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## Candlelight Vigil in Cuyahoga Heights for slain police Officer Jacob Derbin

A Candlelight Vigil for Police Officer Jacob Derbin, a member of the Euclid Police Department shot and killed in the line of duty last Saturday night, will be held on Thursday, May 16, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Ralph P. Adams Football Stadium at Cuyahoga Heights High School, 4820 E. 71 St., in Cuyahoga Heights.

Officer Derbin was a 2018 graduate of Cuyahoga Heights High School and planned to be married in July to his fiancée, Liv Wuebker, according to various media outlets.

## Utility Assistance Resource Fair this Saturday at Central Catholic High School in S.V.

This Saturday, May 18, Cleveland City Councilwoman Rebecca Maurer and the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District will host a Utility Assistance Resource Fair to offer eligible customers financial assistance on water, sewer, gas and electric bills.

The fair will be held at Cleveland Central Catholic High School at 6550 Baxter Ave., in Cleveland, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Appointments are preferred and can be scheduled by calling 216-881-8247. Walk-ins will be accepted only from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, City of Cleveland Division of Water, Cleveland Public Power, Enbridge (formerly Dominion Energy), FirstEnergy, CHN Housing Partners, STEP FORWARD and Community Housing Solutions will be on-site.

“We are excited to partner with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District on the Utility Assistance Resource Fair,” said Councilwoman Maurer. “We know that some of those in our community are experiencing financial challenges to pay their bills, so we want to provide any resource that may help.”

Eligible customers will be able to sign up for a variety of assistance programs at the fair, including the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District’s Affordability Program, which provides a 40% reduction on sewer bills, and Crisis Assistance Program, which provides up to a \$300 credit on sewer bills.

Attendees are asked to bring copies of their utility bills (electric, gas, sewer and/or water) and proof of household income (e.g., pay stub, Social Security statement, most recently filed IRS 1040 or other documentation) to the Resource Fair. To maximize participation in as many programs as possible, attendees should also bring copies of the following, if available: birth certificate, driver’s license or state ID, supplemental medical insurance (if applicable), Social Security card, lease agreement if renter.

The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District plans to host additional Utility Assistance Resource Fairs in 2024.

## Documentary on 2008 foreclosure crisis in Slavic Village, East Cleveland, coming in June as SE Kiwanis Club fundraiser; local celebrities will be on hand

The Kiwanis Club of South East Cleveland and Slavic Village Development, in conjunction with Jones Road Family Development and Elizabeth Baptist Church, has received permission for a Pre-Release Event of a John Vourlis documentary on how the 2008 foreclosure crisis played out in Slavic Village, East Cleveland and around the United States. The local film showing is ahead of its worldwide public release in July after three film festivals in Cleveland, Columbus and Barcelona.

The movie will be shown at Elizabeth Baptist Church, 6114 Francis Ave., Cleveland, on Friday, June 7, with hearty appetizers and beverages served from 5:30 to 6 p.m., followed by a short program including a Red Carpet walk by many of the local “celebrities” in the movie, and the documentary showing at 6:30 p.m., with a panel discussion and Q&A afterwards.

Tickets, sponsorship opportunities and program advertising are available through Slavic Village Development ([www.slavicvillage.org](http://www.slavicvillage.org)) and on-line at [tinyurl.com/the-house-next-door](http://tinyurl.com/the-house-next-door).

Seating is limited, so get your tickets now for this “sure to be a sell-out” event.

All profits from the showing will benefit the Literacy Through the Arts summer learning program sponsored by Jones Road Family Development and Elizabeth Baptist Church, held at Cleveland Central Catholic High School and at the church.

This neighborhood outreach has grown over the years to provide after-school tutoring and a six-week summer camp for youth ages 5-18, which includes tutoring in reading and math, music and arts instruction and sports activities.

### About the documentary

Here are excerpts from a synopsis of the documentary provided by the film’s writer/producer/director, John Vourlis.

“The House Next Door” is a 117-minute documentary film about the effects of the foreclosure crisis on Northeast Ohio and especially the neighborhoods of Slavic Village and East Cleveland which were ground zero for this man-made disaster.

There were many culpable parties including mortgage brokers, uninformed buyers, unscrupulous sellers who jacked up the price of the property, willfully blind appraisers who went along with inflated home prices, and mortgage bankers out to make mad money, and of course, Wall Street.

At best these people simply ignored the warning signs in favor of a quick buck; at worst this was a giant conspiracy of complicity. And even though there were multiple guilty parties, nobody ever went to jail except for a few small-time property brokers in places like Cleveland.

