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The family-run store, owned by Basharat Hussain and managed by his son, Hamza Basharat, will hold a grand opening around the first week of March 2024, but has been welcoming customers for several weeks now.

"We are a fully stocked grocery store and pride ourselves on having a lot of variety when it comes to brands and flavors," Basharat said.

Zak's also boasts a large clothing section right in the middle of the store with nearly 100 racks of clothes for everyone in the family, as well as six aisles of hardware items and eight aisles of home goods.

And in mid-January, Zak's will open a kitchen inside the store where they will make fresh pizza in-house, a full menu of Chester's Fried Chicken, and build-your-own bowls featuring family recipes.

Management owns the entire Meadowbrook Plaza and is busy signing leases for new businesses to open there, including Amplify, a medical marijuana outlet that hopes to get a recreational license as well, and Sip and Spa, opening in mid-February.

"We came to this area to bring the community a change of pace and fill this plaza with new and exciting businesses," Basharat said. "So far all our customers have been very happy that we are here."



NN Holiday Schedule

This is the last issue of 2023 for The Neighborhood News as we make way for next week's annual Christmas holiday vacation. There will be no Dec. 27, issue and publication will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 3.

The office will be closed this Friday, Dec. 22, and will reopen on Friday, Dec. 29. The office will be closed on New Year's Day, Monday, Jan. 1. Deadlines for articles and advertising for the Jan. 3 issue will be extended to Tuesday, Jan. 2, at noon.

The NN staff and management would like to extend our sincere wishes to all for a happy and blessed holiday season. And as we conclude our 100th anniversary year, all of us at The Neighborhood News look forward to serving you in the year ahead.

Bedford City Council holds final meeting of 2023

By Judith Goldsworth

Two longtime Bedford City Council members attended their last council meeting Monday night, with two new members and one returning member set to be sworn in at council's next meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 2, at 8 p.m.

Councilman Donald Saunders, who has served Bedford's Ward 6 for 26 years, chose not to seek re-election in November. Anthony Longino-Thomas assumes his seat in January. Councilman Walter Genutis, who has served Ward 2 for the past 10 years, was unsuccessful in his re-election bid, with challenger Steve Salvi winning the seat.

Both outgoing council members expressed their thanks to those city officials and residents who supported and helped them over the years.

Saunders confirmed that the end of his last term on council will mark the beginning of his full retirement

Sewer District awards \$300,000 for Garfield Boulevard project

The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District's Board of Trustees yesterday announced the awarding of seven grants totaling \$1.5 million as part of its long-standing Green Infrastructure Grant Program. When these projects are complete, nearly 3 million additional gallons of stormwater runoff will be kept out of the combined sewer system.

One of the seven to receive grants is the Board of Park Commissioners of the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District for the "Garfield Boulevard Reconstruction, Trail and Green Infrastructure Project," in the amount of \$300,000. The project, slated to begin next year, will capture almost 1.2 million gallons of water runoff annually.

"The Sewer District recognizes the importance of green infrastructure such as bioretention, pervious pavement and other site-based stormwater management practices," said Frank Greenland, director of Watershed Programs.

"We are happy to support these organizations, in partnership with our member communities, to bring these projects to fruition and manage stormwater at its source in the combined sewer area."

Since the program's inception in 2014, NEORSRD has funded 84 projects for more than \$14 million capturing and treating 38.2 million gallons of stormwater annually within the combined sewer system area of Northeast Ohio.

from public service. "I'll still be around, though, and you can still call me," he added.

Genutis said he was happy knowing that he did a good and loyal job for the people of Bedford.

Mayor Stan Koci, City Manager Mike Mallis, Law Director John Montello, Finance Director Jennifer Howland, and fellow Councilmembers Sandy Spinks, Vic Fluharty, Frank Smith and Jeff Asbury all thanked Saunders and Genutis for their dedication to improving the city during their years of service.

Police officers sworn in

Koci swore in Ryan Frejofsky and Brenden Adams as the two newest police officers in the Bedford Police Department at Monday's meeting. Frejofsky previously served as a Bedford Auxiliary officer, and Adams was on deploy-

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County seeks public input on Rockside Rd. project

The Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works, the city of Independence, the Village of Valley View and the Ohio Department of Transportation invite the public to provide comments regarding the repair and replacement

of two bridges on Rockside Rd.

Bridge One is over the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad tracks. The repair project will include wider piers, new superstructure and a new deck.

