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## Iron Ward Music starts July 3rd in Slavic Village

Slavic Village's Iron Ward Music Festival will begin its 19th season next Wednesday, July 3, with a red-white-and-blue salute to our nation's 248th birthday. The pre-holiday concert will begin at 7 p.m., in Dan Kane Park, located at E. 65 St., and Kenyon Ave.

Donny Jone's popular Infinity Band will perform live, with an All-American blend of pop, jazz and blues music. Concerts in a range of styles will continue each Monday in summer until Labor Day.

Audience members on Wednesday will get an early summer treat of free hot dogs and ice cream.

Organizers are giving special thanks this year to Iron Ward's generous supporters, including Ward 12 Councilwoman Rebecca Maurer, the Kiwanis Club of Southeast Cleveland, as well as Mary Ann Faught and friends, who will help facilitate the event.

All residents and friends are invited to this free event. For more information please call 216-469-4806.

## Maple Hts. man gunned down in his driveway

Maple Heights police are looking for the person or persons responsible for a man being shot to death in his driveway on Miller Ave., on Sunday evening.

On June 23, around 10:45 p.m., Maple Heights police officers were dispatched to the 5000 block of Miller Ave., for a report of shots fired and a male down lying in a driveway. Officers found the victim, a 37-year-old male, lying in the driveway of his residence with a gunshot wound. Maple Heights Fire/EMS personnel arrived to provide medical aid. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner responded and transported the victim to the M.E.'s office. The investigation is ongoing. No suspects have been identified at this time.

Anyone with information related to this case is urged to contact the Maple Heights Detective Bureau: 216-587-9624 or Detectives@mhpdo-ohio.com. Information can also be supplied to Crime Stoppers

## Pool Party Saturday; reduced admission for Garfield, Maple Heights residents

The cities of Garfield Heights and Maple Heights are teaming up to sponsor a Pool Party this Saturday, June 29, at the Dan Kostel Recreation Center, 5411 Turney Rd., in Garfield Heights, from 12 to 4 p.m.

There will be reduced admission of just \$4 for residents of Garfield Heights and Maple Heights, and the first 100 people will receive a FREE cooler bag. Special guest DJ Ken will provide the music. All are invited for a fun afternoon at the pool!



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## Work begins on Garfield Boulevard makeover

It's been over two years since Garfield Heights residents came to a March 23, 2022 meeting called to let residents, business owners and other stakeholders know about a proposal to completely rehabilitate Garfield Boulevard.

And now that plan is starting to become a reality as crews were out this week in the Blythin Rd. area doing some preliminary sidewalk work.

By the time the project is completed, in November 2025, the Boulevard will boast an all-purpose trail the length of the northern side of Garfield Boulevard for pedestrians and bikers, the sidewalks will be replaced and leave enough room for two-way traffic down a newly repaved Boulevard from Turney to Warner rds.

The project will link the Towpath Trail on the western end of the thoroughfare to the Cleveland Metroparks' Garfield Reservation on the eastern end.

Anthony Allega Cement Contractor, Inc. is the contractor for the project, in conjunction with the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works.

During construction, a minimum of one lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained at all times along Garfield Boulevard, according to a flyer put out by Cuyahoga County Executive Chris Ronayne. Access to the adjacent properties will always be maintained. Pedestrian detours will be in place when sidewalk closures are necessary.

The cost of the project is estimated at nearly \$4.5 million. Funding is as follows: 40% from the Ohio Public Works Commission; 18% American Rescue Plan Act; 16% Road and Bridge Fund (\$7.50 Motor Vehicle Fund); 11% Clean Ohio Trails Grant Fund; 11% Green Infrastructure Grant Fund; and 4% from the city of Garfield Heights.

## Enjoy dogs, wings, music during July 14 fundraiser

Just Plucking Around Music on the Patio is the place to be if you're looking for a chill afternoon filled with great tunes and good vibes. All are invited to Garfield Culinary, 4803 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights, on Sunday, July 14, from 2 to 4 p.m. Sit back, relax, and enjoy acoustic melodies as you sip on your favorite drink and munch on hot dogs and chicken wings hot off the grill. Whether you're a music enthusiast or just looking for something to do on a summer afternoon, this event is perfect for everyone.

