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Jason Iverson sentenced to life in triple homicide at Stafford Park in Maple Hts.

Jason Iverson, 29, was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole last week for the aggravated murders of his pregnant sister, her unborn child, and her husband in Maple Heights last September.

"On Sept. 4, 2023, Mr. Iverson deliberately gunned down his sister, who was 7½ months pregnant, chased down his brother-in-law and shot him 12 times in a bathroom, and shot his 13-year-old son in the face," said Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley. "The amount of pain he inflicted on these families is immeasurable. I hope today these families can begin to heal and my thoughts and prayers remain with them."

On the day of the killings, Jason Iverson engaged in an altercation with his sister, 30, and her husband, 31, at a church picnic at Stafford Park near Mayville Ave. and Beverly Ave. The victims and Iverson's 13-year-old son attempted to leave and entered their vehicle in the parking lot.

Iverson followed them and shot his sister and his son. His sister's husband got out of the vehicle and fled on foot into the park bathroom. Iverson followed him into the bathroom, shot him multiple times, and fled on foot. The Maple Heights Police Department responded to the scene and arrested Iverson. Iverson's brother-in-law was pronounced dead at the scene. Iverson's sister and her unborn child were transported to a nearby hospital and pronounced deceased. Iverson's son survived his injuries.

On March 13, 2024, Jason Iverson pleaded guilty to three counts of aggravated murder and one count of felonious assault.

Breaking news!

Yesterday afternoon Garfield Heights Mayor Matt Burke emailed the NN that Cuyahoga County Executive Chris Ronayne has confirmed that the property on Transportation Blvd. for the new Cuyahoga County Central Services Campus, which will include a new county jail, has been transferred to the county and Ronayne is ready to "hit the ground running."

"This is a very historic event for the city of Garfield Heights," Burke said. "I, too, am very excited about the city's future and what could come of this major investment by our newest neighbor, Cuyahoga County."

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Optimism abounds in Mayor Matt Burke's State of the City Address

By Ellen Psenicka

A large crowd at the Garfield Heights Civic Center was on hand last Friday for Mayor Matt Burke's 2nd annual State of the City Address during a luncheon presentation.

The mayor highlighted accomplishments in the city over the past year and spoke first about the city's police department with its 30% reduction in violent crime since 2021, utilizing a \$1.3 million federal grant to buy surveillance equipment like Flock cameras and installing security cameras at hotspots throughout the city. The GHPD, under Police Chief Mark Kaye, also formed a special police Task Force to deal with serious and habitual offenders and increased police salaries to keep good officers and hire new ones.

The fire department, under Fire Chief Kenneth Strobe, Jr., was next on the mayor's list, noting that the hiring of a new firefighter has significantly reduced the department's need to call for mutual aid from other cities to battle blazes. It also has purchased software called First Due which can analyze the best way to fight fires in each unique circumstance.

Of course, the Cuyahoga County Central Services Campus, which includes a new county jail, was a "massive investment in our community," noted Mayor Burke, on the old Bridgeview property which has been vacant for over 20 years. He said the project will add over 1000 good paying jobs to the tax base, as well as a proposed mental health facility on site and a workforce development program.

The mayor's administration, he pointed out, is rewriting the city's antiquated zoning codes to make Garfield Heights a more inviting place for development. Burke said it was big news last year when the Turneytown Shopping Center was purchased by a development firm for \$6.8 million and is glad to see an Aldi's store coming to the old Save-A-Lot building in Garfield Commons.

The mayor said a Master Plan for the city's parks is now in place thanks to input from residents at several public meetings held throughout the year, with basketball and pickleball courts coming to Debelak Park and major repairs at the Rec Center, among the many updates planned.

Looking ahead

Mayor Burke said great things are on the horizon for the city, like the Garfield Boulevard Reconstruction Project, which will begin in May or June of this year. The Cleveland Metroparks is partnering with the city and county to cut the width of the Boulevard's roadway by 12 feet to make room for a bike lane and a trail running from Warner Rd. to Garfield Park Reservation, connecting it to the Towpath Trail.