Bridge Two is over the Cuyahoga River. A replacement structure will be built in a similar alignment on Rockside Rd. The project will add a new 6-foot-wide sidewalk on the north side of Rockside Rd. connecting to Brecksville Rd.

Traffic on Rockside will be maintained during construction using part-width techniques and detours. Construction work is expected to begin in Spring 2025 and will last approximately 24 months.

Access to the Cuyahoga River for paddlers (canoes and kayaks) will be maintained during construction, except for four closures. There will be two 2-week closures to allow for removal of the existing beams and two 4-week closures for placement of the new steel girders and construction of the

bridge deck. Although the Lock 39 Trailhead upstream of the project area is a designated portage location for canoes/kayaks, there is no suitable portage location downstream.

Questions and comments must be submitted by Jan. 10, 2024, and may include the effect of the project on local residents, air quality, the local economy, floodplains, the proposed temporary trail closure/detour, and historic or cultural resources.

Reforestation Slavic Village

Thanks go out to the Western Reserve Land Conservancy from former Cleveland Councilman Tony Brancatelli for donating free paw paw trees that are now planted at the former Victory Theater location at 3990 E. 71 St., for the beginning of a tiny forest in the Slavic Village community.

"Cudos also to Sustainable Slavic Village and super volunteer Chuck Gliha for help in planting additional trees this weekend to help reforest our neighborhood," Brancatelli said. "Chuck has also salvaged the Victory building stone signage after it was demolished, which will be reinstalled as a landscape element this spring."

Anyone interested in a free tree this spring for their yard can contact trees@wrlandconservancy.org or call Krystal Sierra at Slavic Village Development, 216-429-1182, ext 104, or email her at: KrystalS@slavicvillage.org.



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December 21st

The Maple Heights Mobile Food Pantry will be at the St. Andrew Eastern Orthodox Church
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Register now for Skating - Sessions #3 and 4

Register now for the final 2 sessions for this season of Learn to Skate classes and Beginner to Advanced In-House Hockey, Session 3 beginning Jan. 3, and Session 4 beginning Feb. 14, at the Dan Kostel Recreation Center, 5411 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights.

Learn to Skate classes ages 3 to Adult are held on Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and also on Saturday mornings, 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Skate rental is included if needed.

LEARN TO SKATE 6-Week Session Fees:

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- ID Card – Non-Residents - \$40 – one-time annual fee
- Lessons – Residents - \$50 – per 6-week session
- Non-Residents - \$75 – per 6-week session

Deadline for Session 3 is December 28 (late fee after is \$15)

In-House Hockey – Beginner & Advanced: All in-house hockey lessons are for ages 3-14. Held on Saturdays - **Advanced:** 8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. – **Beginners** – 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

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Advanced: Non-Residents - \$150 – per 6-week session (2 or more years of experience)

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Deadline for Session 3 is Tuesday, January 2 (late fee after is \$15)

CVCA HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

This year's Annual Christmas Tournament begins on Dec. 27 through Dec. 30, with games starting daily at 2 p.m., at the Dan Kostel Rec. Center. Teams participating are: Aurora, Avon, Clay, NDCL, Normandy and, of course, Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy. Stop by and see some exciting hockey games! For full game schedule visit our web site at www.garfieldhts.org

Our office will be closed on Dec. 22, 23, 24, & 25

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G.H. Ward 7 Block Watch

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch meeting and Christmas Party, sponsored by Councilwoman Jenn Newrones, will take place Thursday, Dec. 21, at 7 p.m., in the cafeteria of St. Benedict School, 13633 Rockside Rd.

Attendees are asked to bring a gift-wrapped tree ornament and a side dish or goodies to share. All are welcome. For more information, contact Gail, 216-662-9213.

CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO

List of Meetings for January 2024

Tuesday, January 2, 2024	Organizational Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 3, 2024	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 10, 2024	Southeast Area Law Enforcement (SEALE) Board of Trustees Meeting (if needed) Work Session - 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting - 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 16, 2024	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 17, 2024	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 23, 2024	Board of Zoning Appeals (if needed) Work Session - 6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

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

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

*Tracy M. Simons
Clerk of Council*

NN: 12-20-23

LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS

2024 PUBLIC MEETINGS SCHEDULE

In accordance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, and Chapter 208 of the Administrative Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Maple Heights, Notice is hereby given for the **2024 Public Meetings Schedule for the City of Maple Heights, Ohio**.

