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Holiday lighting contest winners named at Garfield Heights Council meeting

By Ellen Psenicka

At Monday night's meeting of Garfield Heights Council, winners of the 2023 Residential Holiday Lighting Contest were presented certificates in each of the seven wards in the city as well as an overall winner.

"I'm very proud of the city of Garfield Heights," Mayor Matt Burke said before presenting certificates to the winners present at the meeting. "We had more nominees this year than in the history of the contest."

Winners chosen for best residential holiday lighting display, chosen from nominations by residents, were:

Ward One

Clayvonne Garr – 13517 Cranwood Park Blvd.

Ward Two

Evelyn Aponte - 12804 Reindeer Ave.

Ward Three

Tom and Lisa Johnson – 4945 Donovan Dr.

Ward Four

Valerie and Thomas Happy, Sr. – 8901 S. Highland Ave.

Ward Five

(Name not given) - 5089 Turney Rd.

Ward Six

The Wagner Family - 13409 Oak Park Blvd.

Ward Seven

Shawn Driscoll and Donna Rojeck - 12827 Grannis Rd.

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Mark and Kim Butcher – 10306 Grace Ave.

Passed at the Monday night council meeting was the following legislation:

- An ordinance authorizing the disposal of municipally owned property which has been determined to be no longer needed for municipal purposes. The city of Garfield Heights will donate to the city of Maple Heights 45 body cameras, 4 camera data transfer docks, 50 Alligator camera mounting clips and 44 magnetic camera mounts.

- An emergency ordinance authorizing the mayor to apply for the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency H2OHIO Rivers Initiative Chloride Reduction Grant to reduce chloride from de-icers entering surface waters from roadways and storm water runoff. The EPA awards grants of up to \$75,000 for this purpose.

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Know Your Rights

Learn about tenants' rights, rent escrow and more at The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland's Know Your Rights presentations on Tuesday, Jan. 23, Wednesday, Feb. 21, and Thursday, March 21, at the Stella Walsh Recreation Center, 7345 Broadway Ave., Cleveland.

All presentations will begin at 5 p.m., and there will be an opportunity to talk with an attorney at 5:30 p.m. Registration is encouraged: laslev.org/2023StellaWalsh

Gardeners getting ready

By Chuck Gliha

Proving that gardeners are some of the biggest optimists around, Slavic Village's major grassroots gardening organization chose to meet during the coldest and snowiest week of the year to plan how to develop the neighborhood once warm weather returns.

The Art and Gardens Initiative, under the leadership of Anne Sherridon of the Gold Plum, reviewed their accomplishments of the past year, especially in upgrading the planters along Fleet Ave.

And they looked at how they could further their mission of encouraging public and private gardening to make a "garden district" out of the entire neighborhood.

Among their upcoming projects:

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NOACA recommends Maple Hts. be awarded \$750,000 in funding for Southgate Park Blvd. improvements

The NOACA Planning and Programming Committee met on Jan. 19, to announce that it was recommending that the city of Maple Heights be awarded \$750,000 in Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) implementation funds for the Southgate Park Boulevard Improvement Project, which has an estimated \$1,356,639 in construction costs.

The next step in the approval for this funding will be consideration at the March 2024 Board of Directors' Executive Committee meeting.

The Southgate Park Boulevard Improvement Project will resurface the existing roadway and include a "Road Diet" to reduce the width of the existing vehicular lanes and provide one way buffered bike lanes in each direction.

The project will also improve pedestrian facilities by constructing additional sidewalks to provide access to all bus stops, bus shelters with bike racks at select locations, and pedestrian crossings with Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons. Future improvements will provide a connector trail to Stafford Park.

The Southgate Park Boulevard Improvement Project meets all of the TLCI Policy Objectives which are:

- Develop transportation projects that provide more travel options through complete streets and context sensitive solutions, increasing user safety and supporting positive public health impacts
- Promote reinvestment in underutilized or vacant/abandoned properties through development concepts supported by multimodal transportation systems
- Support economic development through place-based transportation and land use recommendations, and connect these proposals with existing assets and investments
- Ensure that the benefits and burdens of growth, change and transportation projects are distributed equitably by integrating accessibility and environmental justice into projects
- Enhance regional cohesion by supporting collaboration between regional and community partners
- Provide people with safe and reliable transportation choices that enhance their quality of life

The Ohio Department of Transportation, in concurrence with NOACA, will have the role of oversight over the Southgate Park Boulevard Improvement Project. The city will work with ODOT to expedite the process and hopes to have the project ready for the 2025 construction season.



