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## Trinity junior wins State championship

Trinity High School junior Iniya Charlton is officially a state champ! Charlton won the 100 Meter Dash to claim the Division III State Title and placed second behind a two-time State Champion in the 200 Meter Dash during last weekend's State meet in Dayton, OH.

And Charlton isn't just a star on the track. She also plays volleyball and basketball and maintains a 3.9 grade point average. In addition, Charlton is the recipient of the Howley Scholarship, meaning she must maintain at least a 3.0 GPA and be involved in extracurriculars to remain in good standing throughout her high school years.

In addition to winning the 100m and coming in second for the 200m, Charlton was also part of the girls 4X100 relay with Toni Jamison, Miracle Head and Courtney McCray. The team finished second by only 0.17 seconds.

The girls scored 26 points, only 7 points behind second place, tying for the highest finish in school history with the 2003 team. The Lady Trojans Track Team finished in 3rd place overall at the OHSAA Division III Track & Field State Championships in Dayton.

The Boys 4x100 Relay team of seniors Leiland Thompson, Azaan Johnson, sophomore Davarie Bennett, and junior Aidan Duncan finished 10th in the prelims and did not qualify for the finals.



**State Champ Iniya Charlton shows off her State championship medals.**

## Former pastor of Holy Name Church, Father Tom O'Donnell, passes away at 88

Father Thomas V. O'Donnell, 88, a beloved former pastor of Holy Name Church, 8328 Broadway Ave., Cleveland, for many years, passed away on Sunday, June 2.

The wake for Fr. O'Donnell, senior priest, retired, will begin with vespers at 3 p.m., on Friday, June 7, at Holy Name Church. Bishop Edward Malesic will preside and Msgr. Richard Antall, Holy Name Parish pastor, will be the homilist. The wake will continue until 8 p.m.

Auxiliary Bishop Michael Woost will celebrate Fr. O'Donnell's funeral Mass at 11 a.m., Saturday, June 8, in Holy Name Church. Fr. Thomas Haren will be the homilist. Interment will be at Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park. Fortuna Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Fr. O'Donnell was born April 23, 1936, to the late Neil and Loretta (Bruyea) O'Donnell. He was educated at St. Luke School and St. Edward High School, both in Lakewood; John Carroll University, University Heights; Oberlin College, Oberlin; Borromeo Seminary, Wickliffe; and Saint Mary Seminary, Cleveland.

Bishop Clarence Isenmann ordained him to the priesthood for service to the Diocese of Cleveland on May 20, 1967, in the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist.

After ordination Father was assigned as parochial vicar of St. Clare Parish in Lyndhurst. During this assignment he was appointed to teach music at Saint Mary Seminary effective Sept. 30, 1968. A year later he was transferred to serve as parochial vicar at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Cleveland, and in June 1970 was assigned as a full-time faculty member at Saint Mary Seminary. During this assignment he served on the diocesan Commission on Sacred Liturgy, and was named diocesan director of music/moderator of the diocesan Commission for Sacred Music, effective July 7, 1974. Fr. O'Donnell was appointed associate director for the Office for Pastoral Liturgy in September 1978.

On June 30, 1982, Father was appointed parochial vicar of St. Henry Parish in Cleveland, where he served until he was named pastor of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Cleveland on May 2, 1983.

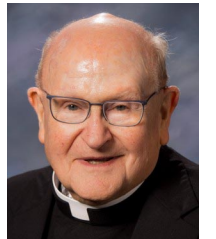
He was named pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Cleveland on June 28, 1984. During this assignment he also served as chaplain, Brentwood and Meridia Suburban Hospitals, and chaplain, Metro Health Medical Center in Cleveland.

Following his assignment at St. Thomas Aquinas, Fr. O'Donnell was named pastor of Holy Name Parish in Cleveland. While there he served as presbyterial convener of the Cleveland Southeast District 1998-2007, was a member of the College of Consultors 2000-2008, the district chairperson for the Cleveland Southeast District 2003-2005, and served as a member at-large of Presbyterial Council 2005-2008.

Father was named chaplain, Knights of Columbus, Moses Cleaveland, on July 27, 2010. He retired on June 30, 2011.

Fr. O'Donnell was a special friend of the Psenicka family and The Neighborhood News. He officiated at the funeral services for both NN publisher James V. Psenicka in June 2001, and his son, Michael Psenicka, in September 2020. His warm and loving eulogies for them filled with anecdotes of happier times was a great source of comfort for family and friends.