The **Council of the City of Maple Heights, Ohio** shall meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 pm (with Caucus Meeting starting at 6:30 pm) at the Maple Heights Senior Center located at 15901 Libby Road, Maple Heights, Ohio. Council may amend their regular meeting schedule during the summer months. A Regular Meeting that falls on a holiday shall be held on the day following the legal holiday. The Mayor, President of Council or any three (3) members of Council may call a Special Meeting of Council upon written notice served at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time fixed for such meeting, except in the case of a public emergency. Any such request for a Special Meeting shall state the specific subject(s) to be considered at the meeting and no other subject(s) shall be discussed. Nothing in this section shall prohibit, limit or restrict the right of Council or any of the other public bodies to cancel or reschedule any scheduled meeting or to adopt, in accordance with law, a different schedule of meetings at any time during the remainder of the year.

The **Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Maple Heights, Ohio** shall meet on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm (with Caucus Meeting at 6:00 pm) in the Maple Heights City Hall Council Chambers, Second Floor, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio. If the need arises, the Building Commissioner may call a second meeting during the month on the fourth Monday of said month with proper notice.

Leonette Cicirella Johnson
Clerk of Council
City of Maple Heights

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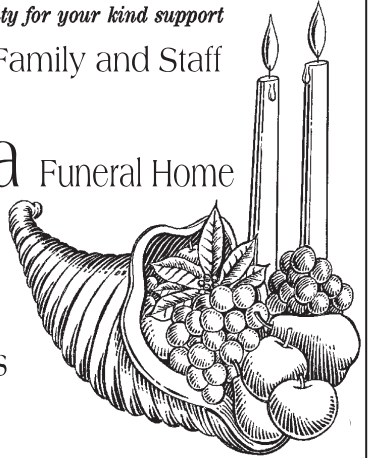
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City of Garfield Heights

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Shown above is the family of Mayor and Mrs. Ralph J. Perk. Although Mayor Perk and his wife, Lucy, (inset) are now deceased, their children continue in public service. Ralph J. Perk, Jr. is a retired judge of the Cleveland Municipal Court. Judge Perk's wife, Kelli, is the Director of Risk Management for the County's ADAMHS Board. Tom Perk is a retired Cleveland firefighter and retired councilman in Valley View, and Ken Perk is a former member of the Cuyahoga Heights School Board. The Perk family extends to the entire community their best wishes for a happy and holy Christmas holiday and a healthy and prosperous year ahead.

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Bedford Council holds final meeting

(Continued from Page 1) ment in the Middle East earlier this year when he decided to apply to Bedford's force.

Police Chief Marty Stemple welcomed the two new officers and thanked the city's administration, council and the Civil Service Commission for making the hirings possible.

Donations to Meals on Wheels

Koci presented a check for \$1000 on behalf of Bedford city employees to Diane Astolos of the city's Meals on Wheels program, which was raised through "dress down days" on Fridays throughout the year.

The Bedford Firefighters also presented Astolos with a donation of \$500 to benefit Meals on Wheels.

New fire truck legislation okayed

Council passed an ordinance authorizing Mallis to enter into a contract with Atlantic Emergency Solutions to buy a new ladder truck for the fire department at a cost of \$2,398,917, with \$1 million of the cost to be paid through a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant, and the city paying the remaining \$1.4 million.

Other ordinances ap-

proved at the meeting included:

• Contract with Montrose Ford to purchase two 2023 Ford Explorers for the police department at a total cost of \$87,317.84.

• Contract with Flock Services Inc., for the continued utilization of 16 existing cameras in the city to read license plates at a cost of \$40,000 for each year of a five-year contract.

• Increase the compensation for the clerk of Bedford Municipal Court from \$126,458.75 for 2023 to \$128,672.15, effective Jan. 1, 2024. The 1.75 percent raise each year is mandated by Ohio Revised Code.

• Contract with Senior Transportation Connection to continue providing transportation services for residents, including to and from medical appointments, group shopping trips and other locations. This will extend the contract through 2024.

• Amended contract with GPD Group to continue providing engineering services to Bedford for next year.

• Contract with Atwell's Police and Fire Equipment for purchase of tactical ballistic vests and body armor for 25 members of the fire department at a cost of \$20,961.25.

• Three separate contracts:

between the city and patrolmen in the Bedford Police Department, between the city and the sergeants and lieutenants in the BPD, and between the city and Ohio Council 8 and Local 2007, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, representing Bedford's Service Department workers, to adopt the terms of each entity's respective agreements.

The agreements with the unions were reached after negotiations earlier this year regarding a number of issues, including yearly increases in employee insurance premiums over the next three years, as well as wage increases of 3% annually for 2024, 2025 and 2026.

