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Coming Soon! - Well, next year - Total eclipse of sun over Cleveland!

By Jay Ryan

A total eclipse of the sun is about the most amazing thing that you can ever hope to see in your lifetime. The moon lines up with the sun and blocks the bright sunlight, plunging the landscape into darkness. It's a wild experience, something you have to see to believe.

These eclipses usually happen in faraway corners of the earth. Eclipse travelers spend thousands of dollars to travel thousands of miles to remote locations to witness a two-minute eclipse. In recent years eclipses have been seen over Ghana, Argentina, Easter Island and Svalbard.

But on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 3:13 p.m., this incredible natural phenomenon is coming to Cleveland, Ohio! People might imagine viewing an eclipse from exotic locations like Stonehenge or the Pyramids, but... *CLEVELAND???* *REALLY?*

This time around you won't need your own Lear jet or a pricey vacation. Clevelanders will have this spectacle delivered to their own backyards! This is the *blue collar eclipse*, nature's most majestic spectacle for working families on a budget.

There's lots to know but not a lot of time left to prepare. You'll want to get some *Eclipse Shades* so you can safely view the partial eclipse phases. You'll want to learn all the many cool things to notice during the eclipse. Maybe you'd like to plan a gathering for your family, your neighborhood, or even your larger community. Most everything you need to know is found at *EclipseOverCleveland.com*.

Please come to my colorful, informative and entertaining presentations over the winter at the Cuyahoga County Public Library, including the Maple Heights and Bedford branches. More details on that coming later. *REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!*

(Jay Ryan has been excited about eclipses since he was an 8-year-old boy in 1970. He is a former contributor to Sky & Telescope magazine and has been popularizing astronomy since 1996. Jay grew up in the Warner Road area and Garfield Heights.)

Raffle to benefit Indy 'Shop with a Cop'

Time is running out if you want to purchase raffle tickets for the Shop With A Cop drawing in Independence, and a chance to win the first place prize of a 50-inch color TV.

The second place prize is an iPad, and third place prize is \$100 cash. The drawing will be held on Thursday, Dec. 21. Deadline to purchase tickets is this Friday, Dec. 8, at noon.

You can buy them at the Independence Police Station, 6800 Brecksville Rd. Tickets are \$1 each or six tickets for \$5. Visit the police department's front window Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., to get your tickets.

If you need to purchase tickets outside this time frame, contact Patrolman Jim Green at: greenj@independenceohio.org. Cash donations are appreciated, and you can also sponsor a child for the Shop With A Cop event.

Trawick given stiff sentence in brutal June robberies at Broadway Pizza

One of the two men charged in a brutal incident at Broadway Pizza, 5645 Broadway Ave., on June 15, about midnight, where workers and customers inside the shop were beaten, shot at and robbed, pleaded guilty Monday in the courtroom of Judge John Russo.

Terrance Trawick was sentenced to 20 to 25 years in prison by Judge Russo. His alleged accomplice, David Humphries, did not enter a plea and his case will go to trial in January, media sources report.

"This is the first of many Court Watch victories," said Joe Bialek, a volunteer community organizer in Slavic Village and Old Brooklyn, who sent a letter to Judge Russo before Trawick's sentencing. It was read by the prosecutor into the court records.

It reads: "Judge John Russo, this letter is written on behalf of the Slavic Village neighborhood and specifically for the victims of the robbery at Broadway Pizza. We cannot convey enough the abhorrent effect this crime has had on our community. This business has been in existence since 1970 and serves some of the finest Italian cuisine in all of Cleveland. The number one complaint I have received from the Cleveland Police Department is lenient sentencing. Please do not add to this concern but rather sentence Terrance Trawick appropriately for the severity of his crime. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter."

It appears Judge Russo listened.

Maple Hts. kicks off holidays

Everyone was all smiles at the city of Maple Heights Annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony recently, as Santa helped Mayor Annette Blackwell kick off the official start to the season.

Kids of all ages enjoyed cookies, cocoa, books, and of course seeing the magical light display that was unveiled for all to enjoy.

