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Garfield Hts. hosts State of City presentations

Garfield Heights Mayor Matt Burkewill give two State of the City addresses this month on Thursday, April 18, and Friday, April 19.

The April 18th event will be featured at a Community Town Hall meeting from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. The mayor will discuss what city projects were undertaken in the past year and give his projections for the future. This event is free and open to the public.

The April 19th presentation will be held in the Garfield Heights Civic Center dining hall. It is a luncheon meeting with tickets available for \$19 each. Doors open at 11 a.m., with the address beginning at 11:30 a.m. For reservations, visit: <https://2024stateofthecity.eventbrite.com>

Recycling eclipse glasses

The city of Garfield Heights is collecting Solar Eclipse glasses to be recycled through a partnership with Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District.

A collection box will be located in the lobby of the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. There also will be collection boxes at the Cuyahoga County branch libraries.

Eclipse glasses can NOT be recycled curbside.

Area residents get to see once-in-a-lifetime event



Eclipse events drew thousands to the Cleveland area, just like these two shown viewing the awesome event outside the Polish American Cultural Center on Lansing Ave., in Slavic Village Monday afternoon. Over 300 eclipse watchers showed up at Highland Park in Garfield Heights to view the once-in-a-lifetime event and a sold-out crowd packed Progressive Field before the Guardians home opener to witness the spectacular light show in the skies overhead.

New life for former GOJO plant in Maple Heights; Council approves grant for Famous Enterprises to invest \$60M in facility, bring 80+ new jobs to city

By Judith Goldsworth

An Akron-based business will be locating in the former GOJO Industries facility in Maple Heights, investing \$60 million in the property and bringing more than 80 new jobs to the city after council passed a Jobs Creation and Retention Program Grant agreement with Famous Enterprises, Inc., at the council meeting last week.

The ordinance states the city will award Famous Enterprises, an industrial equipment supplier, an annual grant payment from the city's non-tax revenues equal to 25% of the income tax withheld on the company's payroll, "for a period of five years, beginning Jan. 1, 2025, with no cap per year."

The agreement also stipulates that during the five-year period beginning Jan. 1, 2025, Famous Enterprises, Inc. must stay in the city for five years, maintains a minimum annual new or increased payroll of \$100,000, and create five more new jobs.

GOJO, also based in Akron, had purchased the former Blue Coral plant at 5700 Lee Rd. South in 2020, to meet high manufacturing demand for Purell sanitizing products during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. GOJO owned the complex for about three years before selling the 325,000-square-foot facility to real estate firm Blossom Partners LLC last year, according to local media

reports and Cuyahoga County property tax records.

Mayor Annette Blackwell thanked the city's Planning and Economic Development Director Joe Duffy for his "tireless work" in getting Famous Enterprises to locate in the city.

Duffy said that Famous Supply (also doing business as Famous Enterprises, Inc.) had requested financial incentives to coincide with the opening of its new manufacturing and educational facility in Maple Heights.

He confirmed that it planned to add 83 new jobs in its first year of operations in the city, totaling approximately \$4,200,000 in annual payroll expenditures. Expectations are for jobs to grow by around 5% annually in the years to follow.

Council OKs laundromat loan

Council also passed an ordinance authorizing the city to provide a forgivable loan in the total amount of \$50,000 through the Maple Heights-SBA Small Business Performance Grant Program to A.B. Simmons Incorporated of Walton Hills, to open a new laundromat in the Southgate USA Shopping Center.

The future business, WaveMax Laundry, will open at 20980 Libby Rd., in the shopping center, according to the legislation, which states that the forgivable loan includes \$12,500 from the city, with a matching amount of \$37,500 from Cuyahoga County-contributed funds. The loan will allow the company to purchase inventory and make interior and exterior enhancements at the location, a former PayLess Shoe store.

Other legislation passed

- Resolution approving the 2024 Exterior Home Repair Grant Program to provide owners who occupy their homes with financial assistance to maintain the exterior of their homes, as a way to preserve and promote the curb appeal of homes in the city.

The legislation authorizes Finance Director Tinita Tillman to appropriate up to \$100,000 for the program, of which \$50,000 will come from the city. The additional funding will come from funds provided to the city from private entities, the county or state, which are specifically designated for the program.

