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Beech Brook moving to Garfield Hts. Icy conditions close Granger Rd. Hill, westbound Valley View Bridge

Beech Brook, a nonprofit that provides behavioral health services, including prevention, early intervention and treatment to empower children and families to overcome adversity, is moving to Garfield Heights!

After deciding to exit the residential treatment business in 2016, Beech Brook sold its 65-acre property at 3737 Lander Rd., in Pepper Pike, and recently signed a 10-year lease for space at 13201 Granger Rd., Garfield Heights, according to its website.

"One of the most important things that Beech Brook helps children and families find is hope - hope and excitement for the future," said Beech Brook President and CEO Thomas P. Royer. "These things often feel like they are lost during hard times and in many ways, I think we now feel like many of our clients when they gain that renewed sense of hope."

Royer said Beech Brook's new home checks all the boxes for what the nonprofit was looking for. It is situated adjacent to a University Hospitals Women's Health Clinic, within a half mile of a University Hospitals pediatric facility, and around the corner from a Cleveland Clinic office.

Beech Brook already serves Garfield Heights schools through its school-based programming and the site offers easy access via the highway and public transportation for staff, foster parents and Beech Brook clients.



The scene yesterday at the top of Granger Road Hill on Transportation Blvd., in Garfield Heights, which was closed by the GHPD down to Canal Rd., due to icy, unsafe conditions. Photo by Elena Psenicka

Due to a water leak and frigid temperatures, Granger Road Hill between Transportation Blvd. and Canal Rd., has been closed until further notice, as reported on the Garfield Heights Police Department Facebook Page. GHPD asks that motorists plan accordingly. They will post when the road reopens.

A two-car accident with multiple serious injuries was reported on Granger Road Hill at 8:02 p.m. Sunday, according to a GHPD report. All parties involved were transported via squad to MetroHealth Medical Center for treatment. The driver of Unit 1 was cited for overtaking/passing in the same direction, failure to control, no seatbelt and no passenger seatbelt in use (driver's responsibility). All parties were listed in stable condition at the time of the report.

Granger Road Hill was salted by the Garfield Heights Service Department as well as Valley View's, but the road remained icy and unsafe and was shut down until road conditions improved.

Bridge closed

GHPD posted at noon yesterday that all traffic on I-480 West is being diverted off the highway at Transportation Blvd., due to very icy conditions on the Valley View Bridge. They ask that motorists avoid the area if at all possible. GHPD will post once the bridge is reopened.



Beech Brook, a nonprofit providing behavioral health services to children and families, will move from its headquarters in Pepper Pike, Ohio, to this facility on Granger Rd., in Garfield Heights, adjacent to a University Hospitals Women's Health Clinic. Photo by Elena Psenicka

"This strategic location brings Beech Brook closer to more people who can utilize our vital services," Royer said via the organization's website.

The renovation of the new Garfield Heights office space is expected to be completed in approximately 90 days, with the move slated to take place in March or April.

But the real excitement is the ability to look forward, Royer continued. "At the end of the day, Beech Brook isn't defined by a location. It is defined by our staff, the people we serve and the impact we have on our community. Beech Brook's dedication to helping children and families thrive is at the forefront of our mission and this relocation represents a significant step toward furthering that goal."

Garfield Hts. Ward 7 Block Watch meets

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch, sponsored by Councilwoman Jenn Newrones, will meet Thursday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m., in the cafeteria of St. Benedict School, 13633 Rockside Rd. Guest speaker will be Garfield Heights Police Chief Mark Kaye. Nonperishable items for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry would be appreciated. All are welcome. For more information contact Gail, 216-662-9213.

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County offers resources for residents dealing with frigid temperatures

With temperatures in the single digits this week, Cuyahoga County urges residents to be prepared for winter weather.

Very low temperatures and high winds can quickly become hazardous for people, pets and property. Resi-

dents are advised to adhere to guidelines set forth by their respective municipalities regarding winter weather.

Be aware

Residents should be aware of their city's policy regarding snow removal and parking bans. Parking bans are often initiated to allow room for passage of snow removal and emergency vehicles. Vehicles in violation of active snow bans are subject to ticketing and towing. In the event of severe weather, trash and recycling services can be impacted or delayed.

Safe havens

Cuyahoga County recognizes the critical need for safe havens for its vulnerable population. The Office of Homeless Services works closely with providers through the Continuum of Care to ensure area shelters are open and have available space. The Continuum of Care is an extensive network of agencies that plans, organizes and delivers housing and services to prevent homelessness, assist people while they are homeless, and help transition people into stable housing.