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CLE Council OKs more money for emergency shelters

Cleveland City Council held its regular meeting Monday night and after much discussion approved \$225,000 for seasonal emergency shelter funds for the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless and Metanoia Project, Inc. for the city's unsheltered residents during the winter season. Council amended the legislation to require monthly reports on the efforts.

Cleveland Kitchen Expands: Council approved entering into a Job Creation Income Tax Credit Incentive

Program agreement with Cleveland Kitchen for its expansion at 7501 Carnegie Ave. Currently it leases 20,199 square feet, and will expand into an additional 37,768 square feet. Cleveland Kitchen bought and is closing its California facility that produces pickles and sauerkraut and is moving production to Cleveland, which will add about 80 new jobs. The city is offering a 5-year, 50% payroll tax credit on the 2.5% income tax withheld by the employer.

New Cleveland Landmark: Council designated the American Gas Association Appliance Testing Laboratory at 1030 E. 62 St., as a Cleveland Landmark. In 1925, Cleveland was chosen as the best location for the AGA Testing Laboratory because of its central location relative to appliance manufacturers and a facility with supplies of both natural and manufactured gasses.

Gardeners getting ready

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- Better marketing to encourage gardening enthusiasts to become active and to move into the neighborhood
- A warm-weather event at Gertrude Gardens that will be open to the public
- A late-summer garden contest to acknowledge the neighborhood's most creative efforts

The Initiative gets active on the streets from early spring through late fall, each Thursday evening at a different location. To join them, call 216-469-4806.

At a separate meeting last week in the Cleveland Foundation's new headquarters on Euclid Ave., Slavic Villagers joined key leaders of GardenWalk Cleveland to plan activities throughout the city. The neighborhood's own Marie Kittredge, who led the group for several years, passed the leadership baton to Casey Hill of the Old Brooklyn neighborhood.

The other major result of this meeting was the ratification of a list of neighborhoods and dates for their popular garden tour. It will take place on the weekend of July 6-7, 2024, and Slavic Village will again be a featured neighborhood. Watch The Neighborhood News for updates on how to participate.

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NN 'Freebies' offered for Home + Garden Show

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Just stop in to The Neighborhood News office, 8613 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Heights, during regular business hours and enter to win in the free drawing. Deadline is Thursday, Feb. 1.

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City of Bedford Police Patrol Officer Exam

The City of Bedford Civil Service Commission will be establishing a list of candidates for the position of Patrol Officer for the City of Bedford Police Department. The written test will be administered through the National Testing Network (NTN) at www.nationaltestingnetwork.com.

In addition to testing, candidates will be required to complete a City of Bedford candidate application package. Applications are available on the City's website at <https://bedfordoh.gov/civil-service-commission/> or at Bedford City Hall, 165 Center Road, Bedford, Ohio 44146. The candidate application package deadline is February 21, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

For further information visit: <https://bedfordoh.gov/civil-service-commission/>

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Lighting contest winners

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• A resolution to apply for a 2024 Community Planning Grant to implement recommendations for the city's Master Plan, specifically the E. 131 St. neighborhood and the Turney Rd. Corridor north of I-480, identified as Focus Areas in the Garfield Heights Master Plan.

Garfield Heights Law Director Tim Riley was praised for his work with the city for almost 30 years by the mayor, members of his administration and all council members. This was his last council meeting serving as law director, but he will continue to serve the city as prosecutor. Garfield Heights Council ratified the mayor's appointment of Milko Cecez as the city's new law director at its meeting on Jan. 8.

Ward 7 Councilwoman Jennifer Newrones announced a planning meeting on Jan. 31, at 5 p.m., in the cafeteria at the Garfield Heights Civic Center for this year's Memorial Day Observance. All those interested are welcome.

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Community police reports

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Garfield Heights

Traffic Offense-Fleeing

On Jan. 19, about 8:53 p.m., officers initiated a traffic stop on a white Dodge Charger traveling east on Turney Rd. The car was accelerating at a high rate of speed causing it to fishtail all over the road in a reckless manner in the curb lane as it passed vehicles driving in the same direction, and was clocked at 40 mph in a 25 mph zone. The Charger came to a slow stop at Turney and Orme rds. As one of the officers approached the car it sped away at a high rate of speed while fishtailing. A pursuit was initiated but quickly terminated by officers due to road conditions. The Charger was observed running a red light on Turney Rd. at Rockside, passing vehicles on the right at excessive speeds. The driver of the car was identified through LEADS. The Garfield Heights prosecutor will review the report for fleeing and eluding charges.