The Metroparks is in the midst of a multi-million dollar renovation of Garfield Reservation, the mayor said, and is restoring the historic pond there and building a boathouse to house kayaks and fishing equipment which will be made available to the public as well as a space there for special events and activities.

He also said that his administration plans to expand incentive packages to lure new businesses to the city and new housing opportunities, and that state money could be available to make the long-coveted extension of Transportation Blvd. to Rockside Rd. a reality. Pretty exciting stuff!!



G.H. Mayor Matt Burke

Driver of stolen car flees Garfield police

Several people were injured last Thursday, when the driver of a stolen car fled from Garfield Heights police, crashing into an RTA bus stop in Maple Heights and two other cars.



This stolen Kia Sportage crashed into an RTA bus stop at Granger and Lee rds., in Maple Heights, while being pursued by Garfield Heights police last Thursday evening. Photo courtesy of Maple Heights Firefighters Local 1184.

On April 18, at about 7:18 p.m., a Garfield Heights Police officer on patrol in the Turney Rd./Havana Rd. area, saw a white Kia Sportage traveling south on Turney Rd., with what appeared to be three juvenile males inside all wearing face masks. A registration check revealed the car was stolen out of Cleveland.

Backup units arrived and the suspect vehicle turned down York and accelerated at a high rate of speed east on York Rd., north on E. 139 St., west on Oak Park, north on E. 135 St., east on Silver Rd., south on E. 138 St., then east on Granger Rd. Once past Dunham Rd. the car accelerated up to about 80 mph with light
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Pre-Mother's Day Dinner at Post 309

American Legion Post 309, 15521 Broadway Ave., Maple Heights, will host a Pre-Mother's Day Dinner on Wednesday, April 24, serving from 4-7 p.m. \$13 dinner donation; open to the public.

The menu includes two stuffed cabbage rolls, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, salad, bread/butter and dessert. Eat-in or carryout. Reserve your orders by calling 216-662-7768.

GardenWalk Cleveland 2024 looking for participants

GardenWalk Cleveland, the annual, self-guided tour of some of Cleveland's most interesting private and public gardens, will return for its 13th season on the weekend of July 13-14. Slavic Village will again be one of the 11 featured neighborhoods on Sunday, July 14, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Searching for gardens to showcase

Late in the summer of 2023, local volunteers spent several weeks conducting a comprehensive census of every street in the neighborhood. During that process they were able to identify nearly 300 residential and public gardens in the Broadway area as potential participants based on the quality and uniqueness of their landscaping. Invitations to those properties are being

sent by mail this week.

Organizers looking for more

Participating in GardenWalk is easy, free and open to all homes and organizations. Gardeners can apply by phone, mail or online. Organizers stress that your garden needn't be picture-perfect. Works-in-progress are often the most interesting to tourists. GardenWalk's essential purpose is to share information and to inspire like-minded gardeners all over the city. It's also lots of fun.

Individual gardens will be listed on the event map, along with a short description. Participants can choose to allow visitors onto their front, side and/or backyards.

For more information, call/text Charles at 216-469-4806, Debbie at 216-496-1514, or Kim at 440-521-4927. Or go directly to the GardenWalk Cleveland website where an easy digital application form can be filled out at www.gardenwalkcleveland.com (click the Add Garden button).

Deadline to apply for participation is May 25.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

By order of the Council of the City of Maple Heights, sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Agent, at Maple Heights City Hall, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio 44137, until 12:00 Noon, local time, on the **16th day of May, 2024** for the **"Maple Heights Senior Center Generator Installation Project"** in the City of Maple Heights, Ohio, NO FAXED COPIES ACCEPTED.

The bid documents, specifications and drawings may be examined without charge online at www.cvelimited.plancycle.com. To become a Registered Bidder, documents, specifications and drawings must be purchased at either www.cvelimited.plancycle.com, SE Blueprint at 2035 Hamilton Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44114 or SE Blueprint at 520 South Main Street, Suite 2411, Akron, OH 44311 at a cost of \$100.00 + tax and delivery which includes bid registration, one hard copy set of the bid package and one complete set of pdf files. Additional sets of bid documents can also be ordered online at www.cvelimited.plancycle.com or by emailing seblue@seblueprint.com, calling 216-241-2250 or visiting an SE Blueprint location.