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## WeldonPC marks 20 years with celebration this Friday



Weldon Hastings

WeldonPC’s journey began 20 years ago with owner Weldon Hastings having a mission to offer reliable, efficient and affordable computer repair services from his business at 5829 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights.

Over the years, the company has expanded its portfolio to include cutting-edge services like cloud backup, data recovery and cybersecurity measures, and has also grown in operational size as well!

As WeldonPC celebrates its 20th anniversary, we invite you to stop by Friday, May 17, from noon to 8 p.m., and take part in the celebrations! The store will be 20% off, as well as some special treats! The first 20 customers will receive a FREE gift!

Thank you to all of the WeldonPC customers! Throughout these years, you have been more than just customers; you have been our partners and our inspiration. Your challenges have driven our innovation, and your needs have shaped our services. We have grown together, adapted to the changing technological landscape and faced the digital world’s evolving demands side by side.

# Community police reports

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

## Recovered Stolen Auto

•On May 6, about 9:14 a.m., an officer observed a gray Kia Sportage in the parking lot of the Sunoco station at 4935 Turney Rd., and knew it to be stolen out of Cleveland. The officer drove past the gas station a couple times and saw the black male driver walk to the front passenger seat, get in the vehicle for a minute and then the driver, male passenger, and two female back passengers, all four of whom were later found to be juveniles, all exited the vehicle and began running east behind Sunoco. Nine more GHPD officers arrived on scene and established a perimeter. One of the female passengers was apprehended at Langton and E. 109 St., and placed

under arrest. AGHPDK9 tracked the driver and the other male passenger to the backyard of a house in the 4900 block of E. 106 St., where they were found hiding under the back porch and were arrested. During that arrest one of the males kicked the K9 officer in the face three times. The other female suspect was found back at the Sunoco station, where an officer had gone to review camera footage. She was also placed under arrest. All four were taken to city jail and booked for receiving stolen property and obstructing official business. The report was forwarded to Juvenile Intake and police waited for a response to see if the juveniles would be accepted into Juvenile Detention.

•On May 7, GHPD received notice that a black GMC Acadia had just been taken in a car-jacking in Cleveland by three armed suspects. The victim of the car-jacking was pistol-whipped during the robbery. Officers located the stolen vehicle eastbound on Granger Rd., going through Garfield Heights. The car fled from officers who pursued it through Maple Heights to Broadway and McCracken Rd., where it became boxed in by a train. The three armed suspects were taken into custody. Four firearms were found in the vehicle, two of them stolen. All three suspects were juveniles and were turned over to Cleveland police with added charges pending through Garfield Heights, including fleeing and eluding, receiving stolen property, improper handling of firearms in a motor vehicle, reckless operation, speed and lanes of travel, with charges pending for carrying concealed weapons.

•On May 8, at about 3:24 a.m., officers were patrolling southbound on Turney Rd. near Garfield Blvd., when they saw a black Mercedes sedan traveling south in front of their cruiser. They requested a registration check through dispatch which came back as a stolen car out of Cleveland. The officers attempted a traffic stop but the Mercedes fled down several city streets in Garfield Heights and Cleveland. The car was occupied by a female driver and two male passengers. One of the men bailed from the vehicle at the intersection of Nelson Ave. and E. 102 St., and was quickly apprehended. The vehicle pursuit ended at the intersection of Broadway and Hinde Ave. in Cleveland when the driver lost control and spun out in the middle of the roadway. Both the female driver and one of the male passengers attempted to flee but were

detained by police. The female driver refused to obey police commands and at one point tried to get back into the stolen car. She had to be taken to the ground by police and was eventually put into handcuffs. She was placed under arrest for receiving stolen property, fleeing/eluding, resisting arrest, drug paraphernalia, obstructing official business and charged with numerous traffic violations. One of the males was placed under arrest for obstructing official business and drug paraphernalia and the other male was released on scene with no charges at the time.

## Assault

On May 6, at about 4:51 p.m., an officer was dispatched to Marc's, 12650 Rockside Rd., for the manager reporting a disturbance between a customer and an employee. The customer was described as an older white male. The manager told police the customer struck his female cashier with a merchandise divider at the register while she was ringing up customers. The manager advised he has a video of the incident and would like to "criminally trespass" the male who was no longer on scene. After investigation, police were able to talk with the suspect on the phone, who told police, "I struck her shoulder with a merchandise divider to get her attention," referring to the cashier. He said he was not happy with the customer service he was getting and that the cashier was busy talking to other people instead of helping him checkout his merchandise. The suspect was advised not to return to Marc's per the manager. The cashier was advised to contact the Law Department if she wishes to press charges.