"Thank you for coming out and braving the weather and helping to create memories as the holiday season begins. We hope you enjoy the city's light displays all season long," Mayor Blackwell said.



Santa helped Mayor Annette Blackwell kick off the holiday festivities in Maple Heights recently, to the delight of the youngsters there.

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Bedford Council passes \$42M budget for 2024

By Judith Goldsworth

Bedford Council passed its budget for next year, in the amount of \$42 million, at the council meeting Monday night.

The estimated figure of the 2024 budget is stated at \$42,138,995, according to the ordinance passed by council. Expenses and expenditures include funding the city's police, fire, service and all other departments, including paying salaries and wages, financing equipment, supplies, operations and services, and specifying all other monetary items that are necessary to run the city in 2024.

Finance Director Jennifer Howland, who prepared the budget with the participation of her department and other city officials, stated, "It's pretty straightforward, this is the budget for next year. We've already done all of our budget hearings and meetings with council and we're ready to pass this and go on with next year."

Other legislation

As the city administration recommended an increase in building department fees, including permits, inspections, registration for rental units and contractors "to coincide with industry standards and continue efficient operations," council passed an ordinance effective Jan. 1, 2024, amending previous legislation in the areas of fee schedules, certificate of inspection fees, certificate of inspection for rental unit fees and time and fees regarding registration fees for contractors.

City Manager Mike Mallis stated, "This piece of legislation is an amendment of all of the things that fall under the building department, and this will include any new construction permits for all commercial work and all residential work. It also includes examples of site work, demolition permit fees, rental registration and rental inspection fees."

Mallis said that in the past the city did not charge a fee for Planning Commission applications, but in the new legislation there is a \$50 fee for applicants wishing to go

in front of the commission. He noted that the last time these fees were adjusted was in 2014.

Council passed an ordinance authorizing Mallis to apply to the Cuyahoga County Department of Development for a 2024 Community Development Supplemental Grant in the amount of \$50,000, to fund next year's Bedford Historic District Small Business Grant Program.

"This legislation authorizes us to apply for that funding, with the goal of establishing an application process for both property owners and businesses within the Historic District," Mallis said.

The city should know by spring of next year if the application is successful, and if it is, information and applications as well as guidelines for eligible projects would be available, Mallis stated.

Also passed was an ordinance approving a contract with Ferguson Waterworks for the purchase of five new fire hydrants throughout the city, at a cost of \$20,655. Ferguson is the sole provider for these type of hydrants, the funds for which are within this year's budget, Mallis said.

Two ordinances were placed on second reading, one authorizing a contract with GPD Group to continue providing city engineer services for projects in Bedford for 2024; the other for a contract with Atwell's Police and Fire Equipment to purchase tactical ballistic vests and body armor for 25 members of the fire department, at a cost of \$20,961.25.

Once the contract is approved at a future meeting, Mallis said the protective equipment for the firefighters will be purchased through funds that were established in the 2023 budget, along with a "substantial donation" that was made to the department.

Motions on agenda passed

•To accept the Planning Commission's decision denying the request of Chris Goodrich of Palmetto Sola, LLC,

for a zoning permit to install a roof-mounted solar photovoltaic system on three sides of the house located at 149 Palmetto. The denial of the permit request was based on the fact that the proposal was for the system to be installed on three prominent areas of the house, creating aesthetic concerns for neighbors and potential sun glare, Mallis said.

•To accept the Planning Commission's decision denying the request of Marvin Beck, 11 Broadway Ave., to use the property for a funeral home.

•To accept the Planning Commission's decision to accept the request for a zoning permit from Matthew Robinson, from CNE Electrical Contractor, to install a roof-mounted solar photovoltaic system on the south side of the dwelling located at 774 Taft Ave. Mallis explained that the acceptance of this proposal was based on the fact that the system would be at the back of the house and not as visible to other property owners in the neighborhood.

•Also accepted by council was a motion, as stated by Law Director John Montello, "To remand the application of Deosola LLC and LAM Foodservice Consulting, Inc., concerning 115 Northfield Rd., to obtain additional evidence from the applicants to make an informal decision prior to presenting it to council for review."

