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## Council OKs appointment of new G.H. law director

By Ellen Psenicka

Garfield Heights Council ratified the mayor's appointment of Milko Cecez as the city's new law director at its meeting Monday night.

Current law director, Tim Riley, is retiring after nearly 30 years with the city of Garfield Heights. Mayor Matt Burke said Riley has done an "incredible job" for the city and is happy to report that Riley will stay on to work for Garfield Heights as a prosecuting attorney.

Riley praised his replacement and said Cecez, who will work full-time as law director, is very well qualified for the job and will be a great asset to the city.

The following emergency ordinances were passed by council at its Monday night meeting:

- Amending two 2023 ordinances to update salaries in the police and fire departments.
- Authorizing the advertising for proposals for various materials, services and supplies for the year ending Dec. 31, 2024.
- Establishing a maximum amount for blanket certificates for the year ending Dec. 31, 2024.
- Renewing an agreement on behalf of the city with the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District for the purpose of participating in the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program.
- Submitting payment to the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District and Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District for the purpose of public involvement and public education regarding soil and water conservation for 2024.

## Three council members sworn in at special Bedford Council meeting

By Judith Goldsworth

Three council members were all sworn into four-year terms of office at a special Bedford Council meeting last week.

Sworn into their first terms were Ward 2 Councilman Steve Salvi, who defeated incumbent Walter Genutis, and Ward 6 Councilman Anthony Longino-Thomas, who replaced the retiring incumbent Donald Saunders.

Ward 4 Councilman Frank Smith, who served two years of an unexpired term of office when longtime Councilwoman Paula Mizsak passed away in 2022, was sworn in to his first full four-year term at the meeting.

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## Zoning Board approves Craig Realty request

At the meeting of the Garfield Heights Zoning Board of Appeals last Wednesday, Jan. 3, a request from Craig Realty Group was approved for a U-8 Special Use District zoning overlay to develop its property at the former Bridgeview site on Transportation Blvd.

Craig Realty Group plans to develop the parcels in question for a jail and safety complex to be owned and operated by Cuyahoga County. Cuyahoga County Council authorized the purchase of 72 acres on Transportation Blvd. at a purchase price of \$38,703,00 last September.

New member and former councilman Chuck Donahue was voted in as the Zoning Board's chairperson.

## 17-year-old dies following shooting on Fleet Avenue

By Judith Goldsworth

A 17-year-old boy who was shot in the E. 69-Fleet area early Tuesday, Jan. 2, died of his injuries after being taken to the hospital, Cleveland police stated last week.

Cleveland Police Public Information Officer Wilfredo Diaz said that at about 4:15 a.m., officers responded to a call of a person shot in the 6800 block of Fleet Ave.

"Officers located a 17-year-old male who was a victim of a gunshot wound, and he was taken to the hospital by EMS," Diaz stated.

He said that the case was being investigated as a homicide and no further information, including the identity of the victim, was available.

Anyone with additional information on the shooting is asked to call the CPD Homicide Unit at 216-623-5464. Information can also be given to CrimeStoppers.

## Garfield Heights teen charged for murder of man in shooting at Pizza Hut

Garfield Heights police report that a 20-year-old male, found shot several times at Pizza Hut, 5526 Turney Rd., last week, died Saturday from his injuries.

According to a GHPD Facebook post, Garfield Heights officers responded to a report of shots fired at Pizza Hut, across from the police station, last Wednesday, Jan. 3, about 10:30 p.m. Upon arrival they discovered that the male victim from Garfield Heights had been shot several times. He was transported to CCF Marymount Hospital by Garfield Heights Fire/EMS and later transferred to MetroHealth Medical Center for treatment of his injuries.

The victim of the shooting, identified by media sources as Anthony Hairston, died at MetroHealth on Jan. 6. 18-year-old Dakaree Cook of Garfield Heights was taken into custody several blocks from the incident and has been charged with his murder, police posted. Cook received a \$10 million bond and was transferred to the Cuyahoga County Jail.

GHPD said this appears to be an isolated incident with both males knowing each other prior to the altercation.