Those who knew him said Fr. O'Donnell will be remembered for his gentle and kind disposition, his great love of the priesthood, his love for music and liturgy, his smile and his great laugh. He was a joyful, faithful and generous priest and servant of the Lord.



## Community events in Garfield Hts.

### Fair Housing Seminar

Garfield Heights and The Fair Housing Center will present a free Fair Housing Law Overview seminar from 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, June 18, at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. Topics to be covered include fair housing laws, protected classes, protections for people with disabilities, prohibited acts, emerging issues and goals of fair housing. Register at [thehousingcenter.org/events](http://thehousingcenter.org/events). For information, call Tanesha Hunter at The Fair Housing Center for Rights and Research at 216-361-9240.

### Community Flea Market

Registration is underway for the Garfield Heights Community Flea Market scheduled for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, June 22, in the parking lot of the Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. Tables are \$10 if provided by the city and \$5 if vendors bring their own. Payment is cash or check payable to the City of Garfield Heights. Registration forms are available at the Civic Center or online at [www.garfieldhts.org](http://www.garfieldhts.org). For additional details, call Pat Salemi at 216-475-1100, ext. 2425, or e-mail [psalemi@garfieldhts.org](mailto:psalemi@garfieldhts.org).

### Pool Party

The cities of Garfield Heights and Maple Heights are inviting residents to a Luau-themed Pool Party from noon to 4 p.m., Saturday, June 29, at the Dan Kostel Recreation Center Pool, 5411 Turney Rd. Admission is \$4 for Garfield Heights and Maple Heights residents. The first 100 people will receive a free cooler bag. For additional details or to be an event sponsor, contact Jenn Duber at 216-475-5484 or [jduber@garfieldhts.org](mailto:jduber@garfieldhts.org)

## University Settlement Safety Summit

University Settlement will hold its 2024 Safety Summit on Wednesday, June 5, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., at Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave., Cleveland.

The event will include discussions and presentations on personal safety, bicycle safety, cyber safety, anti-trafficking, missing persons, lead poisoning, economic crimes, home safety, gun violence and gang activity. Featured presenters will be from various Cleveland safety units, representatives from the county prosecutor's office, FBI Gang Task Force and more.

Food, giveaways and resources provided while supplies last. For more details contact Y. Burns at 216-441-2907, ext. 256.

## State of Cleveland's Ward 12 Address tomorrow at Pol/Am Cultural Center

Cleveland Ward 12 Councilwoman Rebecca Maurer will give her State of Ward 12 Address on Thursday, June 6, at 6 p.m., at the Polish American Cultural Center, 6501 Lansing Ave., Cleveland. All are invited to join the councilwoman for a conversation about the past, present and future of Ward 12.



# Community Police reports

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

## Garfield Heights

### Assault

•On May 25, police were dispatched to a home in the 10100 block of Parkview Ave., for an assault report. The caller said her granddaughter had been assaulted a couple days prior at the skate park by the recreation center. The victim, who police observed had a swollen and bruised face, told them that on Thursday, May 23, she and a classmate had arranged to fight at the skate park after school, but when she arrived she saw that the classmate had brought about 20 other juveniles with her. The fight began and she was repeatedly punched in the face and upper torso by numerous juveniles. She said the fight lasted a couple of minutes and then everyone dispersed. The victim reported the incident to the Middle School the next day but was told she would have to file a police report as it happened off school grounds. City cameras captured the incident. Juvenile Detective Bureau

requested to follow up.

•On May 26, about 11:20 a.m., an officer responded to T-Mobile, 9541 Vista Way, for an assault. The store manager told police that a few minutes earlier a customer who was upset about his bill began to insult one of his employees and aggressively come at her. The manager told the customer many times to leave the store and the customer pushed him, causing him to fall backwards and injure his left arm on a chair as he fell. He then left the store and was positively identified through store information and video footage. Report forwarded to the prosecutor's office for assault charges.

•On May 28, police responded to a call for a juvenile who was shot with a "splat gun" by two other juveniles on E. 115 St., near his residence. The victim said the suspects called out to him as he was riding his bike and asked him if he wanted \$5. When the victim approached the boys, they shot him several times with the "splat guns" causing small welts on his mid-section. His mother was advised to follow up with the Juvenile Court to press charges.

