this campaign:
www.nonewjailcuyahoga.com • nonewjailcuyahoga@gmail.com

RESIDENTS OF WARD 3

On Tuesday, November 7th, 2023, there is an election taking place in Garfield Heights. I encourage all registered voters to go out and vote. I especially ask that all Ward 3 voters, **Vote for "Jason Seither"**, the present Ward 3 Council person. The complaints are that he hasn't answered his calls. It does happen to a few. This happens to all of us. How about all the calls he did call back? As the former Ward 3 councilman, I also missed a few. It's unfortunate, but it does happen. However he has worked hard to forward our city, voted for positive legislation, attended and had positive input during finance meetings and knows how to locate the information to the residents questions on the ordinances and charter. Residents of Ward 3, I ask for your vote and support for, **"JASON SEITHER"**, as you have supported me for the 12 years I was your council representative.

Thank You, **Michael T. Nenadovich**

Paid for by Michael T. Nenadovich

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Why Vote NO on Ohio Issue 1?

Issue 1

Abolishes Parental Rights

A similar constitutional amendment in Michigan is already working to override Parental Consent laws, regardless of age of the minor. Do YOU want to relinquish YOUR parental right to be informed of your child's circumstance?

Allows Abortion Up Until Birth

The carefully crafted language of Issue 1 would allow abortion to be performed through all nine months of a pregnancy. By not defining what "protecting patient's health" means, the abortion doctor is judge and jury in whether the abortion is "necessary." This includes the barbaric practice of "partial birth abortion," and "post delivery infanticide."

These are difficult and painful considerations for any family. Do not lock forever these extreme positions into the Ohio Constitution.

Be a Vote for the Voiceless. Vote NO on Issue 1.

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LIBRARIES PLAN SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Independence Branch Library

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

Cleveland Documenters / Registration required. Learn about the Cleveland Documenters and how you can take part in this civic engagement opportunity. Wednesday, Nov. 1, 7 p.m.

Healthy Smoothies / Registration required. Learn how easy it is to make delicious and healthy smoothies. Saturday, Nov. 11, 1 p.m.

Paranormal: The Pursuit of the Afterlife / Registra-

tion required. Explore the paranormal in this informative presentation by the Ohio Researchers of Banded Spirits. Tuesday, Nov. 14, 7 p.m.

Wednesday Night Book Discussion / No registration required. Please join us for a casual and lively book discussion of "The Lincoln Highway" by Amor Towles. The books will be available approximately one month before the discussion date. Wednesday, Nov. 15, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday Afternoon Book Discussion / No registration required. Please join us for a casual and lively book discussion of "The Lincoln Highway" by Amor Towles. The books will be available approximately one month before the discussion date. Thursday, Nov. 16, 2:15 p.m.

Meaningful Life and Work After Retirement / Registration required. Come to this workshop to find out about popular things that retirees do besides traveling, enjoying family and having time to themselves. Thursday, Nov. 16, 6:30 p.m.

Raisin' Canes / Registration required. Raisin' Canes consists of seniors from 59 to 80+ years of age in a wonderful little vaudeville show. Includes dancing, great old songs, celebrity imitations and jokes. Come join in the fun! This program will be held at the Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Dr. Friday, Nov. 17, 12:30 p.m.

TEENS

Make a Shadow Box Collage / Registration required.

Create a shadow box collage! Saturday, Nov. 4, 2 p.m.

CHILDREN

Family Storytime / No registration required. Join us for stories, songs and fingerplays. Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

Baby & Toddler Storytime / No registration required. Join us for rhymes, songs, fingerplays and books. Mon-

days and Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

Preschool Storytime / No registration required. Join us for rhymes, songs, fingerplays and stories. Thursdays, 10 a.m.

Toddler Storytime / No registration required. Join us for rhymes, songs, fingerplays and stories. Thursdays, 11 a.m.

Kindergarten Countdown / Registration required. Join us as we help build kindergarten readiness skills in a program aligned to Ohio's Early Childhood Standards. Wednesday, Nov. 8, 11 a.m., and Thursday, Nov. 9, 10 a.m.

Bedford (Bedford Heights/Oakwood Village) Branch Library

Here are some of the **FREE** programs coming up in November 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.

Kids Café -18 & younger, Monday-Friday, 3-4 p.m. Kids ages 18 and under can get a **FREE** lunch provided by the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, while supplies last.