## TROJANSKI HONORED FOR SERVICE



At the final Maple Heights City Council meeting of 2023, former District 6 Councilman Richard Trojanski was recognized for his 14 years of service on City Council. City leaders commented that since taking office Trojanski has worked tirelessly for the citizens of Maple Heights to improve city services and the quality of life for all residents.

Shown in the photo, from left, are: Councilwoman Edwina Agee, Councilman Richard Trojanski, Councilwoman Toni Jones, Mayor Annette M. Blackwell, Councilwoman Dana Anderson, Councilman Timothy Tatum and Council President Ron Jackson.

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*Iron Ward is the nineteenth century nickname for the Broadway Avenue neighborhood around which Cleveland's great iron and steel industry flourished. Originally known as Newburgh Township, it was annexed by Cleveland in 1878. It has used the tagline Slavic Village since 1978.*

Vol. 1 Issue: 1    **SLAVIC VILLAGE COMMUNITY NEWS**    January 10, 2024

Experienced travelers often search out regional museums in places they visit. Such institutions are the attic, treasury, and tangible soul of a community. Cleveland's historic Slavic Village, arguably the city's oldest neighborhood, now has four such museums.

**Slavic Village welcomes its fourth museum**



**The Darl Center for the Arts** is the newest cultural project in the Broadway East 55th landmark district. It was established last year in the historic Carnegie Free Library by entrepreneur and world traveler Darl Schaaff, who wanted an appropriate location to showcase his extensive collection of art, furnishings, and historical artifacts gathered from throughout the world over the span of his career. After a year of intense renovations to the unique ten-sided structure, the center held a soft opening in November along with numerous community gatherings. Schaaff hopes to make it the focus of revitalization efforts throughout the landmark district.

**Other Slavic Village museums:**

**Czech Museum and Cultural Center, 4939 Broadway Avenue**  
 On the street level of the historic Bohemian National Hall, the museum contains displays, artifacts, and documents relating to the Czech community, which began their immigration to America in the late nineteenth century. The museum is maintained by Sokol Greater Cleveland, the largest chapter in the nation's Sokol Organization. They offer physical training in gymnastics and other athletics, as well as cultural awareness and family oriented activities. The building's monumental second floor hall is available for private and community events. Call 216-883-0675.

**Polish American Cultural Center John Paul II, 6501 Lansing Avenue**  
 Housed adjacent to its banquet and performance hall, the museum contains displays and archives documenting Polish culture, traditions, language, history, literature, arts, music, theater, and education. Donations of historic artifacts are encouraged; the library is open to researchers by appointment. The center's mission is to provide an organizational structure for all who desire to be in touch with Polish heritage. The center has hosted numerous appearances in Cleveland of political, religious, and cultural luminaries from Europe. The 130-seat hall is available for rental. Call 216-883-2828.

**Slavic Village Historical Society, 6700 Lansing Avenue**  
 At its physical location in the former convent of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church as well as on its website, this group maintains an extensive archive of documents and photographs related to the history of the neighborhood, going back to its founding as Newburgh Township by Moses Cleveland's surveying party in 1796. The organization encourages the donation of new material to add to its collection. Museum tours available on request. Contact them through their website: [slavicvillagehistory.org](http://slavicvillagehistory.org) or by calling 216-218-7779.

*Iron Ward News has a nose for news about Cleveland's oldest neighborhood. Call/text 216.469.4806*

## Mayor Annette Blackwell sworn in to third term

By Judith Goldsworth

Maple Heights Mayor Annette Blackwell took the oath of office for a third consecutive four-year term at a special council meeting held at Maple Heights High School last Wednesday, Jan. 3.

The mayor thanked her husband, family and friends, political strategist Kim Brown and the rest of her mayoral campaign team, those in her "remarkable" administration, council members and other city officials, residents, business owners, volunteers, donors and others in Maple Heights for their hard work, time and financial contributions in support of her successful election.

"We've done a lot in the past four years," Blackwell said. "We've achieved significant successes, celebrated some unforgettable memories and accomplished results that are measurable, while improving the quality of life for our residents and all of our stakeholders."

