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## Maple Hts. Council passes bills for trees, possible trail at Stafford Park

By Judith Goldsworth

Stafford Park will be getting some new greenery this year, and possibly a new multipurpose trail, as Maple Heights Council passed resolutions at its meeting last week authorizing Mayor Annette Blackwell to buy new trees through state grant funding, and also to apply to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for additional state funding to build a multi-purpose trail connecting Stafford Park with Southgate Park Boulevard.

One of the resolutions authorizes Blackwell to enter into a contract with Lake County Nursery to purchase 50 trees, at a cost of \$11,235, for planting at the Mayville Ave. park to expand the tree canopy in the city.

Also regarding the continued work of the ODNR and city to improve Stafford Park, council passed a resolution allowing Blackwell to apply to the agency for funds from the Recreational Trails Program and/or Clean Ohio Trails Fund Program in the city to build a multi-purpose trail to connect Stafford Park and Southgate Park Boulevard.

### Community events funding approved

Also approved at last week's meeting were two resolutions to expend public funds and

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## Marshals arrest 3 in separate homicides

Last Friday members of the U.S. Marshals Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force (NOVTF) arrested three males who were wanted for murder. George Smiley, 52, and Deon Hudson-Bey, 21, were both wanted by the Cleveland Division of Police for separate homicides, and Deshawn Wright, 19, was wanted by the Euclid Police Department for aggravated murder, according to a U.S. Marshals' press release.

According to the Cleveland Division of Police, on February 12, 2024, George Smiley shot a male victim 15 times while the victim was sitting in his vehicle near E. 71 St. and Cedar Ave., in Cleveland. The victim succumbed to his injuries a couple days later at the hospital. On Friday task force members arrested Smiley at a residence in the 7000 block of Morgan Ave., in Slavic Village. A firearm was seized from the residence following the arrest.

On July 18, 2023, officers from the CPD were dispatched to a residence in the 8900 block of Union Ave., Cleveland, where they located Hakin Gaines, 35, who had suffered gunshot wounds to the chest. Gaines was allegedly attacked by Deon Hudson-Bey following a verbal argument that ultimately escalated to Hudson-Bey shooting Gaines multiple times and then stealing Gaines vehicle and fleeing the scene, according to the Marshals' press release. Gaines was pronounced dead at University Hospitals later that day. Last Friday members of the fugitive task force arrested Hudson-Bey at an apartment near the 400 block of Richmond Park East. A firearm was also seized from the residence following the arrest.

According to the Euclid Police Department, on January 5, 2024, officers responded to a residence on Seabrooke Ave., Euclid, and located a 17-year-old male victim that had suffered multiple fatal gunshot wounds. On January 18, 2024, the Euclid Police Department arrested Meon'te Robinson, 22, in connection with the incident. Today, the NOVTF arrested Deshawn Wright, at a residence near the 15300 block of Yorick Ave. in Cleveland.

Anyone with information concerning any wanted fugitive can contact the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force at 1-866-4WANTED (1-866-492-6833), or you can submit a web tip. Reward money is available and tipsters may remain anonymous. Follow the U.S. Marshals on Twitter @USMSCleveland.

## Public's help sought to find suspect still at large in aggravated robbery spree

Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley, the United States Marshals Service (USMS), and the Cleveland Division of Police ask for the public's help in locating Damien Matthews, allegedly involved in an aggravated robbery spree in November 2023.

"Keeping every community safe is our goal. That includes apprehending those who target our commercial businesses and terrorize employees," said Prosecutor Malley. "We are asking for the public's help. If you have any information regarding this individual, please call Crime Stoppers at 216-252-7463."

From Nov. 12, 2023, to Dec. 1, 2023, Daeshoun Bethel, 24, Nathaniel Rush, 21, and Damien Matthews, 21, are charged with committing aggravated robberies of businesses located in the Slavic Village area of Cleveland, Orange, Warrensville Heights and Shaker Heights.

Bethel was arrested previously and Rush was taken into custody at 6:45 p.m. Monday night in Garfield Heights. He was found with several firearms, according to Lexi Bauer, communications manager with the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office. The USMS is actively looking for Matthews.

Police said the suspects would enter the business, often acting like they were going to purchase something, point firearms at employees and store patrons, jump over counters, rob the business and employees, and then flee the scene. They would take money from the register, products from the store, and money and personal items from store employees and patrons. During the robbery on November 14, the victim was strangled and punched repeatedly for several minutes. During the robbery on Nov. 30, 2023, a shot was fired that struck a window (no person was struck). Crime Stoppers is offering up to a \$5,000 reward for any information that leads to the location and arrest of the persons responsible for this crime.