Announcements

Howland announced that there was an open position on the Civil Service Commission beginning next year, and anyone interested could send a letter of interest and a resume to her office at City Hall, 165 Center Rd., Bedford, OH 44146.

Koci announced that Howland had received the "Auditor of State Award with Distinction" from the Ohio Auditor of State's Office.

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New Year's Day Mass, Monday, Jan. 1, 10 a.m. (English)

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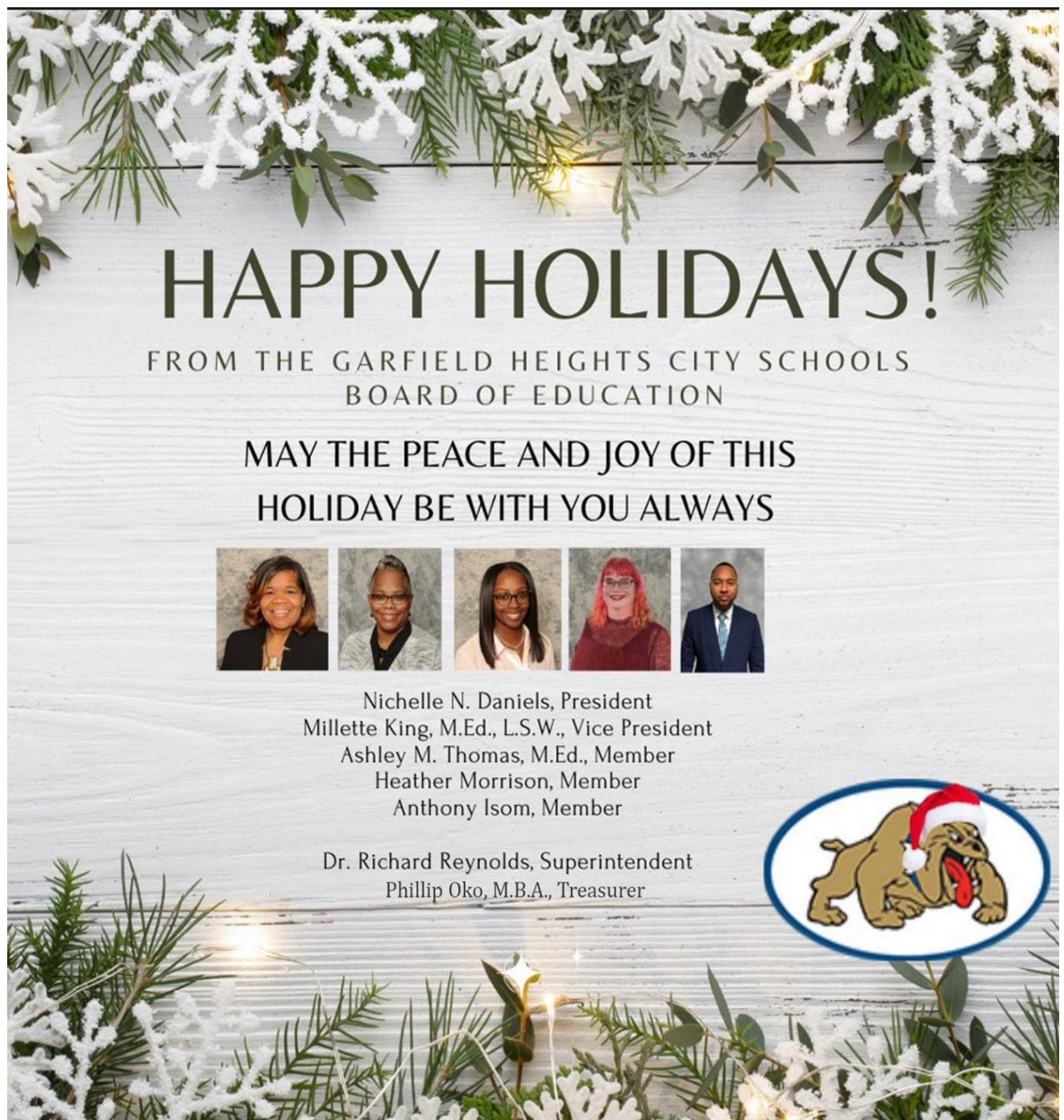
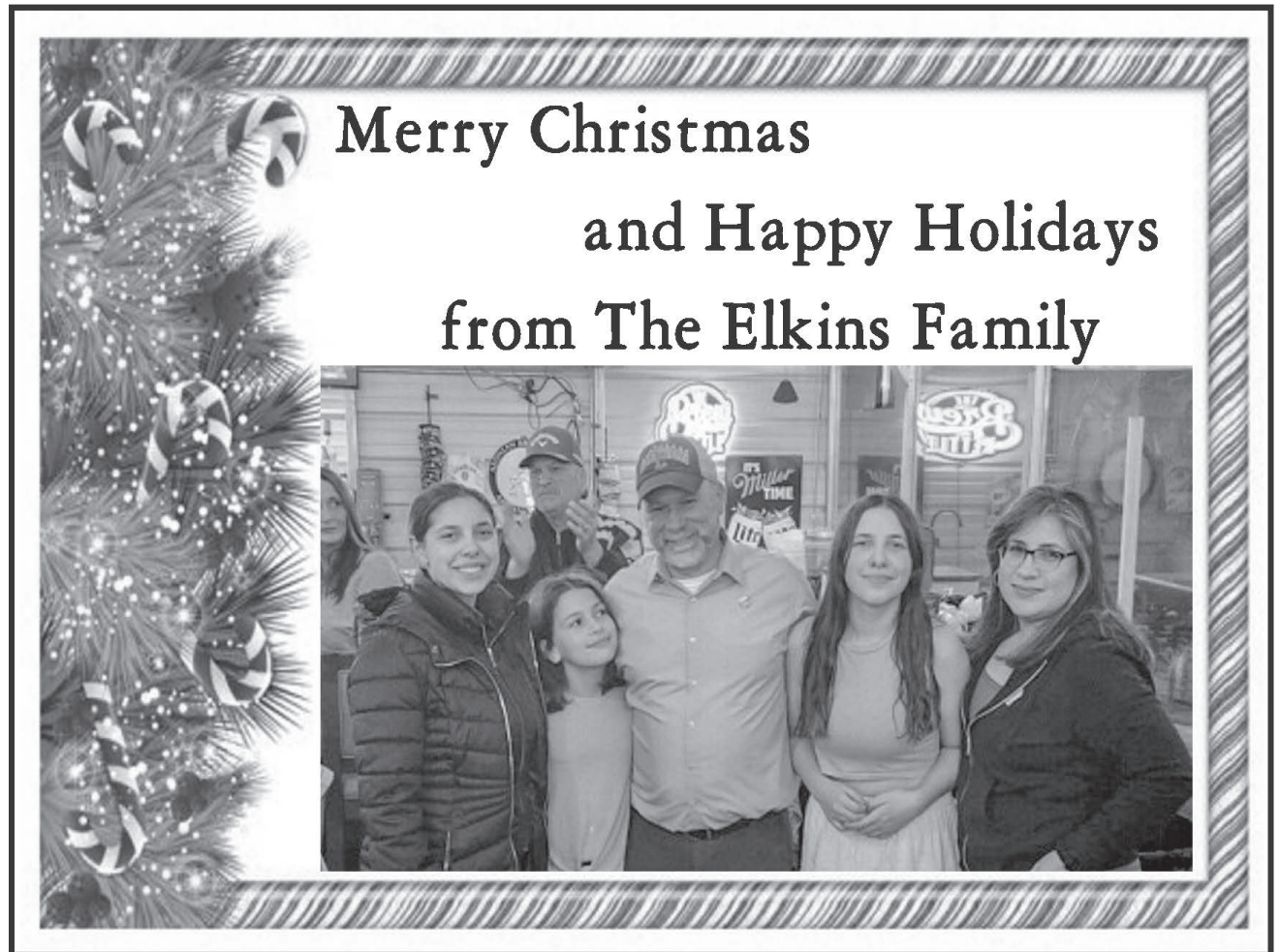
Christmas Eve Vigil Mass, Dec. 24, 5 p.m.; Pasterka or Shepherd's Mass, 12 midnight