Student Success Center -K-8th, Monday-Thursday (school days) 4-6:30 p.m. Since 2002, our **FREE** Student Success Center's program has helped thousands of students in grades K-8 improve their grades and subject comprehension. Student Success Centers are available at 10 branches. Students who participate in the program receive homework assistance from trained tutors in the following subjects: language arts, math, reading, science, and social studies. **MUST REGISTER**

VolunTEENS-Grades 6-12, Thursday, Nov. 2, 6 p.m. Have fun, make friends and earn volunteer hours while helping others in your community.

Windows 11 Lecture, Friday, Nov. 3, 10 a.m. Learn how to use the newest operating system for PCs and tablets in this lecture-style class. Explore new features, including the redesigned Start menu, system requirements and

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MAPLE HEIGHTS RE-ELECT MAYOR



ANNETTE M. BLACKWELL

Mayor Blackwell Has Proven:

Financial Stability	Safety Initiatives
Economic Growth	Youth Programs
Infrastructure Enhancements	Senior Services


To continue the city's advancements, the residents need council members who support positive growth and leadership! ...RE-ELECT...



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District 2



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District 6

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General election this Tuesday, Nov. 7; People's Budget on CLE ballot, lots of local school levies

Several issues will be on the ballot in the November 7th General Election. Voters statewide will decide the fates of Issues 1 and 2, the abortion and recreational marijuana issues respectively. Clevelanders will vote on what is being called the People's Budget, a proposed charter amendment to let residents make binding decisions on how to spend a portion of public money. And a bond issue for the Bedford City School District and tax levies for other local municipalities will also be on the ballot.

ISSUES:

Proposed Bond Issue, Bedford City School District

Shall bonds be issued by the Bedford City School District for the purpose of constructing, adding to, renovating, remodeling, furnishing, equipping and otherwise improving School District buildings and facilities and clearing, improving and equipping their sites in the principal amount of \$161,130,000, to be repaid annually over a maximum period of 36 years, and an annual levy of property taxes be made outside the ten-mill limitation, estimated by the County Fiscal Officer to average over the repayment period of the bond issue 9.9 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$346 for each \$100,000 of the County Fiscal Officer's appraised value, commencing in 2023, first due in calendar year 2024, to pay the annual debt charges on the bonds, and to pay debt charges on any notes issued in anticipation of those bonds?

Proposed Tax Levy, (Additional), Cuyahoga Heights Local School District

An additional tax for the benefit of the Cuyahoga Heights Local School District for the purpose of current operating expenses and general permanent improvements that the County Fiscal Officer estimates will collect

\$3,504,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 8 mills (apportioned 7 mills to current operating expenses and 1 mill to general permanent improvements) for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$280 for each \$100,000 of the County Fiscal Officer's appraised value, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2023, first due in calendar year 2024.

Proposed Tax Levy, (Renewal), Independence Local School District

Shall a levy renewing an existing levy be imposed by the Independence Local School District for the purpose of providing for the emergency requirements of the Independence Local School District in the sum of \$4,252,863 and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the County Fiscal Officer to average 8.19 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$286 for each \$100,000 of the County Fiscal Officer's appraised value, for a period of ten years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025?

Proposed Tax Levy, (Additional), Independence Local School District

Shall a levy be imposed by the Independence Local School District for the purpose of providing for the emergency requirements of the Independence Local School District in the sum of \$2,000,000 and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the County Fiscal Officer to average 3.85 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$135 for each \$100,000 of the County Fiscal Officer's appraised value, for a period of ten years, commencing in 2023, first due in calendar year 2024?