Holiday season celebrations

Mallis congratulated the service department for their months-long efforts to once again decorate Bedford's Historic District and other areas throughout the city in observance of the holidays this year.

"It turned out tremendously," Mallis said, praising the service department's employees for their work in putting up the elaborate lighted displays, while still performing leaf collections and other day-to-day duties throughout the city.

Councilman Donald Saunders said, "We still have one of the best displays, not only in the state, but in the country. It's amazing how a lot of surrounding communities, over the last two years, have decided to copy us, so they've expanded their displays tremendously. But ours is still the best. So kudos to the service department for a job well done."

Councilwoman Sandy Spinks said that this Saturday, Dec. 9, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., the Bedford Historical Society and Museum will host a "Kris Kringle Market," featuring several local artists selling their works to Christmas shoppers. Also, tickets will be available for the Museum's annual Christmas Raffle, with the drawing held on Friday, Dec. 15.

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Bedford (Bedford Heights/Oakwood Village) Branch Library

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Ellenwood Book Discussion -Adults, Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2 p.m. Copies of the book "The Lions of Fifth Avenue" by Fiona Davis will be available at the Bedford Branch and at the Ellenwood Center one month before the date of the discussion.

Engineering Hour -K-5, Thursdays, Dec. 14, 28, 3:30 p.m. Use your imagination and the materials provided to build, play, create and learn.

Winter Craft -Grades K-5, Saturday, Dec. 16, 2 p.m. Join us for a winter craft. **MUST REGISTER**

Solstice Art -Grades K-5, Thursday, Dec. 21, 6 p.m. Celebrate the Solstice with a fun craft. **MUST REGISTER**

Garfield Heights Branch Library

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

Adult Programs

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. For adults 18 years and older. Upcoming sessions: Saturday, Dec. 16, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Registration required.

Tuesday Evening Book Discussion Join us for our monthly book discussion. This month's title is "Lesson in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus. Tuesday, Dec. 19, 6-7 p.m.

Innovation Center Hands-On Help Bring in a project you're working on and get help from a staff member. An Innovation Center orientation is required. Thursday, Dec. 21, 6-8 p.m.

Children and Families

Nutrition for Kids Join us for this class, led by the Cleveland Food Bank, to learn the building blocks for healthy kids. Dec. 18, 6-7 p.m.

Families Innovate Families can join to make a gingerbread house using the Innovation Center's laser, which we will decorate with candy! Wednesday, Dec. 13, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Registration required.

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CLE Council honors former Housing Court judge with designation of 'Judge Raymond L. Pianka Way'

Cleveland City Council held its regular meeting Monday night, the last council meeting of the year. Council meetings restart Monday, Jan. 8, 2024. Here are some of the highlights from Monday's meeting.

Judge Pianka Way: Council approved designating W. Clinton Ave., from W. 58 St., to W. 65 St., with a secondary and honorary designation of "Judge Raymond L. Pianka Way." A longtime Cleveland Housing judge, Pianka implemented numerous innovative programs to obtain compliance with the city of Cleveland's building, housing and health codes. These programs included requiring negligent landowners to pay neighbors for the blight their properties caused and imposing daily fines on landowners who didn't show up in his courtroom for housing code violations. He died in 2017. The designation is sponsored by Councilmember Jenny Spencer, and then all of council joined as sponsors.

Construction Reform: Council President Blaine A. Griffin sponsored construction reform legislation, and council approved, allowing alternative construction delivery methods available to the city for public improvements and give developers more tools. Typically, the city had to do "design, bid, build." The legislation allows for that as well as "design, build" and "construction manager" to determine the best and most cost effective method for a development and streamline the process.