The event is being organized by Charlene Wesley and Vonda Leath as a fundraiser, through the sale of the food and drinks at the July 14 event, for the Taste of Turney Summer Festival coming up on Saturday, Sept. 7. See this newspaper for more details.



Sidewalk work began yesterday on the Garfield Boulevard Rehabilitation Project shown here at the Boulevard and Blythin Rd. Photo by Elena Psenicka

## NN Freebies offered

The Neighborhood News has tickets to the Garden Bros Circus coming to the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds July 4, 5, 6 & 7, which will be raffled off in a free drawing. Ticket will admit one child with paying adult. Climate controlled tent; rain or shine. Circus will feature five rings, Wheel of Death, Sphere of Fear, Human Cannonball and World's Smallest Man.

Enter to win tickets by stopping in to The Neighborhood News office, 8613 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Heights, Monday through Friday, during normal business hours. Deadline to enter drawing is Wednesday, July 3, at noon.

## No Neighborhood News on July 10th

The Neighborhood News will be closed for vacation from July 4th through July 11th, and will not print a July 10th issue. Plan to get your ads and news items in next week's July 3rd edition for timely events.

## New Northeast Ohio Crime Gun Intelligence Center opens in Cleveland

Alongside state and local law enforcement partners in Cleveland, Attorney General Merrick B. Garland, Director Steven Dettelbach of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), and U.S. Attorney Rebecca C. Lutzko for the Northern District of Ohio yesterday announced the opening of a new Northeast Ohio Crime Gun Intelligence Center (CGIC) in Cleveland.

CGICs are centralized law enforcement hubs that focus exclusively on investigating and preventing gun violence in local communities. They use cutting-edge technologies, including ATF's National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) and eTrace systems, to rapidly develop and pursue investigative leads in order to drive case clearance rates up — which in turn can help drive violent crime rates down. They bring together, under one roof, the expertise of firearm evidence examiners, intelligence analysts, and investigators to rapidly collect, analyze, and share information about guns used in violent crimes. In total, ATF operates more than 60 CGICs nationwide.

"The Northeast Ohio Crime Gun Intelligence Center will allow us to leverage our partnerships and technological innovation to solve gun crimes and to save lives," said

Attorney General Garland. "When it comes to investigating gun crimes, every day matters. Every day, another lead can run dry. Every day, a repeat shooter may shatter another family and another community. With this CGIC, it does not matter if a crime is committed in a city, a suburb or a rural area. The law enforcement officers who investigate will have cutting-edge technology at their fingertips and a lineup of experts ready to assist."

"Following on the success of last year's intelligence-driven gun crime initiative, this Crime Gun Intelligence Center puts in the same room analysts, agents, cops, deputies, and both federal and state prosecutors," said ATF Director Dettelbach. "They work together on the

same cases using real time, state-of-the-art intelligence. Every morning, they review key evidence from the previous night's shootings to identify the shooters.

"CGICs like this make homicide cases. CGICs like this stop the next shooting. And CGICs like this help stop the crime guns that are getting to the shooters. I want to commend the ATF Cleveland leadership and the many law enforcement agencies working together under one roof with a focus on real-time ballistics testing and crime gun tracing. I also want to thank the leadership here for coming together to protect Ohioans. Mayor Bibb, Attorney General Yost, County Executive Ronayne, Mayor Malik, and Governor DeWine have all supported a law enforcement presence in this CGIC. Without all of them, this CGIC does not happen. This level of partnership is truly exceptional. Chalk one up for the good guys in Ohio."

## Summer Book Sale at Fleet Branch Library

The Fleet Branch of the Cleveland Public Library, 7224 Broadway Ave., will hold a Summer Book Sale on Wednesday, June 26, from 1 to 5 p.m. On Saturday, June 29, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., there will be a Bag Sale for just \$10 for all the remaining Book Sale items that will fit into the bag, as long as it doesn't break!

Offered will be gently used books, DVDs, BluRays, Audiobooks and CDs for all ages at prices that will make everyone smile. Proceeds will benefit The Cleveland Public Library Foundation.

## FirstFruits Festival at The Rock Church

Friends of the Bridegroom Ministries will sponsor a FirstFruits Festival at The Rock Church, 9403 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Heights, on Saturday, July 27, from 1 to 5 p.m. There will be Circle Tent Evangelism, worship music, skits and monologues and open baptism.