## Attempted Auto Theft

•On May 9, about 10:08 a.m., an officer was dispatched to a home in the 4300 block of E. 131 St., for an attempted auto theft. The complainant said that sometime overnight her daughter's vehicle, a 2015 Kia Optima, was damaged by person(s) unknown by breaking a rear passenger window and causing damage to the front driver's side window and window seal. The damage was consistent with attempted auto theft. Nothing inside the vehicle was stolen.

•On May 10, at 7:05 a.m., police were dispatched to the 4800 block of Turney Rd., in connection with someone trying to steal the caller's car. She said the night before at about 9 p.m., she had parked her car in the lot next to her apartment building and the following morning she saw a pile of glass near the driver's window and the steering wheel had been peeled. She said nothing of value was taken.

## 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 **23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2024** for the "MAPLE HEIGHTS SOUTHWEST QUADRANT SEWER REPAIRS - PHASE 2 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](http://www.cvelimited.plancycle.com). To become a Registered Bidder, documents, specifications and drawings must be purchased at either [www.cvelimited.plancycle.com](http://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](http://www.cvelimited.plancycle.com) or by emailing [seblue@seblueprint.com](mailto: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. The owner intends and requires that this project be completed no later than November 30th, 2025.

All contractors and subcontractors involved with the project will, to the extent practicable, use Ohio products, materials, services, and labor in the implementation of their project. Additionally, contractor compliance with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 123 is required.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Cuyahoga County and the City of Maple Heights, Ohio as determined by the Ohio Department of Commerce, Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration, 614.644.2239.

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 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 SOUTHWEST QUADRANT SEWER REPAIRS - PHASE 2 PROJECT"

**Tinita Tillman**  
Finance Director  
Maple Heights, Ohio

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## Village of Newburgh Heights PUBLIC NOTICE

The public is invited to attend a hearing to voice their opinions or to submit written opinions to the address below regarding the proposed Alternative Tax Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2025. A brief overview of the proposed Resolution will be given at the hearing which will be held on June 4, 2024 at 5:30 pm in Village Hall, 3801 Harvard Avenue, Newburgh Heights, OH 44105. A copy of the proposed Resolution will also be available for review at Village Hall during regular village office hours. Please send written comments to Fiscal Officer Cathleen Nagorski at the address listed above. Any persons who wish to attend and require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please contact Village Hall at 216-641-4650 no later than 72 hours prior to the public hearing.

Cathleen Nagorski  
Fiscal Officer

Village Hall 5/13/24  
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## Dan Kostel Recreation Center Pool Information

### 5411 Turney Rd., Garfield Hts.

Our outdoor **HEATED Swimming Pool** is scheduled to open at 2 p.m., on Saturday, June 8th for the season. All Summer Pool Passes & ID cards will go on sale beginning Tuesday, May 28th (after Memorial Day) during open office hours of 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Beginning Wednesday, June 5th we will be open 8 a.m.-6:45 p.m., for your convenience, to purchase your passes before opening day.

**Everyone must have a Season Swim Pass or ID card to come to the pool. Season passes will get you in all summer for the one time pass price - ID cards will get you in at a reduced admission. By purchasing Season Passes you get more for your money & unlimited visits.**

*Everyone either needs a season pass or ID card to come into the pool. There are no spectators allowed.*

Daily Pool Hours for the Season are Tuesday through Sunday, 2-7 p.m. (weather and attendance permitting), and will be closed on Mondays.

#### ID Card Fees

Residents - \$20 (reduced admission with this card: students \$6 - adults \$8)

Non-Residents - \$50 (reduced admission with this card: students \$6 - adults \$8)

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#### Season Pass Fees

Resident Students - age 5-17 - \$60

Resident Adults - age 18-64 - \$70

Resident Family of 4 - (2 parents-2 children) - \$130

Additional children in family - 5-17 - \$15

Non-Resident Students - \$120

Non-Resident Adults - \$145

Non-Resident Family of 4 (2 parents-2 children) - \$270

Additional children in family - 5-17 - \$15

Please come prepared at the time of registration. Residents need 2 proofs of residency which consists of 2 current utility bills, bank statement or pay stub. **Birth certificates are mandatory for everyone (adults/drivers license or State ID).** We accept cash, credit, debit & checks with proper ID for payment.