Fireworks

On Jan. 21, about 6:30 a.m., officers responded to a home in the 11400 block of Tonsing Ave., for a report of shots fired. A woman told police two female juvenile relatives were upstairs in the house with several unknown males causing a disturbance. She said she had heard what she thought were gunshots possibly coming from the

upstairs front portion of the house. After several police commands for the upstairs occupants to come down, they complied. One of the juveniles was found to be entered as missing through GHPD. The upstairs was searched for weapons but none were found. It was learned that the brother of one of the juveniles had admitted to setting off some firecrackers earlier. Charges for possessing and discharging fireworks pending through the Youth Bureau.

Traffic Offense-OVI

•On Jan. 12, an officer was traveling through the parking lot of Garfield Heights High School heading to the Turney Rd. exit as students were being dismissed from school when he saw a white Toyota Rav4 traveling south on Turney at a high rate of speed in a 20 mph school zone clearly marked with flashing lights. The officer turned his lights and siren on and attempted to catch up to the vehicle. The Toyota swerved to avoid hitting a car directly in front of it, ran the red light on Turney at Vernon Ave., then came to a complete stop. Two other officers pulled behind the original officer to assist. The driver rolled down her window as officers approached and they observed an odor of alcoholic beverage coming from her car and signs indicating she was driving while impaired. Officers also noted a large kitchen knife laying on the passenger seat in plain view. They patted her down for weapons and gave her a Field Sobriety Test. She failed the test and was placed under arrest for OVI. She was taken to city jail and charged with OVI, OVI-refusal, red light, expired plates, reckless operation, speed and no seat belt.

•On Jan. 21, at about 9:20 p.m., police were dispatched to the I-480 exit ramp of Transportation Blvd. for a report of an accident involving two vehicles. One of the cars involved, a black Jeep, was parked on the side of the road, and a Toyota Corolla that had driven off the exit ramp into a grassy area outside the roadway was stuck in the snow. The driver of the Jeep told police that the driver of the Corolla had struck her vehicle on I-480 in the city of Brooklyn. She said the Toyota fled from the scene and she followed it to this location where the vehicle left the roadway. The Jeep was observed to have damage to its rear left bumper and the Toyota had front end damage.

The driver of the Toyota told police that the Jeep had struck her car on I-480 near Parma, and the Jeep was chasing her which caused her to run off the roadway at the Transportation Blvd. exit. Based on statements from both parties it was determined that the accident did not happen in Garfield Heights, and advised both parties to contact Brooklyn PD should they want an accident report. While speaking with the Toyota driver, an officer observed she had slurred speech, struggled to maintain her balance and smelled of alcoholic beverage. Police gave her a Field Sobriety Test and determined she was impaired. She was placed in handcuffs and transported to city jail. Once there she refused to submit to a chemical breath test. Police advised Brooklyn PD of the incident. Toyota driver arrested for OVI and issued citations.

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Bedford finance director, department honored with Auditor of State Award

By Judith Goldsworth

In recognition of their outstanding performance, the city of Bedford's Finance Department and its director, Jennifer Howland, were honored with the Auditor of State Award with Distinction at the Bedford Council meeting last week.

Katheryn M. Semo, the Northeast Ohio regional liaison with the State Auditor's Office, while presenting the award to Howland and her department, stated that only a small number of municipalities in the state were eligible to receive the honor.

"I'm happy to be here this evening to present the Auditor of State Award with Distinction to Jennifer, as well as the city of Bedford, for Fiscal Year 2022," Semo said. "We don't give very many of these out. We have about 6,000 clients, and only about 4% are eligible to get this award."

"This award is presented for excellence in financial reporting," Semo said, "related to your annual comprehensive financial report in compliance with applicable laws for finance, for the year ending in 2022."

Howland thanked Semo for presenting her with the honor, stating, "I couldn't do any of this without my staff, without the support of the administration and council." She also

thanked her predecessor, former Finance Director Frank Gambosi, for his leadership and guidance.

Mayor Stan Koci said, "These are the things we like to see, and it's a good thing that we get to do here. And congratulations to you, of course, and to everybody over there in the Finance Department. They do a great job, day in and day out. It's nice to get some outside recognition for the good job that you guys are doing."

City Manager Mike Mallis also congratulated Howland and her department for the award, adding, "Very few municipalities receive this. And that's a huge accomplishment for the Finance Department and the city of Bedford, and being good stewards of the public finances."

Public meeting at Ellenwood Rec

In his report to council, Mallis announced that a public meeting will be held at Ellenwood Recreation Center tonight, Wednesday, Jan. 24, at 6 p.m., to discuss the expansion of the Bedford Commons area in the Historic Downtown District.