- Resolution authorizing a one-year contract with Quality Control Inspection, Inc. (QCI), to provide inspection services for construction projects in the city during 2024.

- Ordinance authorizing Blackwell to enter into a Professional Services Municipal Engineering Consulting Contract with City Engineer Ed Hren, Assistant Engineer James Shea, and their engineering firm, Chagrin Valley Engineering Ltd., effective as of January 1, 2024.

The contract engages the services of Hren, Shea and their firm to prepare plans and specifications and estimates of cost for public improvements, among numerous other services.

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Thanks go out to Garfield Heights Mayor Matt Burke who sent in the photo below as the eclipse nearing totality lit up the skies over Highland Park Monday afternoon. Just a few minutes later the total eclipse threw the area into darkness as street lights went on, fireworks rang out and residents looked up in awe at the stunning spectacle.



Community police reports

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

Garfield Heights

Assault

On March 25, shortly before 7 p.m., police arrived at the Garfield branch library for a juvenile assault report. They found a girl on the floor of the library vestibule with her left arm raised protecting her head area. Another girl was straddling her legs and striking her with her fist. Both girls followed police commands and sat on the ground. A group of unknown juveniles with masks up and reaching in waistbands ran from the library's exterior doors through the parking lot. An additional female juvenile was pointed out as also participating in the assault after she returned to the library. This juvenile was found/confirmed missing and her mother was contacted. The girl who had been hitting the other girl was placed into custody for assault and transported to city jail. Her mother was notified of the girl's arrest and she will respond to the station to pick her



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up. One charge pending through the Youth Bureau.

Shots Fired

On April 2, shortly after midnight, police were dispatched to Gas USA, 4591 E. 131 St., for gun shots in the parking lot of the business. An employee told police there was a black male in the store with two younger children with him. The employee said the suspect was rude to the staff, bought a pack of cigarettes and as he approached the door said he was "holding him up." The suspect told the children to run out of the store and left with them. The employee locked the door to the business, then heard shots fired outside near the door which he believed were aimed at the store. City cameras showed the suspect standing near the doorway of the business when he appears to point a pistol at a black SUV and fired an undetermined number of shots. Police located one 9mm shell casing just outside the door to the business. The black SUV is seen backing up before fleeing the scene, possibly going east on Saybrook. The male shooter is seen leaving on foot towards Alvin Ave. The cameras also showed at least one of the children enter a white sedan parked near the cell phone store which then pulled out. The area was checked for victims or the suspect in the shooting with negative results.

Animal Cruelty

On April 2, an officer was dispatched to the area of the 12800 block of Rexwood Ave., for a complaint of a suspicious vehicle. When the officer arrived he checked the driveway of a home he knew to be vacant for anyone there who could be threatening nearby residents. That is when he saw a small cream-colored pit bull tethered with a chain around its neck to the side of the house next door. On that evening it had been raining all night and the dog was observed tethered outside at 2 a.m. Police returned to check on the dog at 3:30 a.m., and it was still tethered to the side of the house. Dispatch attempted three times to contact the homeowner to ask that she let the dog inside out of the rain with negative results. An officer returned again at 5 a.m., and the dog was still outside. He made contact with the homeowner at the front door of her residence and advised that her dog was tethered outside during restricted hours (10 p.m. to 6 a.m.) and that the

manner the dog was tethered was cruel (no collar with the chain wrapped around its neck to secure it.) The dog's owner was advised on the proper method to tether a dog, cited for animal cruelty and given a court date.

Traffic Offense-OVI

On April 6, at about 11:49 p.m., officers responded to a home in the 11700 block of Willard Ave., for a report of a hit-skip accident between a blue Dodge minivan and a police vehicle. They located the minivan in the driveway of the Willard Ave. home and saw it had heavy front end damage and fluid leaking from the front end. A white male inside the home came out and told officers his vehicle had been there all night and the damage to it had occurred "a couple years ago." When police explained that his vehicle matched the description of one involved in a hit-skip incident that night, the man changed his story and said that he was involved in an accident that evening with a black male in an unknown vehicle and that he had left the scene about 15 minutes prior to police arrival. Officers told the suspect to step off the porch and take his hands out of his pockets which he refused to do. He tried to get back inside his home but police were able to utilize a "takedown" on him, got him into handcuffs and put him in the back of a police car. He admitted he was driving home from a bar when he crashed into another vehicle and left the scene. The suspect said he was unsure of what kind of vehicle he hit or if it was a police car. The suspect was taken to Valley View PD for a BAC test before taking him to Garfield Heights jail for booking. Detectives will follow up.