She stated, "I stand before you, still committed, very passionate about the assignment, the work to lead the city of Maple Heights to its greatest days. We can look back, but if we look forward, we've got some great things coming."

Blackwell noted that just prior to the meeting she received word that a large grant had been awarded to Maple Heights, with additional details to be announced on the city's social media sites in the coming weeks.

Blackwell explained that with the assistance of Planning and Development Director Joe Duffy, Maple Heights has been excelling in the area of attracting new businesses and retaining and improving existing businesses, and through the work of Finance Director Tinita Tillman and her department, the city has not only come out of fiscal emergency, but also received two awards from the Ohio State Auditor's Office.

"Are we advancing forward? Are we winning? Do we have a great scorecard? Are these results measurable? They are," Blackwell said.

### Council members sworn in

Returning council members Toni Jones in District 2 and Dana Anderson in District 4 were sworn into new terms of office, while new Councilwoman Tina Stafford-Marbury was sworn into her first term as District 6's representative, having defeated incumbent Richard Trojanski in November.

Stafford-Marbury thanked her husband and family for their support in her campaign for the District 6 seat.

She said that as a past member of the city's Planning and Zoning Commission she had a history of serving residents and addressing their concerns. "I am committed to continuing to serve you with that same high energy, dignity, integrity and openness during my term."

The new councilwoman announced that her first District 6 Block Watch meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 22, at 6:30 p.m., in the large conference room of the Maple Heights Library. "I'm ready to get started, and I'm eager to continue to do the work that's already in progress," she said.

## Bedford Council meeting

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Salvi stated, "I would like to let the residents know, not only in Ward 2 but throughout the city, that I will begin to work, and I actually already have begun working, on many of the complaints I received when I went door-to-door during the campaign. There was a laundry list of issues that needed to be addressed. I've already begun addressing those, and I plan to be a very active council member."

Longino-Thomas thanked his extensive family and large group of friends for their support of his candidacy, including Ward 1 Councilwoman Sandy Spinks for her mentorship during the race.

"I'm learning to be a councilman," Longino-Thomas said, "and I'm going to learn it every day. I plan to make sure I do this, and I'm going to need help. You might have different views than I have, but you want this city to excel. I don't want my community to fail. Let's go ahead and work together to make sure that we have a good city."

Smith thanked his wife and the rest of his family for their support, adding, "I'd also like to thank all of you who voted for me... I invite you to contact me at any time if you need something. I'm here for you. I do need your input so we can move this city along and forward."

Councilwoman Spinks, whose absence was excused at the meeting, was chosen by a motion of council to serve as vice mayor for the next two years, to oversee proceedings in the event Mayor Stan Koci is not available to serve as mayor.

Council also approved a motion for Ward 3 Councilman Vic Fluharty, who served as vice mayor for the past four years, to serve as the new council liaison to the Bedford Historical Society.

Koci welcomed Judge Nick Papa, newly elected judge in the Bedford Municipal Court, as a special guest at the meeting, along with Phil Stevens, newly elected mayor of Bedford Heights, Councilman Timothy Tatum of Maple Heights, and other officials from Bedford and the surrounding communities.

## MHPD reports alleged road rage homicide

Maple Heights police, in a media release last week, reported a 32-year-old man was shot to death last Wednesday evening following a call that someone was shooting from their vehicle in the North Boulevard area.

On Jan. 3, around 6:48 p.m., Maple Heights Police were dispatched to North Boulevard in the area of Arch and Cato sts., for a report of someone shooting out of a vehicle. Upon arrival police units found a vehicle crashed into the home at the corner of Cato St. and North Boulevard, and a male laying on the ground near the driver's door of the crashed car.

The male, later identified as Christopher Jones, had been struck by gunfire, police said. Medical aid was summoned and the victim was transported to the hospital where he later succumbed to his injuries.