For more information call 216-475-7272; [www.garfieldhts.org](http://www.garfieldhts.org); or follow us on Facebook @ GarfieldHtsRec

**Join Mayor Burke on Thursday, May 16, from 6:30 to 8: p.m., at the Civic Center for a Town Hall Meeting focused on the Recreation Center and Parks & Recreation Department.**

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## Documentary on 2008 foreclosure crisis in Slavic Village

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There are several storylines we follow in this documentary to help illuminate this crisis and find out how it happened and why. We cover two homeowners who went through the foreclosure nightmare—Chuck Stimac of Pepper Pike, and Barbara Anderson of Slavic Village in Cleveland.

These two figures represent polar opposites. Chuck is a former Wall Street broker, a conservative white homeowner who lives in a wealthy eastside suburb. He was caught up in the crisis and fought foreclosure for 11 years, taking his case all the way to the Ohio 8th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Barbara is an African-American who moved to Slavic Village to find a better life and wound up battling foreclosure for nearly a decade, becoming a vocal leader and housing activist in the process.

One figure we closely focus on is Anthony Brancatelli, the Cleveland City Councilman who represented the citizens of Slavic Village during this difficult time. Brancatelli's work to help repair the damage the foreclosure crisis did to the neighborhood he lives in illuminated the challenges faced by not just a neighborhood, but an entire city and its leaders in dealing with the devastating aftermath of the crisis. His efforts were nothing short of heroic.

We also follow the fascinating story of convicted felon Blaine Murphy - a former mortgage broker and house flipper who took advantage of this situation, made a lot of money, then went to prison and ultimately redeemed himself by joining the efforts to repair the damage he caused in Slavic Village.

The film documents the efforts of many in the area who worked to clean up this mess, like then-Cuyahoga County

Treasurer Jim Rokakis and the efforts of those at the Cuyahoga County Land Bank, which raised hundreds of millions of dollars to remove vacant and abandoned properties.

Also featured is Third Federal Savings CEO Marc Stefanski, whose neighborhood bank had to ride out the storm. The film asks many hard questions of which the most important is, "Could this nightmare ever happen again?"

### GARFIELD CULINARY

4803 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights 216-485-1300  
MAY 2024 DAILY SPECIALS - NOW OPEN SATURDAY

<b>WED</b> May 15 ITALIAN SUB and choice of Chips \$6.00	<b>THU</b> May 16 PO BOY \$6.00	<b>FRI</b> May 17 COD & FRIES \$6.00	<b>SAT</b> May 18 CONCERT AT THE KITCHEN 4-6 PM
<b>MON</b> May 20 Chicken Potato Bowl \$6.00	<b>TUE</b> May 21 GARDEN SALAD \$6.00	<b>WED</b> May 22 ITALIAN SUB and choice of Chips \$6.00	<b>THU</b> May 23 BEEF HOT DOG w/Baked Beans \$6

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Sealed bids will be received by the Village of Newburgh Heights ("Owner"), at the office of the Fiscal Officer, Village of Newburgh Heights, 3801 Harvard Avenue, Newburgh Heights, OH 44105 on the 11th day of June, 2024 until 2:00 pm current local time for the:

**"Bridgeview Avenue Resurfacing"**

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](http://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.

Cathleen Nagorski, Fiscal Officer  
Village of Newburgh Heights

Publish Dates: Neighborhood News  
**Week of May 12th, 2024**  
**Week of May 19th, 2024**  
**Week of May 26th, 2024**

# CLE City Council OKs bill to launch Universal Basic Employment pilot here

Cleveland City Council held its regular meeting Monday night and passed an ordinance providing \$600,000 for a two-year research and development process with United Way of Greater Cleveland and Devin H. Cotton, founder of UBE, to explore the launch of a Universal Basic Employment pilot in Cleveland.

Cleveland is the first city in the nation to explore UBE as an opportunity to create a pathway toward eliminating poverty and its many symptoms by providing guaranteed employment at a sustaining wage and reducing the need for public assistance supports.

Based on the results of the research and development phase, a three-year pilot is expected to follow, providing funding and technical assistance to several small businesses within one designated neighborhood to hire or elevate approximately 100 individuals to an annual wage of \$50,000.

UBE will subsidize participants' wages for three years

while the employers provide essential benefits such as medical coverage, retirement plans and paid leave.

**3D Printed Homes:** Council also approved \$500,000 in economic development assistance to Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry to partially finance the purchase of equipment, the lease or acquisition of warehouse space, and the construction of pilot houses related to the development and implementation of an affordable housing program for low income or homeless people using 3D printing technology.