Robbery

On April 7, at 9:10 p.m., two officers responded to Dollar General, 5068 Turney Rd., for several parties actively shoplifting a large amount of merchandise. Dispatch advised that shopping carts were being loaded into a white box truck in the parking lot of the business. Officers arrived and positioned their vehicle behind the truck to block it and made contact with a male and female in the passenger compartment of the truck. They were both detained. The officer went inside the store and talked to the employees who said three or four people were seen entering the store and filling up several shopping carts. One of the employees said there was a black male, a white male and a white female. The black male came through the checkout line and told the cashier he "wasn't paying for anything," and if anyone tried to do anything he would "handle them." The black male had his hand in his pocket, the employee said, and kept motioning his hand as though he had a firearm while threatening the employee, who walked away to avoid a confrontation. Two employees who were in the parking lot, not working at the time, observed the male and female that officers had detained earlier loading the shopping carts into the back of the box truck. They said the black male involved had fled south on Turney Rd., when the two officers arrived. Police checked the surrounding area for him but he was unable to be located. The other two suspects were placed under arrest for robbery and theft. Paperwork forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

City of Bedford Fire Medic Entry Exam

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

For further details and requirements visit
www.nationaltestingnetwork.com or www.bedfordoh.gov

The candidate application package deadline is May 6, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. and must be uploaded to NTN.

If you have any questions or difficulty uploading your documents, send an email to the following: jhowland@bedfordoh.gov and azgrabik@bedfordoh.gov

Eligible candidates will be required to successfully complete an extensive background investigation, physical agility testing, polygraph examination, psychological examination, drug testing, personal interview, and medical exam.

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Letters to the Editor Invites G.H. residents to join Neighbors on Duty

For the past two years, Jennifer Burke has organized quarterly meetings/gatherings of Neighbors On Duty in Garfield Heights. These events feature intelligent speakers in our local and state government, from our own Police Chief to judges, County Prosecutor Michael O'Malley, and our school superintendent Rick Reynolds. You get to hear first-hand what is going on in our community to make it safer, more secure for all our citizens.

Last night's meeting [April 2nd] was one of our finest yet! Police Chief Kaye not only spoke about our drone system and our license plate detector system, but he and his guys had actual videos illustrating how this advanced technology works in our city. We are so far ahead of the national curve in the way our police department is combating crime, it is incredible. We watched videos of car crashes, a burglary and even saw our camera system live, allowing everyone to see the depth of perception these cameras have and their clarity. Oh, and here's the incredibly rewarding part of it - this was all accomplished through grant money, costing taxpayers nothing.

Have a friend, a neighbor who always bad-mouths our city, complains about the crime, the streets, the litter? Join us for a meeting and bring them with you. We will open your eyes to an informative evening guaranteed to leave you with not only something to think about, but with a deeper appreciation for the way Mayor Burke and our city leaders work together to make this a better city.

Each meeting brings more citizens, and it's all we ask of you - come, join us. Learn something positive straight from the people in charge. There is plenty of Q&A time, so your concerns are heard within the context of the subjects being discussed that night. If you haven't heard of Neighbors On Duty, or if you have, and thought you're too busy to hit a meeting, please think again and join us.

Sign up at: www.neighborsonduty.org. We have signs for your window or yard that show others that you are a concerned citizen stepping up. It works when we all work together. And if we want things to improve, we need not only cooperation, but factual information and your participation. Neighbors On Duty is an excellent vehicle for a city looking to transform itself, with our citizens included in the discussions.