### Theft

On May 28, a caller told police that between 5-5:15 p.m., on May 24, someone stole her clothing from a dryer at Turney Town Laundromat. She said the attendant on duty and another witness saw a woman take the items while the owner went to her car. Items valued at over \$500. Victim needed a police report for the insurance company.

### Attempted Auto Theft

On May 28, at about 1:15 p.m., police were called to a home in the 12800 block of Willard Ave., for an attempted auto theft. A witness said they saw a black male wearing a black sweatshirt and black Adidas pants with a white stripe down the pant legs walking away from a vehicle at that location. While enroute, dispatch advised that a male matching that description had now attempted to steal another vehicle from Trinity High School, 12425 Granger Rd. The car on Willard, a 2012 Hyundai Sonata, had the steering wheel peeled back and was damaged. The owner said he saw the suspect inside his car. Several

other witnesses said the suspect returned to the area near Darlington Ave. and E. 128 St., and they had chased him and saw him enter a home in the 12600 block of Darlington Ave. When officers arrived on scene they saw the suspect running south near the 12400 block of Oakpark Blvd., and he was apprehended. He refused to identify himself to officers, and when asked again to identify himself he instead chose to rap while enroute to the GHPD jail. While inside the jail he was given a third chance to identify himself but continued to refuse and was placed in holding cell, where some time later he told police his name and that he was 15 years old. Report forwarded to the Juvenile Prosecutor's Office for further review of charges of attempted auto theft, possession of criminal tools and obstruction.-

### Weapon Offense

On May 31, shortly after 12 p.m., two officers were on patrol when one of them noticed a gold Cadillac DeVille on Turney Rd. at McCracken with heavy window tint next to the driver and passenger. The tint was so dark the occupants couldn't be seen. Police followed the suspect vehicle into the PNC parking lot and activated the lights and siren. The car pulled into a parking spot and the driver rolled down his window when ordered to do so by police so they could see into the car. The driver said he was the owner of the vehicle and officers asked if there were any guns or narcotics inside. They did observe a black AR-15 style rifle on the floor board between the driver and passenger seats. The driver was asked to get out of the vehicle, and was placed in handcuffs. Two passengers were detained in police cruisers. The driver attempted to run away from police while he was still in handcuffs behind his back, but an officer maintained a grip on the suspect and they both landed on the ground. After a short struggle, the suspect was placed in the back seat of one of the cruisers. During the struggle, the officer's left knee sustained a large scrape and his uniform pants were ripped at the knee.

Police removed the weapon, which was missing the butt stock, from the Cadillac and found it loaded with 18 live rounds in the magazine and one in the chamber. Suspected marijuana was found in the car in bags totalling 107 grams. Due to the fact that the weapon was loaded and being transported incorrectly, he was charged with improperly handling a firearms in a motor vehicle, and resisting arrest, obstructing official business and cited for window tint. His passengers were released on scene.

### 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 **20th day of June, 2024** for the "LONGVALE AND WOODBROOK AVENUE RESURFACING 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 the 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 October 18, 2024.

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

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.

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, "LONGVALE AND WOODBROOK AVENUE RESURFACING PROJECT."

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

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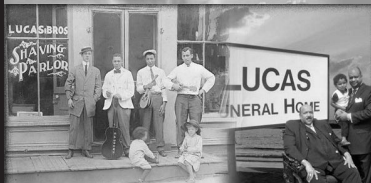


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## CLE City Council votes to bring basketball to Cleveland Auditorium

Cleveland City Council held its regular meeting Monday night and passed an ordinance to bring basketball to Cleveland Auditorium.

Council approved entering into an agreement with the Cleveland Cavaliers to accept \$3 million in improvements for Public Auditorium for the Cleveland Charge, an affiliate of the Cleveland Cavaliers, to conduct and host league basketball games.

They will lease the Public Auditorium for a term of six years for Cleveland Charge games. The team will construct locker rooms and an office and team areas, upgrading, modifying and improving HVAC and other building systems and making other related improvements.

The Cleveland Charge, a professional basketball team in

the NBA G League, had been playing its games in the Wolstein Center. They plan to begin playing at Public Auditorium in the fall and have 24 home games.

**Campaign Donations:** Council approved amending Section 110.02 related to limitations on campaign contributions. The amount an individual can donate in a calendar year for anyone running for a Council seat was increased from \$1,500 to \$3,000. The amount a political action committee can make in a calendar year for a candidate for the office of member of Council was increased to \$6,000 from \$3,000. The allowable contributions to mayoral candidates remains unchanged. No other city in Cuyahoga County puts donation limits for council candidates.