Councilwoman Stephanie Howse-Jones sponsored the legislation. LMM wants to bring partners together with cutting-edge technology to end homelessness, provide affordable housing, stabilize neighborhoods and create workforce development opportunities serving as a model locally and nationally.

3D printed homes could increase affordable housing stock by costing significantly less and are constructed faster than traditional new builds. The plan is to have two pilot homes constructed within 18 months.

## G.H. community meeting

The city of Garfield Heights Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, May 16, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd.

Mayor Matt Burke will be introducing the members of the Garfield Heights Recreation Department, and discussing the opening of the pool and summer events.

# POPPY SEASON ARRIVES



Prior to the council meeting of the Village of Cuyahoga Heights on Wednesday, May 8, Mayor Jack Bacci introduced the American Legion Post 627 Miss Poppy, Vivian Fortuna, and her brother, Mr. Poppy, Daniel Fortuna. Both attend St. Columbkille School and all four of their great-grandfathers served in the United States military.

Each year members of The American Legion Family distribute poppies with a request that the person receiving the flower make a donation to support the future of veterans, active-duty military personnel and their families with medical and financial needs.

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**"Granger Road Hill Drainage Phase 2 – Re-Bid"**

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".

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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.

A pre-bid meeting will be held on June 3rd, 2024 at 10:00 am at the **Garfield Heights City Hall, 5407 Turney Road, Garfield Heights, OH 44125.**

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Housing & Building Department  
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### NOTICE OF BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING

The Village of Newburgh Heights Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 6:30pm in the Village Hall Council Chambers located at 3801 Harvard Ave. in Newburgh Heights.

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes (January 2023)
- III. A review to grant a variance to build a garage larger than permitted under Codified Ordinance 1131.01(b)(3) for the property located at 4606 Bridgeview Ave. (51-10-063)
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Discussion and Action on Application
- VI. Adjournment

Posted at Village Hall, Village Website and in The Neighborhood News, May 15, 2024.

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### Legal Advertisement

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Garfield Heights ("Owner"), at the office of the Finance Director, Garfield Heights City Hall, 5407 Turney Road, Garfield Heights, OH 44125 on the 13th day of June, 2024 until 9:00 am current local time for the:

**"2024 Paving Program"**

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.

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## Matt Young appointed superintendent of C.H. Schools

At the May 8th meeting of the Cuyahoga Heights Board of Education, Matt Young was appointed as the new superintendent of Cuyahoga Heights Schools. His five-year contract begins Aug. 1, 2024. Young replaces Tom Evans who is retiring at the end of this school year.

“The Board is very pleased that Mr. Young has chosen to continue in the Cuyahoga Heights Schools as superintendent,” said Gary Suchocki, Board of Education president. “It is a privilege to have such a highly qualified and respected staff member with nearly a decade of experience in our district move into the position. We look forward to working with Mr. Young as we continue to reach new heights.”

Young, who has 29 years experience as a teacher and administrator, has been assistant superintendent for the Cuyahoga Heights Schools since August 2020. In this capacity, he oversaw the district’s curriculum and instruction, testing, hiring, technology, transportation, nutrition services, and buildings and grounds departments.

He was director of Curriculum and Instruction at the Summit Educational Service Center (ESC) from August 2018 to July 2020. Prior to joining the Summit ESC, he served as Cuyahoga Heights Middle/High School principal from August 2015 to July 2018. He taught physics and chemistry at Copley High School from August 1995 to June 2012, served as Copley High School’s assistant principal from June 2012 to July 2013, and as Copley High School’s principal from August 2013 to July 2015. He also coached cross country and track and field and was named Suburban League Coach of the Year 13 times.

“I am beyond humbled and grateful for the Board giving me this opportunity,” said Young. “It will be an honor to serve the students, staff, families and communities as superintendent. This is not something that I will take lightly, and I will work to the best of my ability everyday to meet the expectations of others,” said Young.

Young acknowledged and thanked Tom Evans for the



**Matt Young is shown with the Cuyahoga Heights Board of Education. Left to right: Stephanie Prause, Marie Eder, Young, Vice President Mark Dobbins, Jennifer Deka and President Gary Suchocki.**

mentorship, leadership and friendship he provided. “You can’t replace Tom Evans. He always places people first, valuing the relationships above all. His positive impact has meant so much to so many and will be felt for years to come. There will never be another Tom Evans.”

Young has a Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Kent State University and a Master of Science in Education Administration degree from the University of Akron.