Robert Stemnock
Garfield Heights

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TUE Apr 16 BBQ Cheese Steak & Fresh Cut Chips \$6.00	WED Apr 17 Italian Sub with Chips \$6.00	THU Apr 18 PO BOY \$6.00	FRI Apr 19 Burger and Fries \$6.00

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - MAY 18 IS THE FIRST CONCERT AT THE KITCHEN!!
 Hours: M, T, W 10:30-3; Thurs. 10-6; Fri. 10-2. Menu and pricing are subject to change.
 While supplies last. Please No substitutions. Carryout only. www.garfieldculinary.com

Register for G.H. T-ball

T-ball registration at the Dan Kostel Recreation Center, 5411 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights, begins today, Wednesday, April 10, and will run through Thursday, May 30. T-ball is for any boy or girl who will be 5-7 years old on or before July 1, 2024.

Fees: Residents - \$50 + \$15 Annual Rec ID card

Non-Residents - \$80 + \$40 Annual Rec ID card

Register during our normal business hours, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. In addition to the normal open office hours, beginning Monday, April 15, the office will be open on Monday & Tuesday evenings, also until 7 p.m. for your convenience during the registration period. Birth certificates are required for all new players and 2 current forms of proof of residency for residents of Garfield Heights.

Sign up your child early! A minimum of 50 players is needed by May 31st for us to proceed with having a league this summer due to scheduling and uniforms. The Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel any program due to lack of participation.

Keep your child busy this summer and they will learn the fundamentals of T-ball and participating in a team sport. Volunteer coaches are always needed! All open office hours are subject to change without advance notice.

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South High Class of '74 to hold its 50th reunion

Cleveland South High School Class of 1974 will hold its 50-year Reunion on Sept. 28, 2024, at Brewster, 2681 Creekside Dr., Twinsburg, OH 44087, from 6:30 to 10 p.m.

The \$55 charge includes hearty appetizers; cash bar available. Send check or money order to Katarina Wasson, 18203 Drake Rd., Strongsville, OH 44136 by Aug. 15. Please include your email address for confirmation. For questions, call Katarina, 216-288-3168.

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Sealed bid proposals will be received by the City Manager of the City of Bedford, Ohio at his office, 165 Center Road, Bedford, Ohio until 12:00 Noon on the **26th day of April 2024** for:

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And will be publicly opened and read immediately thereafter. Each bid must contain the full name or names of the party or parties making the same, with an affidavit as to interested parties, and in the case of a corporation not chartered in Ohio, with a proper certificate that such corporation is authorized to do business in Ohio, and be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check on a solvent bank made payable to the order of the City of Bedford, the amount shall be equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount bid, drawn in favor of the Clerk of the City of Bedford, Ohio, or a Bid Guaranty/Bid Bond in accordance with Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Each bidder must ensure that all employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, creed, color, sex, or national origin.

The price of material and labor bid for shall be separately stated.

Copies of the Specifications, Instructions to Bidders, Forms of Proposals and other contract documents are on file at the office of the Clerk of the City of Bedford. These documents may only be obtained through the office of GPD Group by emailing Nick Fini nfini@gpdgroup.com and requesting a digital copy. Digital documents will be provided free of charge. Questions or inquiries should be directed to GPD Group at (216) 927-8658. **No questions will be answered after 1 p.m. on April 22, 2024.**

The bid check or bid bond, as the case may be, will be held as a guarantee that, if the bid proposal is accepted, a contract will be entered into between the bidder and the City of Bedford, and the performance of such contract secured by said check or bond, and in default thereof said check or bond, and the amount represented thereby, shall be forfeited to the City of Bedford as liquidated damages.

The City of Bedford reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities in the bids received, and to accept any bid which it deems most favorable to the City.



Michael S. Mallis, City Manager
City of Bedford, Ohio

NN: April 10, 2024
 April 17, 2024

New life for former GOJO plant in Maple Heights

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In correspondence to the city, Hren proposed "a modest increase" in hourly rates for his services for 2024, which was approved through council's passage of the legislation.

• Resolution authorizing Blackwell to apply for, accept and enter into a 2024 Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) Agreement, not exceeding \$286,850, through the State of Ohio, to fund a portion of the cost of construction of the Southwest Quadrant Sewer Repairs-Phase 2 Project.

Blackwell and Hren advised council that the funds, which would be used to improve the sanitary sewers and eliminate overflow, may be available through the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Division of Environ-

mental and Financial Assistance, and the Ohio Water Development Authority, according to the legislation.