All churches in Garfield Heights are invited to be a part of the FirstFruits Festival. Please contact Pastor Stone at 216-581-0577.

## Red Cross Blood Drives

The American Red Cross will hold blood drives at the Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Dr., on Mondays, July 8, July 29 and August 19, from noon to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, August 6, from noon to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, August 31, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Donors must be 17 years of age (age 16 with parental permission) or older. An appointment is recommended and can be made at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). Please be sure to bring your blood donor card or other form of photo identification.

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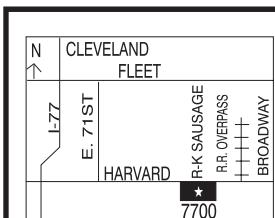
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**FREE HOT DOGS AND ICE CREAM**

Thanks to the generous support of Ward 12 Councilwoman Rebecca Maurer, Kiwanis Club of South East Cleveland, East 63rd Block Club and Mary Ann Faught and friends.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

BEDFORD PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A MEETING ON TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2024, AT BEDFORD CITY HALL IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 6:00 P.M. to consider the appeal of the following:

a. Powerup Renewable Energy is applying to be issued a Zoning Permit to install Roof Mount Solar Photovoltaic System, 54 Grand Blvd., Bedford, OH 44146

Tracy M. Simons  
Clerk of Council/Boards & Commissions Secretary  
Posted: 6-26-24



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# LIBRARIES PLAN SPECIAL PROGRAMS

## Bedford (Bedford Heights/Oakwood Village) Branch Library

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

**Summer Lunch - Kids ages 18 & younger, 12-1 p.m.** Monday through Friday during the summer we collaborate with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank to provide children with free healthy lunches at select branches. The Summer Lunch program is open to all kids ages 18 and younger.

**Family Storytime - All ages with caregiver. Tuesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 6 p.m.** Join us for stories, songs and fingerplays.

**Family Storytime - All ages with caregiver. Saturdays, July 6, 13, 20, 27, 10 a.m.** Join us for stories, songs and fingerplays.

**Self-Care Saturday - Ages 13-18, Saturday, July, 6, 11 a.m.** Ease your mind with calming activities. Art, yoga, writing and more! A release form must be completed by a parent/guardian prior to the program in order to participate. **MUST REGISTER**

**Textile Treasures: T-Shirt Design - Teens (Grade 6-12). Tuesday, July 9, 2 p.m.** Draw your own design, learn about the Cricut Design Space and heat press, and show off your work with your custom t-shirt!

**Ellenwood Book Discussion - Adults. Wednesday, July 10, 2 p.m.** Attend our monthly book discussion at Ellenwood Community Center - this month we're reading and discussing, *The Guest List* by Lisa Foley. Copies of the book will be available at the Bedford Branch and at the Ellenwood Center one month before the date of the discussion.

**Mobile Pantry - Free, fresh produce distribution. Wednesday, July 17, 1:30-3:30 p.m.** Cuyahoga County Public Library is collaborating with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank to distribute free, fresh produce to those in need. This event will be held rain or shine. Each family will receive 3 pre-packaged boxes of dairy, meat and/or produce for free, loaded into their vehicle trunk. First come, first-served basis, adults of any age, zip code, income level. Each vehicle can have up to 4 "families" (such as if single seniors are riding together). Vehicles preferred over walk-ups, for safety reasons.

**Textile Treasures: Sewing - Teens (Grades 6-12). Tuesday, July 23, 2 p.m.** Learn basic sewing skills and make a laptop sleeve! A release form must be signed by a parent/guardian before the program.

**African American Authors Book Group - In-person or Virtual, All adults welcome. Thursday, July 25, 7 p.m.** July Title: "The Sun Sets in Singapore" by Kehinde Fadipe. Join us as we travel to Singapore and experience this island country through the eyes of its Nigerian expatriate community. Alternating among the perspectives of three women, Fadipe showcases her rich talent for illustrating Singapore's social and economic landscape as well as the emotional complexities that motivate each character. A lovely exploration of the phase of self-discovery between early adulthood and middle age."

## Independence Branch Library

Here are some of the **FREE** programs being offered in June at the Independence Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, located at 6361 Selig Dr., Independence. For more information or to register for any program, please call 216-447-0160.