"We started talking about this project a couple of years ago, and the city was awarded a substantial grant that is going to contribute to the majority of that project. We would like to outline that and share the renderings that city council and the administration have been discussing over the last year," Mallis said, adding that the public was welcome to offer their feedback on the project.

Mallis also stated that the Cleveland Metroparks would be conducting deer culling operations in the Bedford Reservation, now through the middle of March. "Any areas will be properly blocked off and signage will be up, and the park will be closed down during that time." Additional information would be posted on the Metroparks alerts page and parks closure page, he said.

Regarding the condition of one of the main roads in the city and future plans, Mallis said, "One of the roadways that we're looking at as a substantial project in the future is going to be the resurfacing of Solon Road, a county roadway."

Mallis stated that he and other Bedford officials had some very positive discussions with the county late last year, and Bedford is outlining a plan to move forward to get that road resurfaced.

He also reported that the city had been contacted by the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Office about the appraisers that would be in town to work on the reappraisal process for the city's properties. "They do have the proper identification as far as their lanyards and their county official badge, and I imagine they'll be out at least through the middle of February," Mallis said.

Legislation, motions on agenda

Council passed an ordinance authorizing Mallis to contract with Hall Public Safety to outfit the two 2023 Ford Explorers purchased late last year for the city's police department. Total cost to outfit both vehicles was stated at \$35,603.72.

Also passed was an ordinance authorizing Mallis to contract with Fifth Asset, Inc., dba Debtbook, for software to "track and report debt, leases and Internet Technology subscription agreements for city of Bedford financial statement purposes," through the State Cooperative Purchasing Program, at a cost of \$34,000, to be paid over a three-year period.

Placed on first reading was an ordinance to amend the zoning code of the codified ordinances of the city concerning off-street parking and its requirements in residential, two-family or multi-family districts, and setting weight limits on vehicles parking in driveways. The legislation will be discussed further by council before passage.

Council passed the following motions:

- To reappoint Jeff Slezak to the Civil Service Commission.
- To accept the Planning Commission's decision denying Mary Nunley of Freedom Forever a Zoning Permit to install a roof-mounted, solar photovoltaic system on a dwelling located at 36 Eldred Ave. Koci explained the reason for denying the permit was that the solar panels would have been on the south side of the house, in view of other residents of the street.
- Another motion to accept the Planning Commission's decision approving Nunley/Freedom Forever for a Zoning Permit to install a similar solar system at 378 Kenyon Ave., was approved, while council accepted the Commission's decision denying Nunley/Freedom Forever for a Zoning Permit for another similar system at 871 McKinley Ave.
- To accept the Board of Zoning and Appeals' decision approving Deosola LLC and LAM Foodservice Consulting Inc., located at 115 Northfield Rd., to continue the use on residential premises.

Announcements

Councilwoman Sandy Spinks thanked her fellow council members for naming her the city's vice- mayor, at the organizational meeting held in early January.

Councilman Jeff Asbury announced that the Bedford Downtown Alliance's "Mitten Fence" was still up between Gionino's Pizza and Spirit Apotheosis on Broadway Ave. Donations of new or gently used clean hats, scarves, mittens and gloves are gratefully accepted, and those in need of warm winter clothing are welcome to take what they need.

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(Top photo by Elena Psenicka; bottom photo by Chuck Gliha)



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List of Meetings for February 2024

Tuesday, February 6, 2024	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 7, 2024	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 14, 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, February 20, 2024	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 21, 2024	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 27, 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.

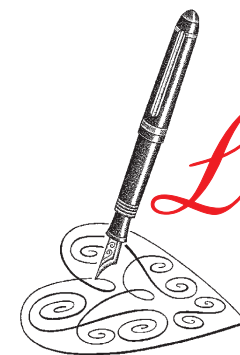
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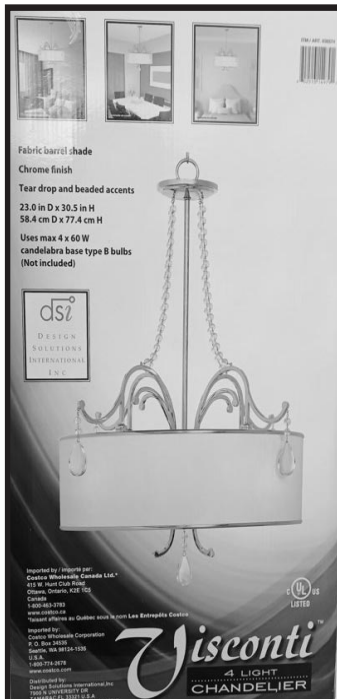
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Maple Heights Council approves union agreements for city employees

By Judith Goldsworth

Maple Heights Council passed several resolutions to approve three-year union agreements for city employees, including police, fire and other workers, at its regular meeting last week.