Investigation revealed at least one other vehicle that was engaged in road rage-type driving with the victim's vehicle prior to shots being heard and the victim crashing into the house. No other injuries have been reported. The investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information related to this case is urged to contact the Maple Heights Detective Bureau: 216-587-9624 or [Detectives@mhpd-ohio.com](mailto:Detectives@mhpd-ohio.com) Information can also be supplied to Crime Stoppers at 216-252-7463.

### The Neighborhood News accepts Death Notices via Email

Information for death notices must be submitted by the funeral home handling the arrangements via email. Send information to: [mnews1923@aol.com](mailto:mnews1923@aol.com). Cost is \$10 per column inch. Deadline to submit notices is Monday by 5:00 p.m. For further information and pricing, email The Neighborhood News or call 216-441-2141.

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# Community Police reports

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

## Garfield Heights

### Theft

On Dec. 15, at 7:31 p.m., an officer responded to the AT&T store on Vista Way for a theft incident. The store manager told police a male had entered the store at 5:45 p.m., and applied for credit to get two iPhone 15 Pro Max phones and two Apple Watch Series 9 smart watches. The manager left the area to run the information and when she returned the male had left the store with the four items. The manager was initially in contact with the suspect, who said he would bring the items back, but he stopped responding and never returned. Store manager advised to follow up with the Garfield Heights Detective Bureau.

### Disturbance

On Dec. 17, at about 10:30 p.m., police were dispatched to the Aries Lounge, 4619 Warner Rd., regarding a reported fight between 10 to 15 people outside the bar. When officers arrived they saw a crowd of people arguing but not actively fighting. All parties were told to stop arguing and leave the area, but one female remained and continued to be disorderly. She yelled at another female and attempted to incite a fight with her. After many unsuccessful attempts to calm her down, she was placed under arrest for disorderly conduct and put in handcuffs. She was transported to city jail and charged with disorderly conduct and underage consumption.

### Criminal Mischief

On Dec. 22, about 4 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the Shell gas station at 5095 Turney Rd., regarding a juvenile male harassing customers outside the store. When the officer arrived he saw the juvenile male and recognized the 13-year-old from past interactions. While the officer spoke with the store employee, the juvenile suspect ran towards the back of the building and jumped a fence to get away. The employee said the juvenile has been told to leave the property many times, is known to steal from the store and loiter outside asking people for money. He was asked to leave the property on Dec. 16, and unplugged the ice machine outside the store before leaving causing the ice to melt. The ice replacement cost \$227.40. The store has video surveillance of the juvenile unplugging the ice machine. The boy was charged with criminal mischief.

### Shots Fired

On Dec. 24, at about 9:47 p.m., police responded to the rear parking lot of Valley Lane Apartments after several callers reported hearing at least five shots fired in the area. A green Dodge Charger was reportedly seen leaving the area shortly after the shots were fired. Officers found several shell casings in the back parking lot. No victims were located but three cars had sustained damage from the gunfire, all parked next to one another. Recovered from the scene were eight .45 caliber casings and four 9mm casings. Evidence collected; no suspects at this time.

### Weapon Offense

On Jan. 7, at 2:03 a.m., police received a call for a disturbance and a male with a firearm at Kurt's Getaway Bar & Grill, 8909 Garfield Blvd. A large crowd formed around officers when they attempted to arrest the suspect. An officer advised police that three men involved in the disturbance, possibly armed, were leaving in a Mazda with Texas plates. An officer located the car on Grand Division and attempted to stop it. The car took off and a pursuit ensued. The pursuit ended on E. 34 St. and Croton St., due to a dead-end road. The back seat passenger fled on foot but was Tased, apprehended and handcuffed. Police held the two other males in the car at gunpoint, and a Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Authority officer driving through the area on an unrelated incident stopped to assist in the arrest.

*The following were taken from GHPD Weekly Incidents but reports were not made available as police continue to investigate the incidents.*

### Aggravated Robbery

• On Dec. 20, about 2:30 p.m., a call came into GHPD that a Door Dash driver from Pizza Hut, 5526 Turney Rd., had been robbed at gunpoint on Valley Lane Dr., then returned to the store. The driver said she went to drop off a \$99 order and when the male customer got the total, he pulled out a gun and told her to give him the pizza. She said the suspect was a black male, about 25-30 years old, wearing a black hoodie. A second person involved was also a black male wearing a black hoodie. Suspects were gone when police arrived to Valley Lane.