Proposed Charter Amendment (By

Petition), City of Cleveland

Shall the Charter of the City of Cleveland be amended by enacting new Sections 204-1, 204-2, 204-3, 204-4, 204-5, 204-6, 204-7 and 204-8 in Chapter 41 to implement the People's Budget (or "PB") process by which residents make binding decisions on how to spend a portion of public money; to require the City to establish the People's Budget Fund (PB Fund) and require the City allocate to such fund after the adoption of this amendment \$350,000 in the first year for the initial administrative costs, with such amount increasing two percent each subsequent year, and amounts equal to the following percentages from the respective previous year's adopted City's general fund budget: one percent the second year, one and a half percent the third year, and two percent the fourth year and thereafter; to provide that the PB Fund will be used for both capital expenses and time-bound programmatic expenses in two categories: funds used to implement city-wide projects, and funds used to implement neighborhood-specific projects; and provide that the People's Budget Steering Committee will allocate PB funding equitably by neighborhoods (Statistical Planning Areas), or clusters of neighborhoods, ensuring residents age 13 and up of every neighborhood have an opportunity to vote through a system developed and administered by the PB Committee for projects specific to their neighborhood or neighborhood cluster; to establish the People's Budget Steering Committee (Committee) consisting of ten (10) City residents age 16 and older appointed by the Mayor and Council and one (1) member a City staff person; to provide the Committee will adopt rules to administer and implement the People's Budget and oversee the use of the PB Fund, hire evaluators and enter into contracts to monitor and facilitate the process; to provide that contracts for winning projects are exempt from approval by the City Council and Mayor, and Charter Section 108 will not be applicable to contracts and expenditures pursuant to this amendment; and provide the Committee will strive to prioritize project partners that are accountable to local, Black, AAPI, Latinx, Indigenous, immigrant, LGBTQ+, disabled, and working class communities?




**On November 7, 2023
ELECT JUDGE DiGERONIMO**
to the Municipal Court in Garfield Heights
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Thousands of costumed kiddos enjoy 5th Trick-Or-Treat on Fleet!



Over 2800 ghosts and goblins converged on Slavic Village from all over Cleveland last Saturday to enjoy the neighborhood's 5th annual Trick-or-Treat on Fleet party. Vendors lined the street from East 50th to East 63rd streets, handing out candy, ice cream and pumpkins. The Halloween event was produced by the grassroots Community

Yahoos, in cooperation with Slavic Village Stakeholders. Event visionary Meeka Compton and her supporters Odetta Jordan and Ed McDonald deserve a big "thank you" for making Halloween so special for the neighborhood youngsters. *Photos by Meeka Compton and Melody Rucker*

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Councilwoman Stacey Collier for an extra donation of goodies. And a big shout out to Wendy Walters for the pictures shown here!

The event was sponsored by the city of Garfield Heights, Mayor Matt Burke, Parks & Recreation Director Paul Birk and coordinated by Mary Nichols.

Thanks to all in attendance for making this event so successful, and to



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Bedford Library News

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ments and updated interface. Classes start promptly! We cannot hold seats for attendees who arrive after an in-person class has started. Anyone not on the registration list will be given an available seat on a first-come, first-served basis. **MUST REGISTER**

Make Your Own Picture Book -K-5, Saturday, Nov. 4, 10 a.m. Do you have a story you want to tell? Come create your very own picture book! We have the supplies to turn your idea into a bound reality. **MUST REGISTER**

Libby, Kanopy and Hoopla, Oh My! -Adults, Saturday, Nov. 4, 2 p.m. Heard about streaming and downloading books, audiobooks, music and movies from the library? Bring your smartphone, laptop or tablet and find out how to download the apps for Kanopy, Hoopla and Libby. **MUST REGISTER**

Baby Club -birth – 35 months with parent/caregiver, Monday, Nov. 6, 13, 10:30 a.m. Join us for a five-week club for caregivers and children ages birth to 35 months. Connect with your kids and other families and get answers about your growing child. Siblings welcome! **MUST REGISTER**

Learn to Make Paper Airplanes -Adults, teens, school-age with help, Monday, Nov. 6, 7 p.m. Learn to fold paper airplanes in a variety of styles! From the classic paper airplane to some lesser known builds, we'll be making all types of paper airplanes.

Deep Fakes, Chat Bots, Voice Clones and Assorted AI Trickery -Adult. This event will be Virtual, Monday, Nov. 6, 7 p.m. Are we racing toward a future where it's impossible to tell reality from simulation? Or are we already there? Artificial intelligence-based technology is increasingly used to alter or produce content that is difficult to tell from reality. In this program we will travel the murky waters of AI-generated fakes to learn to think more critically about what we see and hear. **MUST REGISTER**

Teen Tuesday -Grades 6-12, Tuesday, Nov. 7, 3:30 p.m. Join us after school for fun activities for teens!

Maple Heights Branch Library

Here are a few of the **FREE** programs being offered in November at the Maple Heights Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, located at 5225 Library Lane, Maple Hts. For more information or to register, please call 216-475-5000.

people living with Alzheimer's disease, this presentation will help decode dementia-based behavior and explore helpful strategies.