The resolutions authorize Mayor Annette Blackwell to enter into collective bargaining agreements with the following unions that represent the city's employees:

- International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 507 and the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Auto Mechanics Local 1363 (service department, workers and mechanics and park technicians);
- Firefighters Association IAFF Local 1184 (fire cadets, firefighters, lieutenants and captains);
- Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (full-time and part-time corrections officers);
- Fraternal Order of Police, George Murray Lodge, Maple Heights Division (patrol officers and detectives, and sergeants and lieutenants).

All of the resolutions are effective from Jan. 1, 2024 through Dec. 31, 2026.

Blackwell praised all of the unions for their cooperation in the successful negotiation process. "We addressed equity issues with paying salaries comparable with nearby cities, and so we're excited to be able to move forward and get these increases and all of the things you'll see in the agreements to those unions... these are significant increases, and we have to continue to be competitive," she said.

Also approved was an ordinance waiving from Jan. 1, 2024 through Dec. 31, 2024, the 100% escrow requirement to correct violations resulting from point of sale inspections, according to the city's codified ordinances, "to offer an incentive to individuals who purchase residential properties and occupy such residential properties."

Blackwell said that similar legislation had been passed each year in the past several years, emphasizing that the benefit of waiving the escrow requirement, where money could be put towards the purchase of the property instead of into escrow funds, was the success of individual home ownership in the city.

"This is not for investors," she stated. "This is for people who are looking to buy homes. These are people who it

may be their first time buying homes, and so we wanted to do this to remove some of the barriers to home ownership in Maple Heights."

Storage tank removal gets green light

Council also approved legislation concerning the Service Department underground storage tanks removal project, including one resolution authorizing Blackwell to accept the quote by Precision Pump, Inc., in the amount of \$35,999, for the removal of two 10,000-gallon gas and diesel used oil underground storage tanks and one 2,000-gallon tank located at the Service Department refueling island.

Service Director Tony Ciresi, with the assistance of CREtelligent, an Akron-based commercial real estate company and its engineer, Fraser Hamilton, sought and received the proposals from Precision Pump and two other companies for the removal project, according to the bill.

The second resolution passed at last week's meeting authorizes Blackwell to enter into a Professional Services Agreement, with CREtelligent, in an amount not to exceed \$42,225, "for closure and project management services" for the underground tank removal project.

"These gas tanks were very, very old, and you may remember this was an RTA bus station that was donated to the Service Garage, so these are the original tanks," Blackwell said.

These two pieces of legislation follow a resolution passed by council in December, which authorized Blackwell to accept the quote by Precision Pump, in an amount not to exceed \$267,805.75, for installation of a 15,000 gallon above-ground storage tank system at the Service Department. The new above ground tank system will allow vehicles from the city and its partner, the Maple Heights School District, to refuel on a 24-hour basis without relying on commercial gas stations, Blackwell said.

Also passed at last week's meeting was an ordinance

amending the codified ordinances to add Juneteenth as a paid holiday for the city's employees, effective Jan. 1, 2024. Juneteenth, a holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States, was formally named a federal holiday in 2021.

After an extensive discussion between Blackwell and council members on the proposed use of an electric (non-shocking) fence at a towing company property as a security measure and the importance of working with businesses to keep them in the city and maintain revenue, council failed to pass a resolution to overrule a decision by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The Commission had decided to deny the application of Michelle Affronti of Amarok, LLC, requesting a variance from the codified ordinances to permit installation of a 10-foot tall, non-pulse, monitored perimeter security system behind an existing perimeter fence on the property, located in the city's central business district at 16008 Libby Rd.

As explained by Law Director Frank Consolo and Police Chief Todd Hansen, the fence proposed by Amarok, a towing business that also deals with the city and its police department, would not cause a shock to anyone coming in contact with it, but touching it would break a circuit, triggering an alarm system and alerting police.

The vote on the resolution was 4-yes, 2-abstentions and 1-no. A minimum of 5 affirmative votes was needed for passage, therefore the denial of the variance was upheld.

Jackson announced that there will be a Town Hall meeting at the Maple Heights Library at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 30. "We will be going over the projections for the next four years, and we will have some special guests, and some speakers and directors will be there," he said.

District 6 Councilwoman Tina Stafford-Marbury announced that there will be a District 6 meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 22, at the Maple Heights Library for residents to meet and discuss issues in the district.



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