• Resolution authorizing a contract with Sun Valley Landscaping to plant 52 trees at Stafford Park at a cost of \$13,900.50. This project is being paid for through a \$25,000 grant awarded the city through the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, as a partner in the Ohio Department of Natural Resources tree canopy project.

• Resolution authorizing a contract with D.E. Williams Electric, Inc., to provide services for the Lee-Libby Pocket Park Site Lighting Improvements Project, at a cost of \$62,000. This project is being funded through a grant from the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council's Energized Community Grant Program, which is "to be used for municipal energy efficiency and energy infrastructure projects."

Announcements

Blackwell and Human Services Director Linda Vopat announced April 11-17 as "Black Maternal Health Week" in the city, in an effort to raise awareness of the need to reduce black infant mortality numbers in Maple Heights, by assisting pregnant black women before they gave birth and helping babies and mothers successfully navigate the year after giving birth.

Donations of new baby clothing and goods will be accepted at the Senior Center, 15901 Libby Rd., to be given to the Pregnant With Possibilities Resource Center,

20700 Southgate Park Blvd. The items will be given to new moms served by the resource center.

Also, there will be a Holistic Wellness Fair in collaboration with the city at the Senior Center on Saturday, April 13, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Vopat stated. Call 216-587-5481 for more information.

The police department said that its new Animal Control Officer, Colleen Cunat, will be assisting officers and residents on animal complaint calls in the city. Cunat, who has many years of experience in animal rescue and care, is a 2005 graduate of Maple Heights High School and is currently studying in the Veterinary Assistant field, police stated.

District 7 Councilwoman Edwina Agee said there will be a produce distribution on Friday, April 12, from 5-6:30 p.m., at 5345 Warrensville Center Rd.

Service Director Tony Ciresi announced a Shred Day at Stafford Park on Saturday, April 20, from 9 a.m.-noon.

NN 'Freebies' offered

The Neighborhood News has four pair of tickets to give away to the Garfield Heights High School Theater Department production of the musical "Dream Girls" at the Performing Arts Center, 4900 Turney Rd., on Friday, April 26, at 7 p.m. To enter the free raffle just stop in to The Neighborhood News office, 8613 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Heights, during regular business hours. Deadline to sign up is Friday, April 19, at 12 noon. Winners will be notified by phone.

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Mpac employees give back



Mpac Switchback coordinated a community blood drive on April 4th at its Highland Park location in Garfield Heights. Red Cross worker Dennis Smith is shown thanking Mpac employee Vira Sadova for her blood donation while Mpac employee Alex Chunat gives the thumbs up.

Cleveland Metroparks News



For questions or to register for programs, please see clevelandmetroparks.com or call CanalWay Center at 216-206-1000. All programs are free unless otherwise marked.

CanalWay Center/Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation

April 16: Healthy Aging In Parks - Walk With Ease - Free 6-Week Walking Course. The Walk With Ease program is designed for adults 18 years or older, of varying fitness levels. It is designed for people with arthritis but is also suitable for people without arthritis who would like to begin a regular walking program to gain the benefits of regular aerobic exercise. Groups meet for six weeks, three times per week. Each session begins with a brief discussion on a topic important to successful walking or arthritis management. After the discussion, the group will warm up, stretch, walk for up to 30 minutes, cool down, and then stretch one last time. At the start, some people may

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PROBATE COURT OF MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO KEVIN W. DUNN, JUDGE

IN RE: The Adoption of Maya Lou Bux
Case No. 2023-10-AD-0052

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADOPTION

Notice must be served not less than 20 days before the date of the hearing
[R.C. 3107.11]

To: Deja Banks
Unknown

You are hereby notified that on 10/20/2023, **Elizabeth Marie Bux**, filed in this Court a Petition for Adoption of **Damiyah Si'nae Banks**, a minor, whose date of birth is 08/06/2021, and for change of the name of the minor to **Maya Lou Bux**. This Court, located at 225 East Washington St, 4th Floor, Medina, OH 44256, will hear the petition on **5/22/2024 at 9:00 AM**. It is alleged in the petition, pursuant to R.C. 3107.07, that the consent of **Deja Banks** is not required due to the following:

- That person is a parent who has failed without justifiable cause to provide more than de minimis contact with the minor for a period of at least one year immediately preceding the filing of the adoption petition or the placement of the minor in the home of the petitioner.
- That person is a parent who has failed without justifiable cause to provide for the maintenance and support of the minor as required by law or judicial decree for a period of at least one year immediately preceding the filing of the adoption petition or the placement of the minor in the home of the petitioner.
- State other grounds under R.C. 3107.07 (includes putative father of the minor born prior to January 1, 1997).