**Making Roads Safer:** Council approved accepting a grant of \$2,328,908 from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for the purposes of conducting safety audits and safety analyses of eight high injury network street segments including West 117th, Denison (2 miles), Superior (3 miles), Woodland/Buckeye, and Harvard. The city must provide \$582,277 in matching funds. The grant will enable the city to advance the design of several corridors on its high injury network and implement supplemental planning and demonstration projects on other high crash segments.

**Cleveland Pool Policy Change Requested:** Council passed a resolution sponsored by Councilman Charles Slife urging the Administration's Department of Public Works, Division of Recreation to improve pool policies for the benefit of resident patrons this summer.

The resolution states that Council suggests that the Division of Recreation devise a method to proactively disseminate information to residents about changes to individual pool hours. The resolution also states that Council suggests that the Division of Recreation allow patrons to wear Coast Guard-approved flotation devices that increase safety of swimmers. Non-approved flotation

devices and recreational toys that are not proven safe should still be prohibited.

Council is now on its summer schedule and will have a meeting on Wednesday, July 10.

### GARFIELD CULINARY

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JUNE 2024 DAILY SPECIALS - OPEN SATURDAYS

<b>WED</b> June 5 <b>WHOLE WINGS</b> (Minimum 5) \$1.00 each	<b>THU</b> June 6 <b>PO BOY \$6.00</b>	<b>FRI</b> June 7 <b>Cheese Steak \$6.00</b> Peppers & Onions \$1 additional	<b>SAT</b> June 8 <b>Fried Chicken Dinner</b> (leg, thigh, 2 wings, Fries and Slaw)
<b>MON</b> June 10 <b>Chicken Potato Bowl \$6.00</b>	<b>TUE</b> June 11 <b>PASTA SALAD \$6.00</b>	<b>WED</b> June 12 <b>ITALIAN SUB \$6.00</b>	<b>THU</b> June 13 <b>PO BOY \$6.00</b>

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# Garbage fees, street lighting legislation approved by Bedford City Council

By Judith Goldsworth

Bedford Council, at its regular meeting Monday night, passed an annual resolution to assess the expense of garbage and refuse collections, recycling and disposal in the city.

The monthly rate beginning July 1, 2024, will be \$18 per single family residential unit, \$36 for a two-dwelling residential unit, and \$54 for a three family residential unit, which will appear on property owners' real estate tax bills. There is no increase from last year, Law Director Montello confirmed.

Also passed at Monday's meeting were three pieces of legislation: the first, a resolution to declare the necessity of improving streets by lighting them; the second, an ordinance to proceed with the lighting improvements; and the third, to levy assessments for the lighting improvements.

Montello said that historically council has passed the same three pieces of legislation every year. "Everyone's been paying this for years and everyone pays their fair share," he said.

Mayor Stan Koci explained, "Nobody's getting individual bills for the street lighting. It comes out of your taxes. There won't be a new bill for this."

Council approved a motion to accept the Board of Zoning Appeals' denial of Bernard Motley's appeal for a proposed business at 776 Broadway Ave., because of "parking deficiencies."

Also approved was a motion to reappoint John Trzeciak to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

A resolution to approve and accept the proposed 2024 Tax Budget for the year January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025, was placed on second reading. A public hearing was held on the legislation in council chambers prior to Monday's council meeting.

## Spinks Business Graphics honored

In recognition of the company's 30 years in business in the city of Bedford, Mayor Koci presented Bob Spinks, owner of Spinks Business Graphics, with a proclamation at the council meeting Monday night.

"Mr. Spinks is a testament to perseverance and dedication," Koci said in presenting the proclamation, noting that Spinks established Spinks Business Graphics in his

home 30 years ago and had demonstrated "his unwavering commitment to his craft" in working as a graphics designer for 49 years.

Spinks has also designed flyers and banners for the Bedford Historical Society, Koci said, adding that Spinks "has donated all of his time and expertise in graphic design for the city of Bedford."

Spinks' wife, Ward 1 Councilwoman Sandy Spinks, who with her fellow officials congratulated her husband on the honor.

## \$50K tree grant sought

Council passed a resolution authorizing City Manager Mike Mallis to apply for and accept a \$50,000 grant through Cuyahoga County under the Healthy Urban Tree Canopy grant program to add more trees to the city. If the grant is approved, the city will match the grant in the amount of \$7500, according to the legislation.