## Garfield Hts. Council news

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

- Two separate ordinances to update the salaries of the police and fire departments. The city's charter provides that the rate of pay for members of the police and fire departments shall be no less than the average that is paid to members of the police and fire divisions in suburban

cities with a population of 10,000 or more whose boundary lines are contiguous to the city of Cleveland. Therefore, updates to the pay scale for the safety forces in Garfield Heights are routinely adjusted.

- To enter into a purchasing agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the purchase of rock salt for the next winter season.
- To enter into a temporary easement agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation to aid the rehabilitation of culverts.
- To approve the Cuyahoga County 9-1-1 plan as adopted by the county's 9-1-1 Program Review Committee.
- To select Euclid Mayor Holzheimer-Gail to serve as a member of the Cuyahoga County 9-1-1 Program Review Committee.
- To accept the city's Parks and Transportation Master Plan prepared by OHM Advisors.
- A resolution honoring Marcia Fudge for her outstanding service to Ohio's 11th Congressional District and to the United States of America.
- A resolution honoring May as Mental Health Awareness Month in the city.

The next regular meeting of council is scheduled for Monday, June 10.

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**Fees:**

**Residents** - \$50 + \$15 annual Rec ID card

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**\$15 administrative late fee will be added after May 30th**

Register during our normal business hours, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. In addition to the normal open office hours, we are open the evenings of May 20, 21 & 28th until 7 p.m. Also on Saturdays May 18 & 25, from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. only. Birth certificates are required for all new players & 2 current forms of proof of residency for residents of Garfield Hts., which consists of 2 current utility bills, bank statement and/or pay stub.

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## Olympia Building to get renovations, energy upgrades

Gov. Mike DeWine, with the Ohio Department of Development, last Wednesday announced that the Olympia Foundation has been chosen as one of four entities across the state to receive grant money from the Advanced Energy Fund.

The Olympia Foundation will receive a \$361,095 grant to rehabilitate the three-story Olympia Building, a 20-unit low-income housing and seven-unit commercial storefront at E. 55 St. and Broadway, in Cleveland's Slavic Village neighborhood.

Funding from the Advanced Energy Fund allocates a total of \$8.5 million to help businesses, nonprofits, municipalities, educational institutions and others complete energy efficiency projects designed to reduce costs, better the environment and improve the lives of people in Ohio's communities.

The Olympia Building was constructed in 1912 and has yet to receive any energy efficiency upgrades. Project activities include LED lighting upgrades, high-efficiency heat pumps, updating the hot water system, upgrading the building envelope, and a solar PV array. The project is expected to yield an annual utility savings of 49%.

"Investing in energy efficiency projects is a catalyst for economic growth and community well-being," said Gov. DeWine. "This funding allows for important energy efficient upgrades and cost savings for various buildings and facilities throughout Ohio."

All projects selected for funding must show a reduction of at least 15% in utility energy usage, ensuring a tangible and measurable impact on energy efficiency in their communities.

Also in Cuyahoga County, 9410 Hough, Inc. will receive a \$557,000 grant to help transform a long-vacant building into a contemporary 116-unit property in Cleveland's underserved Hough neighborhood.



Photo by Elena Psenicka

The project will incorporate both healthcare and economic empowerment from construction through the long-term operation of the project. Project activities will include a new roof, installation of a wall/window system, LED lighting, upgrading to energy-efficient appliances, installation of gas water heaters and a new HVAC system. The project is expected to yield an annual utility savings of 33%.

## S.V. Stakeholders to meet

The Slavic Village Stakeholders, a grassroots group of residents and business people interested in building a better neighborhood, will hold an important bylaws meeting on Tuesday, May 21, at 6 p.m., at the Seven Roses building, 6301 Fleet Ave.

Among the items under consideration on May 21, will be adopting a formal name, mission statement, territory of operations, qualifications for membership and membership categories and an annual meeting schedule.

All residents and friends of Slavic Village are encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be served. For more information call 216-469-4806.

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We will be inside the building with an expedited distribution. Numbers and sign-up sheets will be distributed at the parking lot entrance starting at 8:00 am.

Please have photo ID available and a pic of the ID for those you will pick up for.



**Community Town Hall Meeting**



**Thursday, May 16th 6:30pm - 8pm**      **Garfield Heights Civic Center 5407 Turney Road**



**At this meeting, Garfield Heights Mayor Matthew Burke will be introducing the Garfield Heights Parks & Recreation Department, and discussing the opening of the pool and summer events. We hope to see you there!**

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