Each bidder is required to furnish with its proposal, a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in accordance with Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. Bid security furnished in Bond form, shall be issued by a Surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety. Each bid must be made upon the Proposal Form provided in the set of specifications and must be accompanied by a bank check or cashier's check drawn on a solvent bank in Cuyahoga County in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount bid, or a bid bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the amount bid, as a guarantee that if said bid is accepted, a contract will be entered into and a Surety Bond satisfactory to said City in an amount equal to 100% of the total bid will be furnished. Checks shall be made payable to the **City of Maple Heights, Ohio**.

Each Proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. Each bidder must submit evidence of its experiences on projects of similar size and complexity.

Bids will be opened and read at the time and place stated above. Those who submitted Proposals or their representatives are invited to attend.

The **Maple Heights Senior Center Generator Installation Project** is partially funded by the Cuyahoga County Department of Development's Block Grant Program. A bidder/contractor will be deemed committed to the Department of Labor's goals and timetables for the Cleveland, Ohio area as specified in the Notice of Requirements for Affirmative Action to ensure Equal Employment Opportunity Order 11246 by submitting a properly signed bid. Each bidder must ensure that all employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability or veteran status.

A copy of the Bid Specification package for the **Maple Heights Senior Center Generator Installation Project** will be available for review by all potential bidders at the offices of the Cuyahoga County Department of Development located at 2079 East Ninth Street, 7th floor Office 7-303, Cleveland, Ohio 44115.

Small Business Enterprises (SBE's) are encouraged to participate on this project. The goal for SBE participation is 35% of total contract award for this project.

A Pre-bid Conference for the **Maple Heights Senior Center Generator Installation Project** will be held at 10:00 A.M. local time on the 2nd day of May, 2024 in the Council Chambers at the Maple Heights City Hall, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio 44137 for all interested parties. Information will be disseminated concerning proper completion of bid package documents.

The right is reserved to accept any bidder, to reject any or all bids, and to waive informalities should it be deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Maple Heights to do so.

Bids are to be submitted in accordance with the plans and specifications on file in the office of the Purchasing Agent. Sealed bids must be marked, **"Maple Heights Senior Center Generator Installation Project"**

Tinita Tillman
Finance Director
Maple Heights, Ohio

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South High Class of '74 to hold 50-year 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.

'Dream Girls' at GHHS

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.

All tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the box office or in advance at GARFIELDTHEATRE.ORG

Credit cards for this production will be accepted (without ticket fees) and people paying in advance can choose their own seats ahead of time and skip the box office!

While all tickets are \$15 for "Dreamgirls," senior citizens can save an extra \$5 off the admission price by bringing in the coupon below to the box office.

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Legal Advertisement

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Garfield Heights ("Owner"), at the office of the Fiscal Officer, Garfield Heights City Hall, 5407 Turney Road, Garfield Heights, OH 44125 on the 6th day of June, 2024 until 10:00 am current local time for the:

"Multi-Street Reconstruction Phase VIII - Part A"

and will be publicly opened and read immediately thereafter. Each bid must contain the full 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 shall be accompanied by a Bid Guaranty Bond for the full amount (100%) of the Bid, in favor of the "Owner" or a certified check, cashier's check, or letter of credit pursuant to Chapter 1305 of the Ohio Revised Code, in the amount of 10% of the Bid, payable to the "Owner".

It is agreed that the bid guaranty shall be for the benefit of the "Owner" pursuant to Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code if the undersigned fails to execute the Contract in conformity with the Form of Contract incorporated in the contract documents and furnish Bond and insurance certificates within ten (10) days after the notification of the award of the Contract to the undersigned.

1. Copies of the Contract Documents are on file at SE Blueprint, Plan Room and may be obtained at cost (1) online at www.ohm-bidderplanroom.plancycle.com, (2) in person at the SE Blueprint Akron Office, 520 South Main Street, Akron, OH 44311 or at the SE Blueprint Cleveland Office 2035 Hamilton Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44114, or (3) via phone SE Blueprint Cleveland (216) 241-2250.