PowerPoint Basics, Monday, Nov. 27, 1 p.m. Geared toward the beginner, this class offers an overview of Microsoft PowerPoint, a software program for designing creative presentations and slideshows. **Registration required.**

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Sew Creative, Mondays, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 3:30 p.m. Grades 4-8. Learn basic sewing techniques and leave with handmade treasures you will love. **Registration Required.**

Kid Blockbusters, Nov. 7, 2 p.m. Families are invited to watch recent kid-friendly blockbusters at the library. Nov. 7: "DC League of Super-Pets," (PG) Running Time: 1 hour, 45 minutes.

Garfield Heights Branch

Here are a few of the **FREE** programs available in November at the Garfield Heights Branch Library, 5409 Turney Rd. Call 216-475-8178 to register or for more information.

ADULTS

Meet Author Corwyn Collier, Saturday, Nov. 4, 3 p.m. The Maple Heights teacher and veteran will discuss his memoir, "Counted Out: A Look Inside One Sergeant's Physical, Mental, and Spiritual War."

Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Based Behavior, Wednesday, Nov. 8, 7 p.m. Designed for caregivers of

ADULT PROGRAMS

Innovation Center Orientation Learn about the equipment and policies of the Innovation Centers throughout Cuyahoga County Public Library. Attending this orientation allows users to utilize the Innovation Centers throughout the library system. Upcoming sessions: Saturday, Nov. 4, 11 a.m.; Thursday, Nov. 9, 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2 p.m. Registration required.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Solstice Lantern Craft & Storytime Join us to learn about the winter equinox as we build lanterns, share stories and get ready to welcome the sun's return. Thursday, Nov. 2, 6-7:30 p.m. Registration required.

BE AN INFORMED VOTER

As a public service, I am reprinting the ratings for Judges in November 7th's election in Cleveland. These ratings are from Judge4yourself.com which is made by cooperating bar associations with the help of dozens of experienced lawyers. Judge4yourself.com is a service of [The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association](#), [The Norman S. Minor Bar Association](#), [The Ohio Womens Bar Association](#), [The Cuyahoga Criminal Defense Lawyers Association](#), and [The Asian American Bar Association of Ohio](#).



Anthony Brancatelli

I have spoken to numerous Residents, Block Clubs, as well as Social and Civic Organizations in an effort to get more voters focused on our Judicial elections. As noted at Judge4yourself.com, "The election of judges and the decisions they make can have profound consequences for us, our families, our businesses and our community. In our society, judges have been given enormous power. Only a judge can decide whether a convicted criminal is imprisoned and whether a jury must decide a civil claim." Our community should continue to stay involved and vote.



2023 General Election Judicial Candidate Ratings

These independent non-partisan ratings of judicial candidates are presented to assist voters in the November 7, 2023 General Election. Information about the candidates and what the ratings mean are available at [Judge4Yourself.com](#)

Court/Term	Candidate	Asian American Bar Assoc.	Cuyahoga Criminal Defense Lawyers Assoc.	Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Assoc.	Norman S. Minor Bar Assoc.	Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Assoc.	Ohio Women's Bar Assoc.
Cleveland Municipal Court FTC 1/2/24	Jazmin G. Torres-Lugo	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Joseph F. Russo	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Refused to Participate	Not Recommended	Not Recommended
Cleveland Municipal Court FTC 1/3/24	Jocelyn Conwell	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Refused to Participate	Refused to Participate	Not Recommended
	TJ Dow	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Refused to Participate	Not Recommended	Not Recommended
	Joanna N. Lopez Inman	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Good	Good	Excellent
	Bridget M. O'Brien	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Good	Good	Excellent
Cleveland Municipal Court FTC 1/4/24	Timothy W. Clary	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Shiela Turner McCall	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Refused to Participate	Not Recommended	Not Recommended
Cleveland Municipal Court FTC 1/4/24	Mark R. Majer	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
	Jeff Johnson	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Refused to Participate	Not Recommended	Not Recommended
	Heather McCollough	Satisfactory	Good	Good	Excellent	Satisfactory	Good

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Community Police reports

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Assault

•On Oct. 18, at 11:38 p.m., the jailer advised police he needed help to handle two inmates who were actively fighting. When police arrived at the jail both the inmates had been separated from each other. One of the inmates told an officer that the other inmate was calling his son names. The other inmate told the officer he was simply attacked for no reason and had blood coming from his mouth and the back of his head. The jailer pointed out that the other inmate had been the aggressor. Surveillance video shows one of the inmates sleeping on his cot when the other inmate walked up and started punching him in an unprovoked attack, especially targeting the man's head. The injured inmate was taken to Marymount Hospital for treatment and later returned to the jail. He wishes to pursue assault charges against the inmate who attacked him. Case will be heard in Garfield Heights Municipal Court.