Warner & Swasey Building Reimagined: Council approved legislation to give a \$1 million grant to MidTown Cleveland, Inc. to partially finance redevelopment of a portion of the Warner & Swasey building located at 5701 Carnegie Ave., into affordable senior and family housing. The funding is coming through revenue recovery funds from the American Rescue Plan Act the city received. Vacant since 1985, the five-story building was constructed over a six-year period from 1904 to 1910. It replaced the original Warner & Swasey building on the site built in the early 1880s. Warner & Swasey built telescopes and machine lathes in the new, as well as the old, building on Carnegie. And during WWII, the company built parts for planes, ships and tanks. In 2019, the building was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

Making Homes Lead Safe: Council approved using \$900,000 for grants with various entities to assist with

ensuring homes are lead safe. The funding is from a portion of City's Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. Legislation detailing use of funding for lead safe programs or services was first passed in 2022 and this was set aside until contractors could be acquired.

G.H. Town Hall Meeting

A Community Town Hall Meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec. 7, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd.

At this meeting residents will be introduced to the city's Building Department, and Cuyahoga County Council President Pernel Jones, Jr. will be guest speaker.

Correction

Garfield Heights Ward 5 Councilwoman Rachelle Tonsing was listed as representing Ward 7 on Garfield Heights Council in an article in last week's paper.

Washington Park Community School

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The December 7th Meeting of the Washington Park Board of Directors HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

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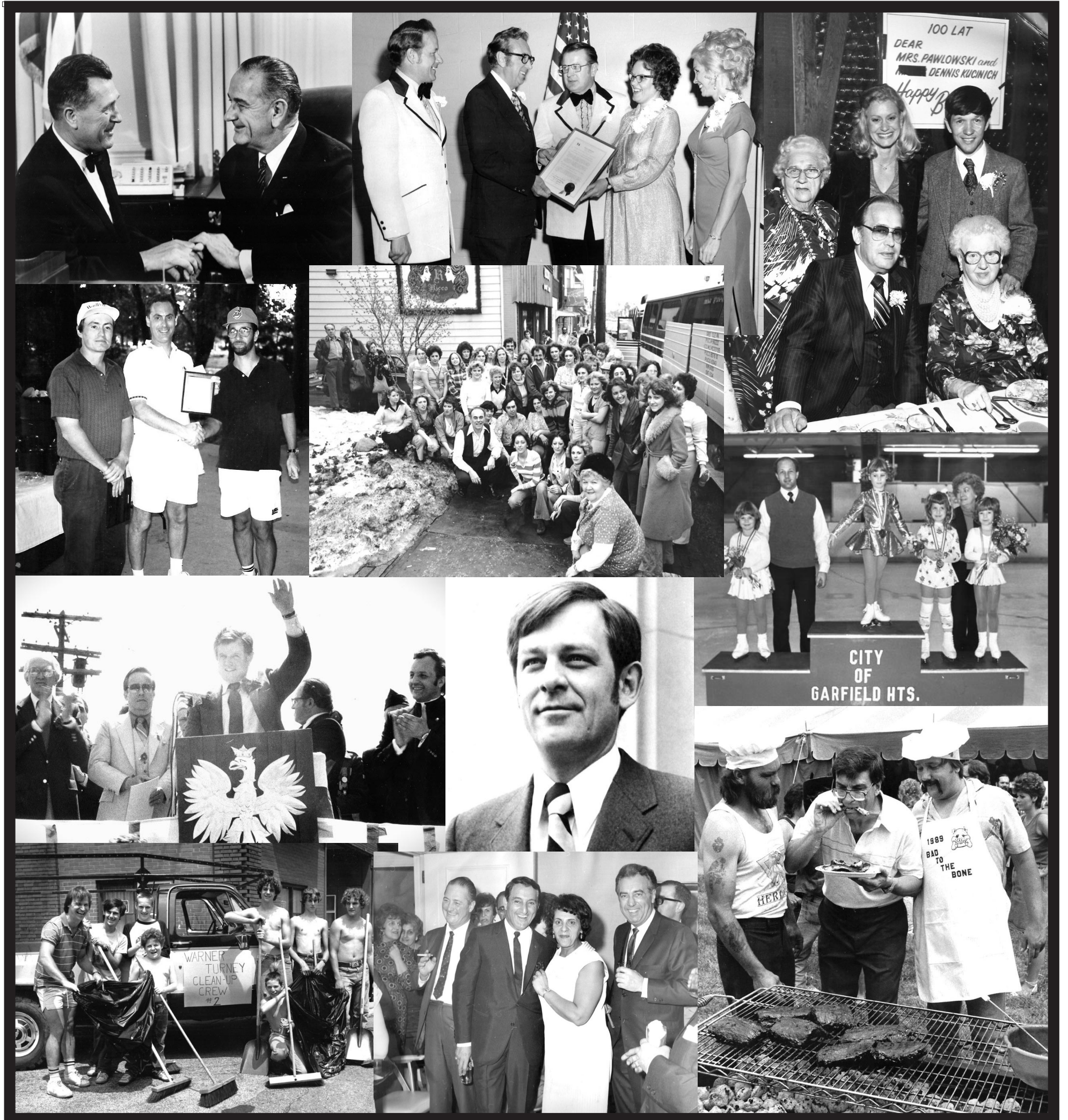
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Stroll down Memory Lane with NN one last time in 2023