Warming centers

Anyone seeking shelter should contact Coordinated Entry at 216-674-7400 or visit the City of Cleveland's Warming Centers. Residents are also encouraged to check in on seniors and those living at risk or needing assistance.

Safety tips

Dress warm: If you must go outside, wear several layers

of loose fitting, lightweight, warm clothing rather than one layer of heavy clothing. Outer garments should be tightly woven and water repellant. Always wear a hat and cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs.

Watch for signs of frostbite and hypothermia: Frostbite can result in loss of feeling and white or pale appearance in extremities such as fingers, toes, ears, and the tip of the nose. Hypothermia can cause uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, slurred speech, drowsiness and apparent exhaustion. If symptoms of frostbite or hypothermia are detected, get medical help as soon as possible.

Keep your pets safe: If it is too cold for you to be outside, it is probably too cold for your pet! Be sure to provide shelter for animals who regularly spend time outdoors.

Be prepared for power outages: Have food, prescriptions and supplies on hand before an outage occurs. Use flashlights instead of candles when able. Unplug electronics to avoid power surges when power is restored.

Use extra caution on the road: When driving, slow down and be aware of your surroundings. Allow extra time for travel. Watch for road closures and ALWAYS move over for emergency vehicles.

Stay warm safely: Be careful when utilizing space heaters. Do not use space heaters with an extension cord and unplug heaters when they are not in use. Never heat your home with a grill, stove or gas heater.

Be careful when shoveling: Shoveling snow can be hard work! Remember to take breaks when needed and stop immediately if you feel short of breath or have chest pain.

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New Year, Fresh Start with help from Legal Aid CLE City Council updates

By Tonya Sams

Happy New Year! With a new year is an opportunity for a fresh start and The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland can help!

Legal Aid has been offering free civil legal services to those with low incomes (up to 200% federal poverty guideline) since 1905 – the fifth oldest legal aid organization in the United States.

Legal Aid serves residents in Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake and Lorain counties. It cannot assist with applications for benefits or criminal cases.

Call Legal Aid if you need help with:

- **Housing** - foreclosure, eviction, landlord/tenant issues, utilities, public housing
- **Work** - unemployment compensation, IRS tax issues, sealing criminal records, securing a valid ID or professional license
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- **Family** - domestic violence, divorce, custody, immigration, education, estate planning
- **Health** - medical bill collection, access to medical records, Medicare and Medicaid, marketplace tax credits and penalties

Legal Aid was able to help Tiffany (name changed to protect privacy). Several years ago Tiffany was arrested for domestic violence, but was never charged or convicted. Unfortunately the record of that arrest continued to appear on background checks, interfering with her ability to gain employment. Tiffany's Legal Aid attorney researched the situation, contacted the arresting law enforcement agency and asked them to request that the Bureau of Criminal Investigation seal the records regarding Tiffany's arrest. Sometime later Tiffany's Legal Aid attorney received confirmation from the arresting law enforcement agency. Tiffany's arrest record had been sealed as requested, giving her the fresh start she was seeking.

Legal Aid provides more detailed information on these topics on its website. Go to laslev.org, click on "Services & Resources," then "Legal Resources" and choose a topic.

Legal Aid attorneys provide one-on-one consultation at Brief Advice Clinics. These brief clinics are held in libraries, community centers and other trusted sites. Some are based on a first come, first serve basis while some are by appointment only. For more information on brief clinics, go to laslev.org, click on the "Events" tab, then "Clinics."

Attorneys also represent clients at court and administrative hearings and go into the community to educate residents regarding their rights and the services that are available to prospective clients.

If you have quick questions regarding tenants rights and rental housing, call the Tenant Info Line at 440-210-4533 or 216-861-5955. For quick questions regarding employment, unemployment and student loans, call the Economic Justice Info Line at 440-210-4532 or 216-861-5899.

Help is also available by calling Legal Aid at 888-817-3777 during normal business hours or by applying online 24/7 at laslev.org/contact/. When speaking with a Legal Aid intake specialist be sure to have income information and necessary documentation related to your legal issue on hand. If English is not your first language, Legal Aid can provide interpreters and translation. Legal Aid also uses the Ohio Relay Service to support those who have a communication limitation.

To request an outreach/education event or materials for your community group, email: outreach@laslev.org.

(Tonya Sams is a Development & Communications Manager at The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland.)

Cleveland City Council held its first regular meeting of the new year on Tuesday, Jan. 8, and gave permission for 12 different runs this year throughout the city, everything from the Chili Bowl Classic 5K in February to the Will Run for Tacos 5K Event in July.

Council did not meet on Monday, Jan. 15, in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday.