Please note that in order to be considered as a "responsive bidder" for this project, you must purchase a set of plans and bid documents, and follow all instructions provided. Bids from contractors who are not on the **Plan Holders List** will be disqualified.

The "Owner" 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.

The "Owner" is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate against the handicapped.

Barbara A. Biro, Finance Director
City of Garfield Heights

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Driver of stolen car flees Garfield Heights police

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traffic. As the Kia approached Lee Rd., the light at the intersection was red. The suspect vehicle did not stop for the light and struck a white Kia Optima. After striking another vehicle the suspect vehicle then crashed into an RTA bus stop at the intersection.

After the crash the driver of the stolen vehicle fled on foot north through an open field. An officer gave chase and ordered the suspect to get on the ground. He eventually stopped running and complied and was taken into custody. Police observed two other persons exit the stolen vehicle and were also taken into custody without incident. Officers rendered aid to the injured parties that were struck by the stolen vehicle and they were taken to the hospital by EMS, as well as the three suspects from the stolen car.

The stolen car later caught fire which was put out by the fire department. Upon searching the vehicle police found a Smith and Wesson .38 special revolver under the front passenger seat. It was checked through LEADS and found to be stolen out of Twinsburg.

One of the juvenile suspects was turned over to Juvenile Intake. The other juvenile was released to his mother to be charged at a later date. The adult suspect was booked at city jail for receiving stolen property and concealed weapon.

"Three suspects who acted recklessly, without any regard for the safety of others, put good and innocent people through a traumatic motor vehicle accident," GHPD posted on Facebook. "These three people wearing masks, with a stolen firearm, in a stolen car must be apprehended before their next crime can be committed. We will continue to do just that."

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CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO

List of Meetings for May 2024

Monday, May 6, 2024	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 7, 2024	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 8, 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, May 13, 2024	Wards 2 & 5 - 7:00 P.M.
Monday, May 20, 2024	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 21, 2024	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 28, 2024	Board of Zoning Appeals (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 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, <https://bedfordoh.primegov.com/public/portal>, or call Tracy M. Simons, Clerk of Council, at 440-735-6510.

Tracy M. Simons
Clerk of Council

NN: 4-24-24

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.

Bedford Reservation

April 24: Wednesday Wildflower Walk. Join a naturalist for an afternoon walk in a flood plain. This trail is painted with a variety of spring wildflowers. Bring your favorite wildflower field guide or app to help us create a list of the flowers we find along the way. This trail may be muddy. 4-5 p.m., in Hemlock picnic shelter. Terrain: natural surface, 1 mile.

April 26: Preschoolers: Hike with Me. Bring your preschoolers to celebrate Arbor Day with a hike through the forest! We will hike into a ravine and along a boardwalk as we search for trees of all shapes and sizes. We will discuss the seeds that help these trees to grow and the habitat where they do best. 10-11:30 a.m. in Forbes Woods parking lot. Terrain: natural surfaces, boardwalk, hills.

April 27: Early Spring Wildflower Walk. The forest floor is waking up! Explore the beauty and folklore of some of our first spring wildflowers to bloom each year. 10-11 a.m. in Hemlock Creek Picnic Area. Terrain: 1-mile.

April 27: Astorhurst Ramble. Join Historian Judy

CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO

BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A MEETING FOR **WARDS 1 & 6 ON MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024** IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF BEDFORD CITY HALL AT 7:00 P.M.

BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A MEETING FOR **WARDS 3 & 4 ON MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2024** IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF BEDFORD CITY HALL AT 7:00 P.M.

BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A MEETING FOR **WARDS 2 & 5 ON MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024** IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF BEDFORD CITY HALL AT 7:00 P.M.

*Tracy M. Simons
Clerk of Council*

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"A Cleveland Empowerment Zone Business"

MacKeigan for a hike through the Astorhurst area of Bedford Reservation. Enjoy the spring foliage while Judy talks about the history of this spot, from grist mills to golf courses. 2-3:30 p.m. in Astorhurst Park. Terrain: 2 miles, mostly paved, some natural surface, several steep inclines.

CanalWay Center/Ohio & Erie Canal Res.