Celebrations for the 100th Anniversary of The Neighborhood News have been ongoing this year, but as 2024 looms on the horizon we thought it fitting to include some of our more recent "oldies" pictures as seen below. Recognize anyone??



Community Police reports

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

Garfield Heights

Recovered Stolen Auto

•On Nov. 23, at 5:22 a.m., police were dispatched to the area of E. 135 St. and Granger Rd., for a car, listed as stolen out of Euclid, that had hit a utility pole. Maple Heights PD was on scene and said that an unknown number of males had exited the vehicle and fled the scene. Police pursued a juvenile crossing Bangor southbound and fleeing into a yard, where he was detained by officers. The male was unable to be linked to the crashed car at that time and was released to his mother. Euclid PD notified of the recovery of the stolen car.

•On Nov. 26, about 8:34 a.m., a patrolman observed on city-owned traffic cameras a blue Volkswagen Jetta entered out of Cleveland as stolen. The car was located in the parking lot of Dave's Supermarket in Turneytown with the driver behind the wheel. When the officer approached the vehicle to arrest the driver the car took off. An assisting officer, with cruiser lights and siren activated, pursued the Jetta north down Turney Rd., at speeds approaching 90mph. The Jetta continued north into Cleveland and was going over 90mph and driving on the wrong side of the road. As it approached the Turney/Warner Rd. intersection, the Jetta went over the curb on Warner Rd., popped some of the tires and came to a stop in the middle of an open field. The driver, a white male dressed in gray, started to run but then stopped about three feet from the back of his car. He was ordered to the ground and held at gunpoint until backup arrived. He was taken to city jail and charged with fleeing and eluding, receiving stolen property, and issued a traffic citation for 90mph in a 25mph zone and lanes of travel. Report forwarded to the Detective Bureau for follow-up.

Traffic Offense - OVI

•On Nov. 24, at about 2:36 a.m., officers responded to the area of Canal and Warner rds. for a vehicle that struck a pole. On arrival police observed a female standing near a Ford Escape that had flipped over when it hit a utility pole, splitting it in half. The pole was located in front of 5335 Canal Rd. The road had to be shut down due to live wires hanging across Canal Rd. GHFD was notified as well as CEI. Police saw that the woman standing by the car had fresh blood on her hands and clothes and had red,

glassy eyes and smelled of alcohol. She at first denied and then admitted she was the driver of the car. She told police she had not consumed any alcoholic beverages or narcotics that night and refused medical treatment. After undergoing field sobriety testing her driving ability was found to be appreciably impaired and she was taken to GHPD jail for processing. She was charged with no driver's license, failure to control, OVI and issued a traffic citation.

•On Nov. 26, at about 2:24 a.m., a patrolman advised dispatch he was out with a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of E. 131 St. and Christine Ave. He requested additional officers and EMS for several injured occupants. A man was seen near the crash holding on to a telephone pole and was confirmed to be the driver of the car that had crashed. Police said he had a blank, confused look on his face and he said he was intoxicated. He could not produce a driver's license and kept muttering unintelligible statements while police were trying to figure out how the crash had happened. The suspect was placed under arrest for OVI and several traffic citations and taken to city jail.