• On Dec. 30, about 3:30 p.m., a female from Valley Lane Dr. told police she had been robbed at gunpoint by four black males in a silver Ford Taurus. The suspects

took her keys, phone and wallet. The car was last seen going westbound on Rockside Rd.

### Burglary

On Dec. 24, at 10 a.m., a woman living in the 4800 block of E. 81 St., told police she had just awakened and found her purses and money missing. She said the front door had been kicked in.

### Breaking & Entering

On Dec. 27, at 7:21 a.m., it was reported that five mowers had been taken from the high school premises, 4900 Turney Rd. The next day it was reported that someone had broken into the old bus garage on high school property by smashing the door and had stolen at least six vehicles. Caller was still taking inventory and was cautioned not to touch anything.

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# 56 more fugitives arrested in 'Operation Clean Sweep'

Last Thursday Cleveland Mayor Justin M. Bibb and Cleveland Police Chief Wayne Drummond announced the results of "Operation Clean Sweep" – a multiweek operation aimed at taking individuals wanted for violent crimes from the streets of Cleveland. The Division of Police partnered with multiple local, state and federal agencies to arrest 56 individuals, ages 15 to 63, with felony warrants throughout the city.

"My Administration's top priority has been, currently is, and always will be ensuring the safety of our community," said Mayor Bibb. "This operation is the latest example of the power of partnerships – something we've been focused on leveraging ever since launching my RISE initiative. We are greater when we work together, and our community is safer as a result."

Between Nov. 28th and Dec. 20th, the operation netted 56 arrests for the following crimes:

- 15 - Felonious Assault Shootings
- 6 - Murder
- 6 - Grand Theft-Motor Vehicle / Aggravated Arson / Aggravated Menacing
- 6 - Drug Trafficking
- 5 - Aggravated Robbery / Carjacking
- 5 - Domestic Violence / Strangulation
- 5 - Federal and/or State Parole Violations
- 4 - Aggravated Burglary
- 2 - Rape / Kidnapping
- 2 - Weapons Violations

"The Division of Police is consistently working to maintain the safety and security of our community," said Chief Drummond. "As a direct result of this operation, we were able to arrest many wanted fugitives in the city of Cleveland."

"Operation Clean Sweep" was led by the Cleveland Division of Police including the NICE Unit, Criminal Gang Intelligence and Gang Impact Units, District Violence Crime Reduction Teams, Traffic Unit, K-9 Unit, Chopper Unit, Real Time Crime Center, District Vice Unit, Community Service Units, Cartel Gang Narcotics & Laundering Task Force, Fugitive Unit, Safe Streets Gang Task Force, Narcotics Unit, and SWAT Unit.

The Division collaborated with partners that included the U.S. Marshals and its Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

# Death Notices

## JOYCE M. BICAN



Joyce M. Bican (nee Lang), age 93. Beloved wife of the late William J. Bican, Jr. Loving mother of Bill (dec.) (Betty), Ed (Karen), Mary Florek (Eddie (dec.)), Donna Szczepaniak (Mike), George, and Susie Kozora (Dave (dec.)). Dearest grandma of Billy, Amy Bican-Alejandro (Juan), Joe (Amy), Ed, Michelle Santo (Kevin), Shannan Weinschreider (Alan), Kevin DeGrood (MaryBeth), Melissa Zanny (Dave), Ed Florek (Francesca), Mike Szczepaniak (Allie), and Stephanie Kleindienst (Nick). Great-grandma of Kyle, Allison, Andrew, Alex, Madilyn, Connor, Molly, Cara, Lily, Emmett, Logan, Nora, Michael, Enzo and Eddie, Jr. Sister of the late Janet Ference.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, Jan. 12, 2024 at 11 a.m., at St. John Nepomucene Church. PLEASE MEET AT CHURCH. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Family and friends are welcome Thursday, Jan. 11, 2024 from 4-8 p.m., at FORTUNA FUNERAL HOME, 7076 Brecksville Rd., Independence. At the request of the family, memorial contributions may be made in Joyce's memory to St. John Nepomucene Parish. Arrangements by Bican Bros. Funeral Home.