April 26: Last Hike to the Eagle's Nest. We will take one last look at the eagle's nest along the Cuyahoga River before tree leaves obscure our view. Bring your camera. Binoculars available for loan. 3-5 p.m. Meet at CanalWay Center. Terrain: 4 miles, paved and natural surface, one hill.

April 27: Cart Tour: Towpath Stages 1 & 2. Historical Interpreter Doug Kusak drives the 7-passenger cart and 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 more from CanalWay to Steel Heritage Center. Noon-2:30 p.m. at CanalWay Center. Fee: \$10. Minimum registration of 7 required.

THE IRON WARD NEWS

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

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GardenWalk Cleveland looks for Slavic Village gardeners

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Spring has sprung in Garfield with lots of activities coming up; council handles unusually large agenda

By Ellen Psenicka

With an ordinance-packed agenda for Garfield Heights Council to tackle at its regularly scheduled meeting Monday night, Mayor Matt Burke made a brief report to point out the many activities on the calendar in and around the city in the next few weeks.

Highlights included the Bike With the Mayor this Saturday, April 27, from 1-3 p.m.; the National Day of Prayer, cosponsored with the city of Maple Heights, being held at the Performing Arts Center at Garfield Heights High School at 6 p.m., on May 2; the RiverSweep cleanup from 9-11 a.m., on May 4; and a Community Town Hall meeting featuring the team at the city's Rec

Center on May 16. More details can be found on the city's website.

The following ordinances were passed by council Monday night:

- Amending ordinance with respect to increasing fees at the Dan Kostel Recreation Center.
- Entering into an agreement with OHM Advisors to provide MLK Boulevard Sewer Congressional Direct Spending Funding Assistance to the city of Garfield Heights.
- Participating in the NEORS D programs for the Thornhurst Ave. Sewer Separation Project in order to secure grant funding.

• Authorizing OHM Advisors to prepare plans and specifications and go out for competitive bids for the Granger Road Hill Storm Sewer Project - Phase 2, and authorizing a fee of up to \$25,000 to OHM Advisors for this work.

- Providing for the issuance and sale of notes not to exceed \$1,900,000 in anticipation of the issuance of bonds to pay costs of improving streets and roads in the city.
- Providing for the issuance and sale of notes not to exceed \$250,000 in anticipation of the issuance of bonds to pay costs of improving streets and roads in the city.
- Providing for the issuance and sale of notes not to exceed \$750,000 in the anticipation of the issuance of bonds to pay the costs of constructing and reconstructing streets, sidewalks, water lines and related water supply facilities in the city.
- Providing for the issuance and sale of notes not to exceed \$2,000,000 in anticipation of the issuance of bonds to pay costs of improving Granger Road and other streets and roads in the city.
- Authorizing all actions necessary to accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council Energized Community grants for 2024.
- Entering into an agreement with OHM Advisors to provide public sector engineering review and construction services to the city at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.
- Authorizing the purchase and use of an Employee Dishonesty and Faithful Performance of Duty insurance policy in lieu of Individual Surety Bonds.

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GARFIELD CULINARY

4803 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights 216-485-1300
APRIL/MAY 2024 DAILY SPECIALS!!

WED Apr 24 Italian Sausage Sandwich and Fresh Cut Chips \$6.00	THU Apr 25 PO BOY \$6.00	FRI Apr 26 Cheese Steak Sandwich \$6.00	MON Apr 29 Meatloaf and Mashed Potatoes \$6.00
TUE Apr 30 ??	WED May 1 Whole Seasoned & Breaded Wings \$1.25 Each (Min 4)	THU May 2 PO BOY \$6.00	FRI May 3 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

60 Years of Stars Celebration & Fundraiser

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024
6:00 PM - 11:00 PM

The Bohemian National Hall
Grand Ballroom - 4939 Broadway Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio - Free parking in secured lot

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\$45 beginning May 1, 2024
Questions? BoehmsAngels@gmail.com

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Community Police reports

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Shots Fired

On April 13, shortly before 9 p.m., police responded to Little Caesar's for a report of gunshots fired in the parking lot. Upon arrival officers observed several juveniles running from the area while others continued to congregate but eventually left when ordered to by police. Upon investigation it was found that a large party was held at a party center at 5729 Turney Rd., and at some point an unknown person fired several shots outside of the party center. No injuries or property damage were reported. Officers located two spent 40 caliber casings on the ground outside the center which were placed into evidence.