The dates and locations of the aggravated robberies are as follows:

- 11/12/23: Zaza's Smoke Shop – 6410 Harvard Ave., Cleveland
- 11/14/23: Subway – 6510 Harvard Ave., Cleveland
- 11/17/23: O'Reilly Auto Parts – 6535 Broadway Ave., Cleveland
- 11/18/23: Advance Auto Parts – 7440 Broadway Ave., Cleveland
- 11/25/23: Hookah Tales – 20019 Harvard Ave., Warrensville Heights
- 11/25/23: Family Dollar – 16605 Miles Ave., Cleveland
- 11/28/23: Subway – 6551 Broadway Ave., Cleveland
- 11/29/23: Shell Gas Station – 27010 Chagrin Blvd., Orange
- 11/30/23: O'Reilly Auto Parts – 11011 Lorain Ave., Cleveland
- 12/01/23: BP Gas Station – 20420 Chagrin Blvd., Shaker Heights



Matthews

## Garfield Hts. Bulldogs head to playoffs!

The Garfield Heights High School Boys Basketball team ended their season with a 88-66 victory over Maple Heights last week. After the game Coach Sonny Johnson and his team cut down the net to celebrate their #1 spot in the LEL!

Their play off run kicks off this Saturday, March 2, at Garfield Heights High School! We wish our boys the best of luck as they head towards the Final 4! (As posted on the Garfield Heights City School Facebook page.)

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# Maple Hts. Council passes legislation for trees, possible trail at Stafford Park

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accept private donations to host 2024 community events, one for council's Community Life and Education Committee (CLEC) and the other for the city of Maple Heights.

District 4 Councilwoman Dana Anderson, CLEC chairperson, introduced the legislation authorizing her committee to use funds and donations to host a Black History Event, a Health and Wellness and Mental Health Fair, and summer, fall and holiday events.

Blackwell introduced similar legislation authorizing the city to use funds and donations to host the Easter Fest, Music in the Park, a Fall Fest and Holiday Lighting event this year.

Per both resolutions, all private donations will be recorded and submitted to Finance Director Tinita Tillman for deposit into a specific line item within the General Fund.

## To apply for \$50K AFG grant

Council also passed an ordinance authorizing Blackwell and Fire Chief Daniel Sypen to apply for and accept with matching funds of 10% of the award a Fiscal Year 2023 Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) Grant from the Federal

Emergency Management Agency, in the amount of \$50,000, which would be used for thermal imaging camera equipment.

If the city does receive the \$50,000 in funding it will purchase an MSA Evolution 6000 Plus Thermal Imaging Camera that enables firefighters to see thermal images of individuals even in heavy smoke. The legislation also appropriates \$5,000 from the city to cover its share of the grant.

An ordinance amending various sections regarding taxation and earned income tax regulations of the city to adopt updates to conform to state law was also passed by council. The legislation extends due dates for income tax returns for certain taxpayers, reduces penalties for late returns to a maximum of \$25 from the current maximum of \$150, and also addresses taxes for remote workers.

## Second readings

An ordinance introduced by District 7 Councilwoman Edwina Agee to add a standing committee to the codified ordinances entitled "Government Affairs," which would review action plans of the Planning and Economic Development, Law, Human Resources, Human Services, and Communications departments, was placed on second reading.

Several residents who spoke at the meeting cited their "embarrassment" over an alleged confrontation by Agee towards Blackwell over the legislation following its first reading at council's Feb. 7 meeting, as reported in local news media, which Agee and District 5 Councilwoman Tanglyn Madden and District 6 Councilwoman Tina Stafford-Marbury have all vehemently denied.

"This matter remains under investigation," Jennifer Ciaccia, Department of Communications press secretary for the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office, stated when

contacted by The Neighborhood News.

Blackwell said at the meeting that with the continued achievements of her administration since she first took office in 2016, including bringing the city out of a state-imposed Fiscal Emergency in 2020, and getting more businesses and residents to settle in Maple Heights, she did not see the purpose of the legislation. "Do we need a Government Affairs Committee? I think not," Blackwell said.

Agee reiterated that any alleged usurping of power "is not what this legislation is about... I don't want anyone's power." She also stated that the proposed ordinance followed similar legislation that had been passed in Shaker Heights.

An ordinance to fix the salary and wage schedule for full-time and part-time non-bargaining city employees for 2024, to make their pay consistent with the raises recently given to the city's various union employees, was also placed on second reading. Raises of 3.5% as of Jan. 1, 2024, are proposed for those employees covered in the legislation.