•On Oct. 25, at 2:19 p.m., a police officer was approached at Giant Eagle, 5744 Transportation Blvd., and told an assault had just occurred. The store manager said a customer was assaulted by another customer, which may have been a former employee, in the meat and fish area of the store. The victim was located outside the store using a motorized cart due to his inability to walk and other major health problems. He said he was in the cart going along the meat counter looking for ground beef when a woman started arguing with him. He told her he was just looking for meat, but the exchange became heated and she struck him on the side of the head. He kept calling for help while the woman walked toward the front of the store and kept threatening him bodily harm and using profane language. She left the store and got into a red 4-door car driven by a male. The manager was able to provide the police with video of the attack showing the woman throwing a food item and then striking the victim with an open hand. Police have leads to the identity of the suspect and her male companion from a purchase they had made at the store after the incident. The victim wishes to press charges if the suspect is identified. The victim had a minor injury to his left ear, with redness and swelling.

Shots Fired

On Oct. 23, at 7:13 p.m., officers were dispatched to Taco Bell, 5185 Turney Rd., for multiple reports of shots fired. A caller said a group of six males shot through the front door and fled on foot north on Turney Rd. Police arrived and were told by the manager that a group of six black male juveniles wearing medical and ski masks were outside in the front area of Taco Bell. The manager told them to leave as they were causing trouble with a juvenile male who was with another group of juveniles inside the restaurant. He said he thought five of them left on foot north on Turney, but one of them was still outside the door. One of the juveniles inside ran to the front door and opened it partially from inside, when his friend pulled him back because he saw the juvenile outside the door had a gun. The male outside fired a single shot which hit the partially opened front door, and then slid off the hood of a parked vehicle and into the windshield. The bullet hit directly in the middle of the passenger side where a man was sitting, but it did not go through the windshield. There was a small child asleep in the back seat of the car when the incident occurred, but it did not appear anyone was harmed. Video surveillance will be reviewed when available to police. Report forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

Traffic Offense-Fleeing

On Oct. 23, at about 4:46 p.m., an officer on patrol was

advised that a vehicle used in an aggravated robbery was seen going southbound on E. 131 St., near Broadway. An officer followed the beige Pontiac Vibe to the area of McCracken Rd. and E. 119 St., southbound. A traffic stop was initiated, and the driver was found to have a misdemeanor warrant for violation of a protection order out of Mentor. Police ordered the driver to turn his vehicle off, but he took off west on Turney Rd. Officers gave chase down Turney, following the driver who at one point nearly struck two child pedestrians near the intersection of Plymouth Ave. and Turney Rd. while traveling at a high rate of speed. Soon after that the police pursuit was terminated. A few moments later an officer located the suspect vehicle after it had crashed into a telephone pole on the north side of Grand Division off Turney Rd. The suspect reportedly exited the vehicle and immediately laid down on the pavement. He was placed into custody and GHFD arrived to treat his injuries. He was then taken to Marymount Hospital. He will be charged with felony fleeing and eluding.

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Crime Stoppers encourages members of the community to assist local law enforcement agencies in the fight against crime.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the City of Maple Heights, Ohio, seeks bids for the installation of an aboveground storage tank (AST) system at its Service Department. Sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Agent, at Maple Heights City Hall, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio 44137, until 12:00 Noon, local time, on the 3rd day of November 2023 for the "SERVICE DEPARTMENT AST INSTALLATION" in the City of Maple Heights, Ohio, NO FAXED COPIES ACCEPTED.

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Each Proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. Sealed bids must be marked, "SERVICE DEPARTMENT AST INSTALLATION." Bids will be opened and read at the time and place stated above. Those who submitted a Proposal or their representatives are invited to attend.

Specifications are available by contacting Mr. Fraser K Hamilton at f.hamilton@cretelligent.com. A pre-bid site walk will be performed at 9:00 AM on October 30, 2023 at its Service Department located at 5501 Dunham Road in Maple Heights Ohio.

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Tony Ciresi
Service Director
Maple Heights, Ohio

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not have a caller ID function and calls are not recorded. Those with information can also text TIP657 plus your message to 274637, or can submit information online at www.25crime.com.