If the city does receive the award, the trees will be planted this year and into next year, depending on scheduling, Montello said.

## Strawberry Festival this weekend

Councilwoman Spinks reminded residents that the 60th annual Bedford Historical Society's Strawberry Festival will be held in the Historic Downtown District this weekend, from Friday, June 7, through Sunday, June 9.

A Best Dessert Contest, including any dessert featuring strawberries, will be held at 1:20 p.m. on Sunday. Fresh strawberries, strawberry shortcake, strawberry sundaes and other goodies will be available throughout the festival, along with entertainment, crafts and music.

## Announcements

Ward 5 Councilman Jeff Asbury said that the upcoming Turney Road resurfacing project, which was supposed to start this month, has been rescheduled to start on Monday, July 8. Traffic will be maintained westbound but the eastbound lanes will be shut down, he said.

Asbury also said that the Summer Concert Series in the Square will be held from 7-9 p.m., on Wednesdays: June 12, with the Brian Papesh Party Band, and June 26, with the Tyrone Blues Sensation.

Exterior residential permit fees will be waived in Bedford for the month of June, Asbury also said.

Ward 6 Councilman Anthony Longino said that the Juneteenth holiday will be celebrated at Bedford Bearcat Stadium and the high school, 481 Northfield Rd., on Wednesday, June 19, with a "Freedom Run" in the morning and other events.

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## Last chance for tickets to locally filmed documentary

The Kiwanis Club of South East Cleveland and Slavic Village Development, in conjunction with Jones Road Family Development and Elizabeth Baptist Church, will present a pre-release showing of the 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, this 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 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).

All profits from the showing will benefit the summer learning programs for children, sponsored by Jones Road Family Development and Elizabeth Baptist Church.

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## Boys & Girls Clubs of NE Ohio may be facing closures

The non-renewal of approximately \$3 million in federal funds may force Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Ohio to cut back its services across the region if the gap cannot be closed with new financial support.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Ohio CEO Allen Smith said the organization is doing “everything we can possibly do” to head off club closings, which could impact hundreds of kids ages 6-18 who go there after school each day. BGCNEO, which does not charge families for membership, has about 9,800 members at 49 clubs in six Northeast Ohio counties.

BGCNEO is launching a corporate campaign and seeking additional local and state government support in an effort to close the funding gap before the 2024-2025 school year starts.

Boys & Girls Clubs are safe, fun places for kids to go to after school and in the summer. Clubs focus on academic success, healthy lifestyles and leadership skills. Members receive a free daily meal, help from caring adult mentors and opportunities in sports, the arts and career readiness.

Smith said the loss of federal funds most directly impacts clubs in Cuyahoga and Lorain counties.

“We are facing a difficult challenge, one that could have life-altering consequences for some of our most vulnerable children,” Smith said. “Families across Northeast Ohio count on us to provide a safe place for their children at no cost. The prospect of having to close even one club, let alone several, is disconcerting. We continue to hope

the community will rally behind our kids.”

BGCNEO officials said the unexpected loss of federal funds has led to a budget shortfall. Additionally, many school systems, including the Cleveland Metropolitan School District and Lorain City School District, are reducing or eliminating afterschool programs; BGCNEO has clubs in 38 schools.

Smith said BGCNEO is looking “to serve as many kids in as many places as possible.”

BGCNEO’s corporate campaign is chaired by Mark Bachmann, partner at Marcus Thomas LLC, and Alex King, executive vice president, marketing and brand strategy for the Cleveland Guardians.

“The stakes here are high, and we are calling on the corporate community to join us in making sure this life-changing organization can serve as many children as possible,” King said. “The response we are getting from corporate leaders has been positive – they see the need and they see that clubs work. Time is short, and we need more companies to get involved.”

Law enforcement statistics show that the 3-6 p.m. weekday time period after school is when kids are most likely to become victims of crime or to get in trouble. That is when the clubs are open.

BGCNEO has established a Save Our Clubs campaign donation page. The summer session starts June 10. Registration is now open.

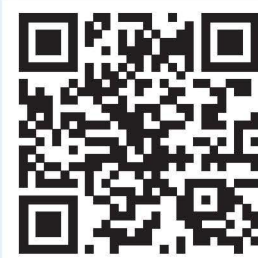
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