## Residents speak on neighborhood issues

A resident spoke at the meeting on her issues with large groups of Maple Heights City Schools students fighting with each other on her property and also refusing to leave when asked. "I am extremely frustrated," she said.

Blackwell and Police Chief Todd Hansen both responded that the city administration and police department work closely with the schools and were continuing to address the issues and trying to interact positively with students. Blackwell and Hansen also asked for help from families and the community in setting an example of respect for others.

Another resident spoke on her issues with a stray dog that had been on her property and asked whether the city had an animal warden to handle complaints. Hansen said that the city did not but was interviewing applicants for the new position of animal control officer. He said the position was expected to be filled within the next month.

## Communal Penance Service

All are invited to the Regional Lenten Communal Penance Service on Monday, March 4, at 7 p.m., at St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church, 5000 Fleet Ave., Cleveland. There will be five priests present to hear your individual confessions.

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**List of Meetings for March 2024**

Monday, March 4, 2024	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 5, 2024	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 13, 2024	Southeast Area Law Enforcement (SEALE) Board of Trustees Meeting (if needed) Work Session - 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting - 12:00 p.m.
Monday, March 18, 2024	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 19, 2024	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 26, 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](http://www.bedfordoh.gov), <https://bedfordoh.primegov.com/public/portal>, or call Tracy M. Simons, Clerk of Council, at 440-735-6510.

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## Garfield Heights

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• On Feb. 21, an officer arrived at the Garfield Heights Historical Museum, 5405 Turney Rd., for a criminal damage report at 2:28 p.m. He was met by a service department employee who said that between Feb. 16 and Feb. 21, someone threw a brick through the rear door window. The door knob was also broken off but entry was not made. A brick was found inside near the broken rear door window. There are cameras on the building which will be reviewed. Service department boarded up and secured the building.

• On Feb. 25, at about 6:45 p.m., an officer responded to the 5600 block of Andover Blvd., where the complainant said that at about 3 p.m., she heard a loud banging sound at her front door. She saw that her front storm door looked like it had been kicked and couldn't be opened. Ring camera footage from nearby showed a group of five black male juveniles, about ages 14-16, walking on the sidewalk near the home in question. One of them ran up to the residence and mule-kicked the door twice. The entire group took off running south. Homeowner advised to contact police if she sees anything else out of the ordinary.

### Theft of Motor Vehicle

On Feb 20, an officer spoke with the owner of Klik Fencing, 10406 Broadway Ave., regarding a vehicle theft. He told police that sometime between 5 p.m. on Feb. 19, and 8:30 a.m. on Feb. 20, someone cut the lock and latch off the gate to his storage yard and stole his 2011 Chevy Silverado pickup truck. It was taken without keys and has a ladder rack on the bed of the truck. Vehicle entered into LEADS.

### Traffic Offense-Fleeing

On Feb. 23, about 1:09 a.m., officers attempted to stop

a Dodge Charger at Grand Division and Turney Rd., which matched the description of a car involved in an aggravated robbery in Cleveland in the area of Grand Division. The driver fled north on Warner Rd., went down a dead-end street off Warner and made a sudden and illegal U-turn, purposefully ramming the front passenger side of an occupied police car, drove over the curb and struck a fire hydrant. He then turned onto Dorver and stopped the car suddenly, then fled on foot. A female passenger got out of the car and was detained while other officers ran after the driver. Police from Cuyahoga Heights and Cleveland Metroparks also responded as well as a Cleveland K-9, while GHPD set up a perimeter and deployed drones, all with negative results. The search was called off at 2:34 a.m. At the time of the writing of the report, the driver was being charged with fleeing and eluding, failure to comply with order or signal of a police officer and criminal damaging. Request Detective Bureau to follow up.

### Drug Activity

On Feb. 25, about 12:15 a.m., officers were dispatched to McDonald's, 5240 Turney Rd., for trouble with a customer. The caller said she was informed by her employees that a customer had brandished a firearm at the drive-thru window while standing next to a gray SUV. When police arrived they saw a gray SUV leaving

McDonald's going south on Turney and officers attempted to make a traffic stop at Turney and Mountview. But the SUV began to flee and then abruptly came to a stop at Family Dollar, 5522 Turney Rd. A black male opened the car door and got out. Police noticed he displayed poor balance as he exited the vehicle. Officers brought the suspect to the ground, then placed him in the back seat of a cruiser without incident. He smelled of alcohol, had glassy eyes, slurred speech and had difficulty with simple questions and commands. During the pre-tow inventory, police found \$3150 in cash in the passenger floorboard of his car and a firearm. A duffelbag in the car contained a variety of suspected Oxycodone tablets, pill bottles, scale, a plastic knife, iphone and flip phone. Suspect charged with trafficking in drugs, fleeing and eluding, possession of drugs and OVI. Case forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