Genealogical Society meets

The Cuyahoga Valley Genealogical Society will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m. Members and interested public are invited to attend at the Independence Civic Center in the Willow Room, 6363 Selig Blvd., Independence.

A program on "Introduction to Genealogical Research in the Russian Partition of Poland" will be presented by genealogist Owen McCafferty.

McCafferty provides an introduction to genealogical research within the Russian Partition of Poland (also called Russian-Poland or Congress Poland). Starting with the three partitions of Poland, participants will be provided with some basic contextual history before diving into the nuts and bolts of finding villages and records within Russian-controlled Poland from 1795-1915. In addition, McCafferty will review online and offline resources that researchers will find valuable. All welcome.



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A Public Hearing will be held on **Monday, November 13, 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-46 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 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-47 An application from Vibe City requesting approval of the following: 1) a Variance of 240 ft. from the requirements of Sect. 1296.09(A) of the MH Codified Ordinances to install a mural measuring 360 sq. ft. on the south side of the building and 2) a Variance of 87 ft. from the requirements of Sect. 1296.09(A) of the MH Codified Ordinances to install a mural measuring 207 sq. ft. on the north side of the building on property located in a Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District at 5180 Northfield Road, 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.

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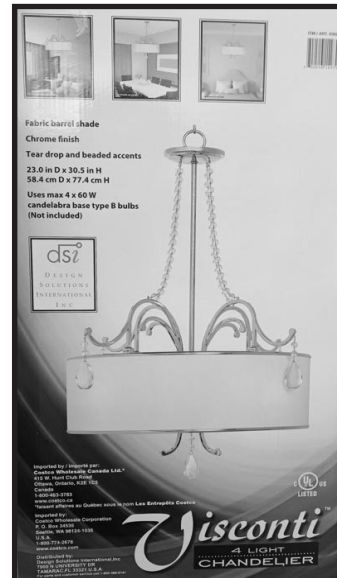
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Remington ribboncutting Bedford Council OKs repairs to Northfield Road

By Judith Goldsworth



Mayor Annette M. Blackwell welcomes Remington College, Cleveland Campus to the city of Maple Heights at the Grand Opening of the school's culinary school program, which officially opens on November 6.

The Culinary Skills Essentials Diploma Program provides training in both safety and hands-on experience working in the brand new instructor-supervised kitchen. Pictured with Mayor Blackwell is District 3 Councilman Timothy Tatum, Assistant Director of Human Services Jaimie Hasenohrl and representatives from Remington College.

At a brief special meeting held on Monday Oct. 23, Bedford Council approved legislation authorizing City Manager Mike Mallis to enter into a contract with Angelo Beneditti, Inc., for asphalt surface recycling for Northfield Road, at a cost of \$49,560.

"The north and southbound lanes from the bridge joint through the intersection north of Solon Road are in need of emergency repair," the ordinance states, noting that Northfield Road is also known as State Route 8.

Beneditti was recommended by the administration and "is the sole source provider for asphalt resurface recycling," according to the legislation.

"ODOT does not have any plans to do any major resurfacing of Northfield Road in the near future, although we are discussing that," Mallis said. "As everyone knows this area in particular is failing considerably. If the city were to do the repairs, it would not last, I would say, more than a year to two years."

To do a full in-depth repair and replacement, "That is not something we have budgeted for," Mallis said, explaining that the Beneditti company has performed previous work for the city, including the asphalt recycling process that was done on a number of streets last year.

The same asphalt recycling process for Northfield was authorized by council's passing of the legislation Monday night.

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The Neighborhood News has several tickets to this year's Christmas Connection, the shopping event of the season, being held at the I-X Center Nov. 17-19. Just stop in to The Neighborhood News office, 8613 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Heights, during regular business hours and enter to win. Deadline is Monday, Nov. 13.

M.H. StoryWalk Trail opens



Last Thursday, Mayor Annette M. Blackwell welcomed residents to The City of Maple Heights StoryWalk Trail Grand Opening & Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony held at Stafford Park. This StoryWalk Trail features pages from a children's book, blending the fun of outdoor exploration with reading.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources launched the Storybook Trail program in 2019 to promote the importance of literacy, a healthy lifestyle and connecting with nature. Mayor Blackwell is pictured here at right with Deva Walker, manager of the Cuyahoga County Public Library's Maple Heights Branch.

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