Felonious Assault

On Nov. 24, GHPD units were dispatched to the 5200 block of E. 126 St., for a report of shots fired and that a male had been struck by the gunfire and was in an apartment at that address. On arrival police found numerous shell casings outside the front door of the building and as they went inside they were flagged down by two juvenile males who said that the victim, another male juvenile, was inside the apartment. Police found the victim on the floor of the back bedroom and he told them he had been shot in the left leg. He said he had been standing outside the front door to the building when he was shot by an unknown person. The victim was taken to MetroHealth Medical Center. Police interviewed him there and he said he had gone downstairs to meet someone who was selling weed. The victim said he was walking over to the man's car to make the purchase when he felt pain in his leg so he turned around and ran back inside. He was unsure where the shots came from.

No injuries in E. 90 St. fire



Garfield Heights and Maple Heights firefighters battled a basement fire in a home in the 4900 block of E. 90 St., in Garfield Heights, about 1:45 p.m., Monday, and quickly extinguished the blaze. There was no report of injuries, according to information provided by a post from the Maple Heights Firefighters Association Local 1184. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation. *Photo by Elena Psenicka*

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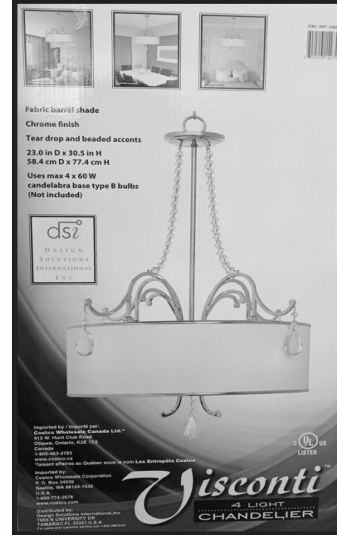
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Deadline is Friday, Dec. 15th. NN email address is: nnews1923@aol.com. All religious denominations who celebrate with special services this time of year are also welcome to participate.

Ugly Sweater Meet 'n Greet in Garfield

The Garfield Heights Ward 5 & Ward 7 Ugly Sweater Meet 'n Greet will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 6:30 p.m., at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd., hosted by Councilwomen Rachele Tonsing and Jen Newrones. Come and get to know your neighbors! For more details, call 216-307-5211.

Maple Heights High School Mustang wrestlers return four district qualifiers

The Maple Heights High School wrestling team returns four district qualifiers for the upcoming 2023-24 season, according to Mustangs Coach Jamie Milkovich.

The Mustangs will be looking to capture their 13th consecutive Lake Erie League championship and 49th overall in both the old Greater Cleveland Conference and the current Lake Erie League.

Returning district qualifiers include Derek Palmer (132 pounds), Terry Murphy (138 pounds), Markese Moss (157 pounds) and Keyvon Stewart (165 pounds).

Other returning letter winners include Jaquan Quinn (106 pounds), Jaden Weaver (106 pounds), Devin Leeson (120 pounds) Anthony Griffin (145 pounds), Ian Adams (150 pounds) and Sam Holland (285 pounds).

Milkovich, the winningest coach in the history of Ohio wrestling with 581 career dual meet victories, begins his 43rd season as head coach of the Mustangs. He will once again be assisted by a pair of outstanding coaches in Rick LaScala and Andrew Wolf.

Maple Heights will travel to the Beachwood Tournament (Dec. 9), Lakewood (Dec. 14), The Hudson Holiday Tournament (Dec. 22 & 23), Villa Angela/St. Joseph (Jan. 4), Chagrin Falls (Jan. 18), the Lakewood Duals (Jan. 27), the Trinity Triangular with St. Ignatius (Feb. 1), Garfield Heights (Feb. 14), the Sectional Tournament (Feb. 24), the District Tournament (Mar. 1 & 2) and the Ohio State Tournament (Mar. 8-10).

The Mustangs will host their 8th Annual Holiday Tournament (Dec. 30), the 14th Annual Maroon & White Duals (Jan. 13), Willoughby South, Lakewood & Villa Angela/St. Joseph (Jan. 25) and the Lake Erie League Tournament (Feb. 10).



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