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By: LeAnna Hernandez
Deputy Clerk

only be able to walk 5 to 15 minutes, but the program will help participants gradually build up to at least 30 minutes of walking three times a week. Tuesdays-Wednesdays-Thursdays from April 16 to May 23. Registrants should try to attend all 18 classes to gain the full benefits of the course. Our path is the roughly 1/4-mile paved trail around the baseball field. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Settlers Bluff Picnic Area. Ages 18 years & over. Terrain: paved. Registration required. 20-person minimum.

April 17: Learn-It - Bicycle Maintenance – 6 p.m.-9 p.m. \$30.00 fee. At CanalWay Center. Learn how to change a flat tire and make simple brake and derailleur adjustments during this lecture style class. <https://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/parks/calendar/2024/or/cycling/learn-it-bicycle-maintenance>

April 20: The End is the Beginning. The trail head at Lock 39 marks the place where Cleveland Metroparks Towpath Trail begins. Judy MacKeigan leads the way north along the trail sharing some history of the canal and the Valley Railway as we walk to Lock 40 and back. This hike will get your heart pumping as we navigate the bridges along the way! 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Lock 39 Trailhead parking lot. Terrain: paved, inclines, 4 miles.

April 20: Cart Tour: Towpath Stages 1 & 2. Historical Interpreter Doug Kusak drives the 7-passenger cart while trying not to drive you crazy as he explains the importance of trails, science, history and interagency cooperation in the drive for reconnecting Cleveland. We'll talk about watersheds, canals, trails, steel plants and other groovy things from CanalWay to Steel Heritage Center. 1-3:30 p.m. at CanalWay Center. Fee: \$10. Minimum registration of 7 required.

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Eclipse event in Maple Hts.



Meteorologist Bryan Shaw is shown Monday instructing attendees at the Maple Heights Senior Center what they would be seeing during the total solar eclipse later that day.

On Monday over 65 seniors, residents and local students attended a Solar Eclipse Presentation at the Maple Heights Senior Center.

Led by Meteorologist Bryan Shaw, attendees learned the mechanics of eclipses, the science behind the orbital cycles and the relationship between the sun, moon and earth.

Shaw provided interactive 3D models, along with a slide show which contained video clips and answered questions after his presentation.

The Senior Site Council sponsored the giveaway of 100 pairs of eclipse glasses for safe viewing, and sun-themed treats were sponsored by Marymount Place assisted living facility.

LIBRARY SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Bedford (Bedford Heights/Oakwood Village) Branch Library

Here are some of the **FREE** programs coming up in April at the Bedford Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, located at 70 Columbus Rd., Bedford, Ohio 44146. For more information, or to register for any program, please call 440-439-4997.

Excel Functions Overview - Adults. Friday, April 12, 10 a.m. For those already familiar with Excel, this class will introduce a variety of functions, including text functions and summary functions. Additionally, learn about paste special, sorting and filtering with data. Prerequisite: Excel Basics. Classes start promptly! We cannot hold seats for attendees who arrive after an in-person class has started. Anyone not on the registration list will be given an available seat on a first-come, first-served basis. **MUST REGISTER**

Wordly Wanderers - Grades 2-5. Friday, April 12, 2 p.m. Travel the world from the comfort of our li-

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Cricut Craft - Teens (Grades 6-12). Saturday, April 13, 11 a.m. Learn how to use the Cricut Design Space to make stickers and temporary tattoos! Must register

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The Garfield Heights High School Theater Department will present the musical "Dreamgirls" at the Performing Arts Center, 4900 Turney Rd., on Friday and Saturday, April 19 and 20, at 7 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, April 28, at 1 p.m.

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