Highlights of last week's meeting include the introduction of several pieces of legislation:

Highland Park Golf Course Rates: The administration is asking Council to approve increased course rates at Highland Park Golf Course including weekday and weekend prices. City of Cleveland residents could receive a discount, with a non-expired photo ID. The legislation will first be reviewed by the directors of Public Works, Finance, and Law departments before coming to Council Committees on Municipal Services and Properties, Finance Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

Shore-to-Core: Legislation was introduced to declare a large TIF (Tax Increment Financing) District in the downtown and near east and west sides to the shores of Lake Erie, where owners of parcels of real property within that district would be required to make payments in the future on gains in property values in lieu of taxes to the city.

TIF diverts a portion of the increase in property taxes resulting from private development to pay for public infrastructure in the city. The school district would be held harmless and receive the amount of funding they would have without the TIF. The legislation will first be reviewed by the directors of Economic Development, City Planning Commission, Finance, and Law before coming to Council Committees Development Planning and Sustainability, and Finance Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

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Community police reports

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

Criminal Damage-Auto

On Jan. 1, at about 12:45 a.m., police were dispatched to the 13100 block of Willard Ave., for a report of criminal damage to a vehicle. The owner of the Subaru Forester said her car's back glass had been struck by a bullet and broken out. The victim said she observed her car's back hatch was open about 12:30 a.m., and when she went outside to close it she observed the broken glass. A bullet fragment was located behind the driver's side seat on the floor board. There were no signs of forced entry.

On Jan. 2, at approximately 2:08 p.m., an officer responded to a home in the 13700 block of Oakview Blvd., for a criminal damage report. The owner of a Chevy Impala said he noticed what appeared to be a bullet hole in the rear of his car. He said he parked the Impala in his driveway at about 6 p.m., the day before without any damage to his car, so he believes the incident must have happened between 6 p.m. Jan. 1, and early in the morning on Jan. 2. The officer observed damage to the back-rear glass smashed in with an unknown object. No object or bullet fragments were found inside the car.

Criminal Damage-Residence

On Jan. 8, an officer was met at the police station by a

woman who wished to report an attempted burglary. She said that on Jan. 6, between 1 a.m. and 5:50 a.m., person(s) unknown tried to get into her home in the 13500 block of Eastwood Blvd., by breaking out a window of the side door of the residence. She said she and her family were home at the time of the incident. No other damage was done to the home.

Recovered Stolen Auto

On Jan. 7, at 6 a.m., an officer was dispatched with GHFD to the area of E. 135 St. and Silver Rd., for a black Ford truck with no plates that was on fire. The truck was halfway in the road and halfway in the driveway of a home there. The residents of the home said they had never seen the vehicle before and did not know the owner. They said they saw a black male run from the truck towards Granger Rd., but could not give a description. The GHFD put the fire out and noted heavy damage to the vehicle. The VIN was run through dispatch which advised the truck was stolen out of Cleveland.

On Jan. 11, at 6:06 p.m., police were dispatched to the area of Turney and Hempstead rds., when a male was observed driving a gray 2019 Honda Accord with fictitious plates. The car was confirmed stolen with GHPD. A traffic stop was initiated and the suspect fled from police leading officers on a chase which ended in a crash in Maple Heights. He then fled on foot and was apprehended near the crash location. In a separate report, an officer was met at the GHPD station by a man who wanted to report damage to his vehicle and property in the 12000 block of Woodward Ave., as a result of the Accord that was pursued by police. He said that after the Accord hit a mailbox, it continued through the victim's property damaging a 7-foot section of curbing next to his driveway as well as putting two large ruts in his front lawn. He said

debris from the Accord struck and damaged the right tail light of his vehicle.

Animal Cruelty

On Jan. 8, about 11 a.m., an officer responded to a rental property in the 8800 block of Garfield Blvd., with the owner reporting that the previous tenant had stolen household appliances. The owner also told dispatch he had discovered a dead animal, possibly a cat, in the freezer. The animal warden was already on scene when the officer arrived talking to the landlord, who said the renter had informed him that on Dec. 5, 2023, he had been admitted to the hospital with health issues and that his son would be taking care of the animals while he was gone. Several days later, possibly Dec. 15/16, the renter passed away. The landlord asked the son when he would be moving his father's things from the residence but did not press the issue of when it would be done as it was the holidays and he felt sympathetic. He said the son called him on Jan. 6, 2024, and said everything was moved out and the key was in the mailbox. The landlord said he went to the property later that night for a walk-through and found that his refrigerator and stove had been stolen. He looked into a small freezer that was in the kitchen and saw the deceased animal inside. The officer and the animal warden went inside the residence, opened the small stand-up freezer and discovered a white, medium-sized dog, about 30 pounds, frozen inside. The animal warden could not determine if the dog was dead or alive when it was placed inside. The animal warden confiscated the dog and will keep it until the Detective Bureau reaches out. Police report noted that the renter's son is a possible suspect in the incident.