Christmas Day Masses, Dec. 25, 8:30 a.m. (English); 10 a.m. (Polish); 11:30 a.m. (English)

Feast of the Holy Family, Dec. 30, Vigil Mass, 5 p.m.

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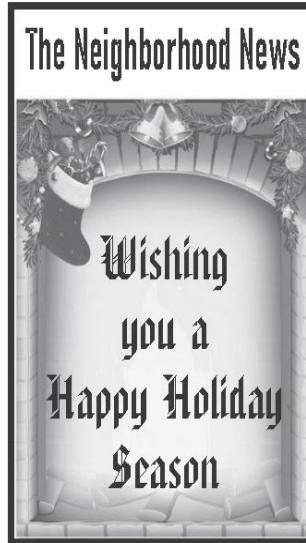
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NPS to close section of Towpath Trail for riverbank stabilization

Cuyahoga Valley National Park will close approximately 1.5 miles of the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail north of Station Road Bridge Trailhead in Brecksville from December 18, 2023 to May 3, 2024, 5 a.m. Mondays through 6 p.m. Fridays. The trail will be open on weekends.

The closure is necessary for public safety while a contractor completes riverbank stabilization. No detour is available. The work in the Station Rd. area will be completed in two phases. Phase 1 includes the area north of Station Road. Details of Phase 2, south of Station Rd., will be announced in 2024.

In 2022, the park announced \$14 million in funding for a project received through the Great American Outdoors Act's Legacy Restoration Fund to stabilize sites along the Cuyahoga River where erosion is threatening the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail and the tracks for the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad.



If you look for me at Christmas, you won't need a special Star. I'm no longer just in Bethlehem, I'm right there where you are. You may not be aware of me amid the celebrations you have to look beyond the stores and all the decorations. But if you take a moment from your list of things to do and listen to your heart, I'm waiting there for you. You're the one I want to be with. You're the reason that I came and you will find me in the stillness as I am whispering your name. My name is Jesus, who loves all of you. My Mom and Dad are celebrating my birth. My Heavenly Father who is your Creator and a beautiful Dove, who is the Holy Spirit. And a deciple of mine, who is Monsignor Antall. God Bless all of you who reads this. Your friend and old man, Dan Stys.

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LEGAL NOTICE REGARDING A
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COUNCIL MEETING**

In accordance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, and Chapter 208 of the Administrative Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Maple Heights, Notice is hereby given of a change in the Location for the January 3, 2024 City of Maple Heights Council Meeting from the Maple Heights Senior Center, the Usual Place of Holding Council Meetings, to the Maple Heights High School starting at 7:00 p.m. This Meeting will be held for the purpose of the official swearing in of the newly elected City Officials.

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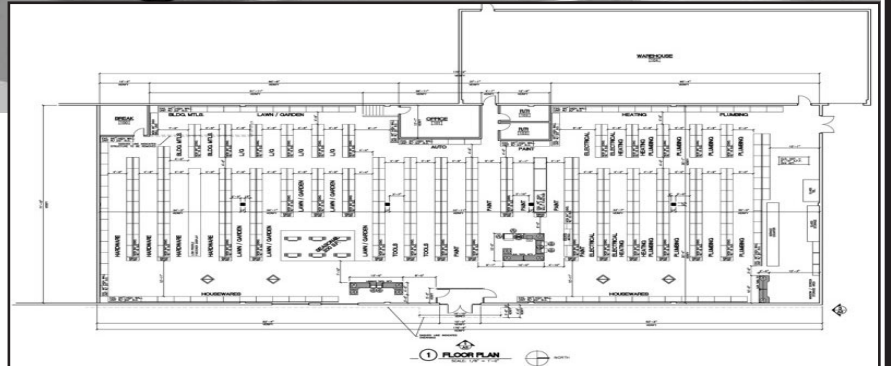
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Public Hearing Notice

The City of Garfield Heights will have a public hearing at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Road. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the request to the Board of Zoning Appeals by Craig Realty Group Cleveland LLC for approval of a Special Use to allow the Cuyahoga County Campus which will include a jail facility and related public uses on the property located at 5400 Transportation Blvd, Garfield Hts., Ohio, 44125 (PPNs: 542-23-012; 542-23-004; 542-23-001; 542-14-004; 542-15-002; 542-14-002; 542-22-022)

For additional information contact Tylon Hilt at 216-475-110 Ext. 2426.
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LEGAL NOTICE

The Garfield Heights Board of Education will hold its Organization Meeting on Monday January 8, 2024 at 6:00 pm. In addition, the District will also hold a public hearing on the proposed 2024-25 Tax Budget during this time. Draft copies of the 2024-25 Tax Budget along with the 2023 General Purpose Financial Statements are available upon request, pursuant to the requirements of the law.

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Missing from the picture are Membership Director Michele Juba Tino, Board member Judy George, Cultural Director Georgia Maresh, Board member Ted Krejsa and Education Director Kathy Harrison.

"Sokol Greater Cleveland is an amazing organization offering numerous gymnastic, educational and Czech cultural activities throughout the year along with a world class museum inside its beautiful historic building on North Broadway," Brancatelli said.

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