Felonious Assault

On April 16, at about 9:37 p.m., officers responded to the 13800 block of Saybrook Ave. for a shots fired call. As police were enroute, a second caller told dispatch she was shot at and was now involved in a motor vehicle accident. Police arrived and found that a black Nissan had struck four unoccupied vehicles parked on the street. The driver of the Nissan told police that an unknown person(s) had shot at her as she was leaving a gathering at a home in the 13800 block of Saybrook Ave. Officers noticed a bullet hole to the rear windshield of the Nissan. As the driver exited her vehicle, police observed a gunshot wound to her left bicep area and called EMS, who transported her

to MetroHealth Medical Center where she gave a verbal statement to police. She said she had been involved in a physical altercation with a female who had pushed and punched her in her face. The argument continued at the family gathering on Saybrook and as she was leaving the gathering she heard gunshots. She said she got her firearm and fired two shots in the air in defense, but afterward was unable to locate her weapon. She told police she does not want to file charges. Report forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

Traffic Offense-OVI

On April 17, at about 10 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 4600 block of E. 131 St., regarding a motor vehicle accident in the parking lot of the apartments there. Garfield Heights EMS was already on scene when the officer arrived and told him the driver was unconscious slumped over the steering wheel of the car which was running and in drive. EMS gave the driver Naloxone to revive him as they determined he was having an overdose of a suspected narcotic. He had crashed into the passenger side of a parked vehicle in the parking lot. That vehicle's owner was provided a copy of the report and told to follow up with his insurance company. The revived driver was taken to Marymount Hospital for further treatment. He was provided a citation for driving under suspension, failure to control and OVI.

Breaking & Entering

On April 18, shortly before 2 a.m., officers were dispatched to T-Mobile, 9541 Vista Way, for an alarm drop with multiple motion alarms. Police observed the front glass door was shattered and a large rock was sitting inside. They also found the rear door ajar but found no one inside. Merchandise was scattered across the floor in

the rear stock room. Dispatch tried to call a key holder or store employees several times but was unsuccessful. It was unclear at the time what items were taken. An out-of-state employee emailed video of the incident to GHPD showing that at 1:55 a.m., a black male with long dreads wearing a neon jacket and black pants threw a rock through the front glass door and entered the store. He immediately ran to the back office door and kicked it in, then attempted to open the safe in the rear room which was locked. He then goes back to the main store and looked behind a counter. It does not appear in the video that he took anything. He then ran out the back door. Report forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

Criminal Damage

On April 18, shortly after 2 a.m., several GHPD officers were dispatched to Bonkers Cafe, 5147 Turney Rd., for a report of shots fired. An employee told police there was someone with a gunshot wound outside the bar and that there were individuals outside that were still shooting. Officers could not locate any gunshot victim and alerted area hospitals in case a gunshot victim came through. The side glass door of Bonkers was shattered. There were several small blood droplets leading from the door inside to the back door of the bar. No shell casings or bullet fragments were located in or around Bonkers. It was determined from surveillance video that the shattered door was the result of an unknown female throwing a bar stool from the outside patio area into the glass door. Police will investigate to learn her identity.

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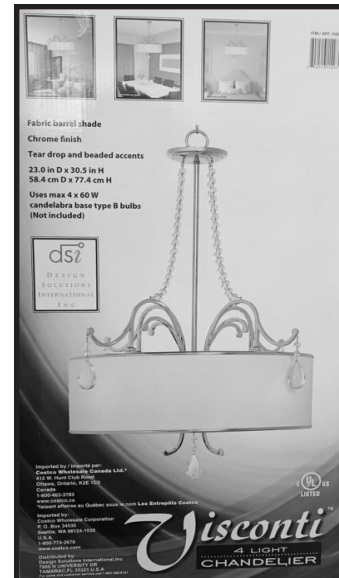
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Death Notices



DIANE G. HOFMANN

Diane G. Hofmann (nee Wike), age 68, passed away on April 17, 2024. Beloved mother of Todd Porinsky (Erin), Amy Veres, and Steven Santin (Jade Montanero); dear grandmother of Amelie Russo, Poppy Porinsky, Phoebe Porinsky, Giada Santin, and Jaxon Santin; daughter of the late Frank and Mary Wike; loving sister of Linda Calkins (the late Tom) and Nancie Wike; aunt of T.J. Calkins; cousin of Paul Nemeth (Jennifer) and David Nemeth (Danelle).