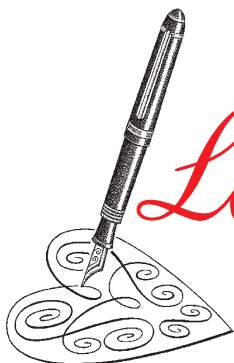
Assist Other Department

On Jan. 8, about 2:45 a.m., police were dispatched to the area of Broadway Ave./McCracken Blvd., for a report from Bedford Police Department that they were pursuing a stolen vehicle, a 2019 grey Hyundai Elantra. Prior to units responding to the area, dispatch advised that the stolen vehicle had crashed on the eastern most tracks on

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McCracken Rd., and Bedford police were in a foot pursuit along the train tracks headed north. Garfield Heights police responded to the area of Southern/Claremont after dispatch advised Bedford police had lost sight of the suspect around the football field. While patrolling on foot a Garfield Hts. officer located a suspect in the rear yards along the south side of Garland Rd. An officer assisting saw the male run out of the backyard and run north across Garland. While running, the male suspect reached in his front waistband and was given orders to stop reaching, but the suspect continued. An officer Tased the suspect but it was ineffective and he continued to run north where officers lost him. Bedford Heights had the stolen vehicle towed off the tracks.

Weapon Offense

On Jan. 12, about 1:13 a.m., an officer on patrol in the area of Turney Rd. and Runnymede Ave., observed a white work van slowly driving through the parking lot of the old Burger King at 4741 Turney Rd., with no headlights on. The officer made a traffic stop and the car pulled over at Turney Rd. near Parkview Ave. It was found the driver had an outstanding warrant with GHPD for driving under suspension. He also did not have a valid driver's license. He was patted down for weapons and placed in handcuffs. During an inventory of the suspect's car, police found a loaded handgun under the driver's seat. His criminal history revealed the suspect had multiple felony convictions including aggravated robbery. He was transported to city jail and booked for his traffic warrant and having weapons under disability.

Stabbing

On Jan. 12, about 7:03 p.m., a stabbing was reported in the 8300 block of Garfield Blvd. Police were dispatched and located the victim, who was transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The suspect was apprehended and arrested.

County program helps residents settle estates

Cuyahoga County is hosting more Great Estates Program outreach events to help residents avoid unnecessary costs and delays in settling an estate. The program provides guidance and documents for real estate, bank accounts, motor vehicles, and other personal property to ensure that assets are passed directly to the intended beneficiary. In addition, there will be a discussion on the importance of trusts in estate planning.

Five public outreach events have been scheduled throughout the county, one of them locally at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights, on Thursday, Feb. 8, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Transportation will be provided to the Garfield Heights Civic Center for Maple Heights residents. Please contact the Senior Center at 216-587-5481 for information on transportation.

"The Great Estates Program launched in 2023, and has been highly successful in providing residents with the

tools and resources needed to lessen the complexity of the estate planning process," said Michael Chambers, Chief Fiscal Officer of Cuyahoga County. "By expanding outreach efforts across the region, we hope to reach even more people in need of this helpful information."

Representatives from the County's Fiscal Office and Cuyahoga County Probate Court will be available at the outreach events to provide residents with a Great Estates Program Kit. The kit contains documents needed for real estate and motor vehicle title transfer. Representatives will answer questions about how to fill out and file the appropriate paperwork and be available to process real estate affidavits on-site.

Registration is encouraged. Type in this link to the registration page: [Real Estate Services Department \(timetap.com\)](https://www.timetap.com). Great Estates Program Kits are also available at the Cuyahoga County Public Library and Cuyahoga County Auto Title Bureaus.

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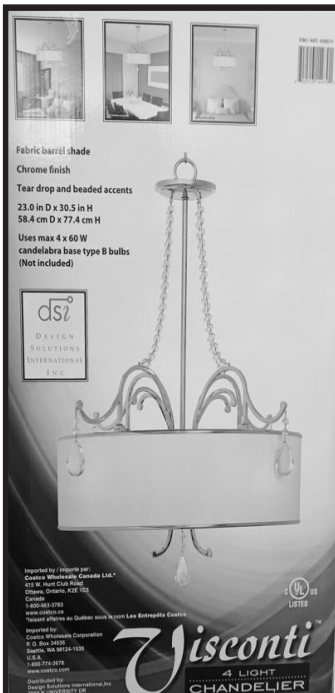
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