## JAMES CIESLA



James Ciesla, age 75, passed away December 29, 2023, peacefully with his wife and three sons at his side. Beloved Husband to Joanne Ciesla (Abramowski). Dear Father to Jason, Jonathan (Quentin), Jeffrey (Terra). Grandfather to Ulises and Isabelle. Brother of Jackie Adeen, Bob (deceased), Michael, and Susan Walls. Stepbrother of Tina Straka (deceased), Gary Likowski, Marty Likowski, Sue Schuplinski, and Laurie Holmes. Former Mayor and 12-year Council Member of the Village of Newburgh Heights. He enjoyed gardening, golf, and the Cleveland Air Show. He will be remembered in the lives of those he touched and will be missed.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024, from 2-6 p.m., at Fortuna Funeral Home, 7076 Brecksville Rd., Independence, Ohio 44131. Everyone is invited to a Mass of Christian Burial on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. at St. John Nepomucene Church, 3785 Independence Rd., Cleveland, OH 44105. Interment St. Mary Cemetery in Cuyahoga Heights.

**Washington Park Community School**  
4000 Washington Park Blvd., Newburgh Heights, Ohio 44105, 216-271-6055

The January 18th Meeting of the Washington Park Board of Directors has been changed to Thursday, January 25th at 5:30 p.m. at the school.

N.N.: 1-10-24

## Marquette U. Dean's List

Bella Ruffa of Independence, Ohio, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2023 semester at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Ruffa is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting.

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- Pinzone's Market (6046 Broadview Rd.)
- Maple Hts. Catering (17330 Broadway Ave.)
- Buckeye Quality Meats (9356 OH-14)
- Fairfax Market (2190 E. 105 St., Cleveland)
- Vermilion Farm Market (2901 Liberty Ave.)

# Library programs to highlight Eclipse over CLE - an amazing natural wonder

By Jay Ryan

The world is full of natural wonders, some near and some far. The Grand Canyon is a popular wonder way out West. Closer to Cleveland is Mammoth Cave, and Niagara Falls is closer yet. But the most amazing natural wonder in the world is not on the ground but in the sky - and it's coming to Cleveland!

The total solar eclipse of Monday, April 8, 2024 will be an incredible sight, not seen in the state of Ohio in over 200 years! The moon aligns with the sun and completely blocks the bright sunlight. Night will fall over Cuyahoga County at 3:13 p.m.

Start your eclipse planning at EclipseOverCleveland.com, and attend my colorful, informative and entertaining presentations over the winter at the Cuyahoga County Public Library, including the Maple Heights branch on Thursday, Jan. 18, and the Bedford branch on Saturday, Feb. 24. Registration is required. Go to CuyahogaLibrary.org and search under Classes and Events to register.


Some people might think they've already seen a total eclipse of the sun from here in Cleveland. But they're mistaken. They haven't seen anything like this before!

The moon becomes visible in the daytime sky, appearing as a velvety black silhouette, surrounded by the solar corona. This is the wispy outer atmosphere of the sun, looking like a spiderweb halo around the eclipsed sun, only seen during a total eclipse.

At the beginning of totality, the chromosphere is visible. This is the inner atmosphere of the sun, a beautiful pink glow under the rim of the eclipsing moon. It's common to see prominences erupting in the chromosphere, gigantic pink solar storms many times larger than the earth. According to NASA, the sun is presently very active, so many prominences might be visible during the 2024 eclipse.

The chromosphere and prominences are visible at the very beginning and very end of totality. So when they reappear, you'll know that the 3 minutes and 50 seconds of totality are almost up. And it'll be the shortest 3 minutes and 50 seconds of your life! These are among the wonders we can expect to see on Eclipse Day. So don't miss out! Make your eclipse plans now!