Diane was a beautiful person who loved her family deeply. She worked at a variety of jobs over the years, but her passion for journalism was evident with employment at the old Garfield Heights Leader and several years with The Neighborhood News.

While at The NN she received an award from the Neighborhood & Community Press Association of Greater Cleveland for a touching story she wrote about a child who had died following a car crash in Valley View several years ago. Even in retirement she continued to email her frequent "scoops" to the NN and kept up with her friends there.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday morning at St. Monica Catholic Church in Garfield Heights. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Ferfolia Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions are suggested in Diane's name to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, 1016 West Jackson Boulevard, #1073, Chicago, IL 60607 or online at <https://tinyurl.com/MuscularDyst>.

Singing Angels fundraiser at Bohemian National Hall

The Singing Angels "60 Years of Stars Celebration & Fundraiser" to support Cleveland's world renowned youth performing chorus, will be held on Friday, May 17, from 6-11 p.m., at Bohemian National Hall's grand ballroom, 4939 Broadway Ave., Cleveland, with free parking in a secured lot.

Buffet-style catering includes pasta, meatballs, green beans, salad, rolls and dessert. There will also be raffle baskets, side boards, wine pull, photo booth, DJ/Karaoke & "60 seconds of fame" solos. BYOB; pop, coffee, water and ice provided.

Tickets through April 30th are \$35; after May 1st, \$45. Donate or buy tickets through The Singing Angels "60 Years of Stars" Facebook event page or Google form: <https://forms.gle/9z13w2QSMXiqwk9s7>.

Slavic Village Cleanup

The annual Slavic Village Spring Cleanup will be held on Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., starting at 6009 Fleet Ave., Cleveland. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., and lunch will be provided to volunteers after the cleanup.

For more information or to register, contact Marissa Alvarado, program coordinator, at 216-441-4700, ext. 271 or by email: malvarado@ccc-hs.org.

Annual Day of Prayer

The 73rd annual National Day of Prayer is observed across America the first Thursday of May. Unity in Christ (UIC) Partnership and Consultant Ministries invites you and your family to the Garfield Heights and Maple

Heights United National Day of Prayer Observance on Thursday, May 2, at 6 p.m., at the Garfield Heights High School Performing Arts Theater, 4900 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights. Doors will open to the public at 5:30 p.m.

"Come let us seek the Lord together in prayer and repentance," said Rev. Vontayne Smith, UIC Ministries National Day of Prayer coordinator. Contact her at Uicministries2017@gmail.com

Spring has sprung in Garfield

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- Entering into an agreement with Thendesign Architecture to provide professional design services for the Justice Center Project - Phase 1, at a cost not to exceed \$20,000. Under Phase 1, Thendesign will document and access existing conditions, develop a Program of Requirements, prepare conceptual layouts and develop cost estimates and funding strategies to explore the possibility of building a new Justice Center to house the courts, police station and jail.

- Entering into an agreement with OHM Advisors to provide economic development/planning services to the city for 2024, 2025 and 2026.

- Authorizing a Job/Payroll Creation Incentive Grant for the Safety Company, LLC, dba MTech, which is expanding its operations and has approached the city to explore forms of economic assistance so they can locate their operations in Garfield Heights on Transportation Blvd. The company is committed to creating 20 full-time jobs in its first three years of operation in the city for a projected annual payroll of \$1,300,000, including bonuses.

A resolution was also passed ratifying the mayor's appointment of Norma Banks as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the term beginning immediately and ending Dec. 31, 2028.

Council's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 13th.

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