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# Garfield Hts. Council news

By Ellen Psenicka

Garfield Heights Council met in regular session Monday night and unanimously passed the following ordinances:

- Expanding the cleaning services of Anago Cleaning Systems to include the recently updated Economic Development Department at the Garfield Heights Civic Center.
- Purchasing two X-Treme Vac Leaf Pick-up machines for the service department through Best Equipment Company for a total cost of \$234,225.60.
- Selling and disposing of various fire department equipment and five vehicles from other departments that are all over 13 years old.

The next regular meeting of council is scheduled for Monday, March 11.

## St. Therese Parish to hold Lenten Mission Mar. 10-12

Please join the parishioners of St. Therese Parish for a Lenten Mission conducted by Fr. Geoff Rose, OSFS, entitled "Finding God Wherever You Are." It promises to be moving, intriguing and a great opportunity for spiritual enrichment.

Themes include Finding God in Prayer, in Life's Decisions and Events and in Relation to Others and in your own Worshipping Community. All are invited to the Mission being held on Sunday, March 10, at 5 p.m., Monday, March 11, at 7 p.m., and Tuesday, March 12, at 7 p.m.

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## PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on **Monday, March 11, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.**, before the **Maple Heights Planning and Zoning Commission** in the Maple Heights City Hall Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio, to consider the following application(s):

**2024-PZ-03** An application from W. Daniel Bickerstaff, II of Ubiquitous Design, Ltd. requesting Approval of the following: 1) a Conditional Use Permit under Sect. 1282.04(B) of the MH Codified Ordinances to operate an Automobile Repair and Service Station; and 2) a Conditional Use Permit under Sect. 1282.04(H) of the MH Codified Ordinances to operate a Convenience Store in the Central Business District (CBD) Zoning District at 15650 Broadway Avenue, Maple Heights, Ohio, 44137.

All Applicant(s) and/or their representatives are required to attend this meeting. Members of the public are invited to attend, but will only be allowed to speak during the Public Hearing portion of the meeting.

The application(s) and all supporting materials are available for review during normal business hours in the Maple Heights Building Department, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

**Leonette Cicirella Johnson**  
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## Newest SE Kiwanian

Theresa Gibson was inducted last Thursday as the newest member of the Kiwanis Club of South East Cleveland. Member Tony Brancatelli did the honors in place of Kiwanis President Jerry Seppelt at the club's regular meeting at Jones Road Church, 8000 Jones Rd., Cleveland. The club holds a luncheon meeting there at noon on the second and fourth Thursday of each month.



**Theresa Gibson and Tony Brancatelli**

Gibson is the wife of Pastor Richard Gibson of Elizabeth Baptist Church in the Francis Ave. area of Slavic Village, where she works in the after-school and summer programs for the church's youth, one of the many hats she wears in the community.

## G.H. meetings

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch, sponsored by Councilwoman Jenn Newrones, will meet Thursday, Feb. 29, at 7 p.m., in the cafeteria of St. Benedict School, 13633 Rockside Rd. Guest speaker will be Garfield Hts. Police Chief Mark Kaye. Nonperishable items for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry would be appreciated. All are welcome.

Garfield Heights Mayor Matt Burke and Maple Heights Mayor Annette Blackwell will host a Community Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, March 12, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd.

Residents will be introduced to the Scam Squad, which helps protect individuals from financial fraud and scams. All are welcome.

## Girls Hockey is in Garfield Heights!

Girls Tryouts for Hockey will be held on Sunday, March 10, from 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m., at the Dan Kostel Recreation Center, 5411 Turney Rd.

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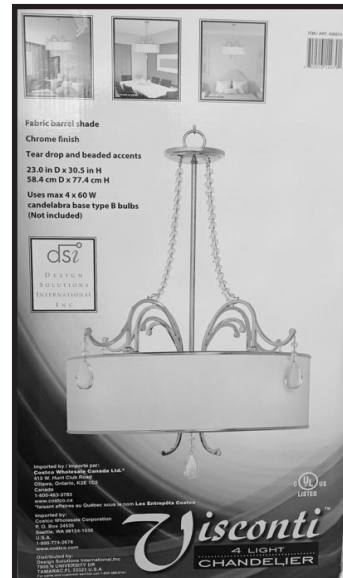
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