*(Jay Ryan has been a space nerd since his childhood during the Apollo Moon missions of the 1960s. He is a former contributor to Sky & Telescope magazine and has been popularizing astronomy since 1996. Jay has been a Neighborhood News reader since his youth in the Warner Road neighborhood of Cleveland.)*



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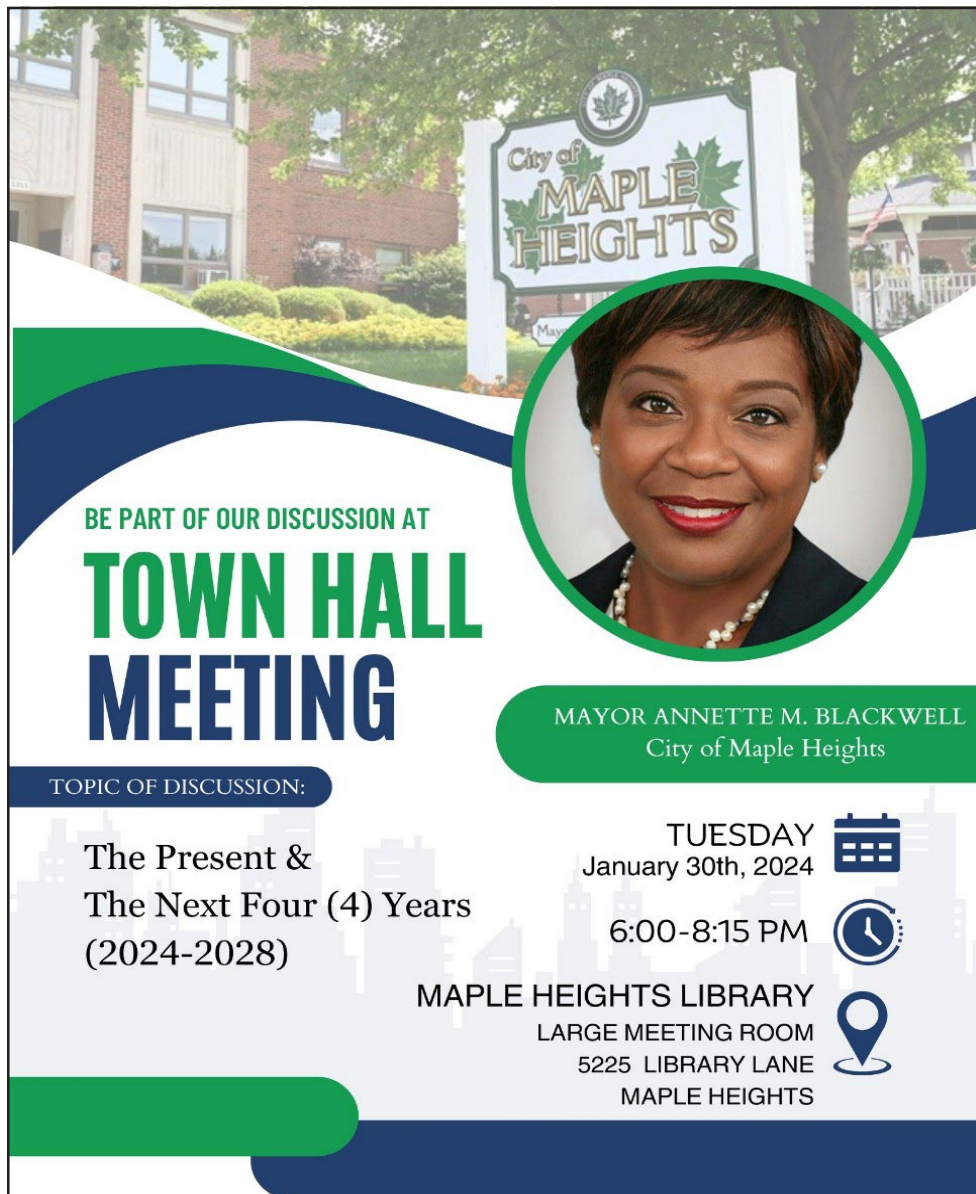
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