## ADULT

**Painting the Natural World. Registration required.** There are so many tiny wonders in the natural world. Learn how to slow down and creatively celebrate these tiny wonders through watercolor painting! You will learn about the tools you need to get started, how to take good reference photos, how to sketch your subject, how to use watercolor to showcase the beauty of your subject, and how to paint a mushroom and a daisy! This is a three-part series - registration for this class will automatically register you for class #2 on July 26, and class #3 on August 16. Friday, June 28, 10 a.m.; Friday, July 26, 10 a.m.; Friday, August 16, 10 a.m.

**Phantom of the Opera Escape Room - Morning. Registration required.** You are locked in the cellar/meeting room along with a group of other opera goers. You have 45 minutes to find the code and escape before the Opera House is destroyed. Look for clues, solve puzzles and beat the clock! Saturday, July 6, 11 a.m.

**Phantom of the Opera Escape Room - Afternoon. Registration required.** Saturday, July 6, 3 p.m.

**Wednesday Night Book Discussion. No registration required.** Please join us for a casual and lively book discussion of "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt. The books will be available approximately one month before the discussion date. Wednesday, July 17, 7:15 p.m.

## TEEN

**Create a shadow box collage! Registration required.** A multiple source shadowbox is a lot of fun to create! Participants will pull from a variety of photos, drawings, objects and mixed media to create a layered shadow box. Wednesday, July 10, 2 p.m.

**Science of Ice Cream. Registration required.** Learn how to make homemade ice cream! Thursday, July 11, 2 p.m.

**VolunTeens. Registration required.** Volunteer at the library to benefit the library or the local community. Monday, July 29, 2 p.m.



**The Neighborhood  
News will not  
publish a newspaper  
on July 10th**

**Please Submit  
News Items  
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- Luke 10:2-3 CJB

**Where:** The Rock Community Church  
Pastor David Burnelle  
9403 Garfield Blvd.  
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**When:** July 27, 2024

**Time:** 1:00-5:00 p.m.

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# Community police reports

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

## Garfield Heights

### Traffic Stop

On June 9, at about 8:20 a.m., an officer monitoring traffic on I-480 east at the Turney Rd. overpass observed a 2018 Hyundai SUV going 93 mph in a 60 mph zone. The car, which had four people inside, stopped on I-480 east at Granger Rd., when pulled over by the officer. All parties appeared nervous and said they only spoke Spanish. Dispatch found a Spanish-speaking officer with the

Cleveland Metroparks and he arrived to translate to the occupants their Miranda rights. Another officer arrived with K-9 Echo, who alerted police strongly to the passenger side door. It was discovered all parties were in the country illegally and all came from Venezuela, and were traveling to New York. During a search of the car a gun loaded with five live rounds was located under the rear passenger seat along with a folding knife with white powder on the blade. A spent shell casing was found in the rear compartment. The driver and passengers had different stories as to why they were going to New York and denied the weapon was theirs. All were arrested and taken to city jail with charges pending. The U.S. Border Patrol placed a holder on all four parties.

### Animal Complaint

On June 10, at 4:49 p.m., police were dispatched to the Andover Boulevard Apartments, where a resident told officers he was outside in front of his building with his male red-nose pit bull, Zargus, who was on a leash. The dog living across the street came running out of a garage and charged at his dog, biting him. The owner of Zargus said he pulled out his handgun fearing the dog would seriously harm his dog or himself. He was able to separate his dog from the other dog and took him away.

He said it was the third time in three months that the neighbor's dog had run from its property towards him and his dog. The other dog is a female pit mix named Snapdragon, whose owner told officers that after the incident his wife secured her in their home. The dog is believed to have all its vaccinations. Zargus was found to have no puncture wounds from the attack. Snapdragon's owner was advised the animal warden would be contacting him regarding the medical records for his dog.

### Robbery

On June 11, at 11:24 p.m., an officer responded to the GHPD lobby and met with a juvenile male who said at about 4:25 p.m., he was robbed at gunpoint by an

unknown male on Darlington Ave., after meeting someone for a trade. He said he had been messaging a juvenile on Instagram to trade designer clothing and had met with him for a trade in the past. The victim said he met the juvenile on Darlington that afternoon and traded his BAPE camo-colored Shark full zip hoodie retailing for \$500 and a red Gucci shoulder bag retailing for \$1000 for a pair of Balenciaga track shoes retailing for about \$1000. The victim said a few minutes later he noticed a light-skinned black male, 17 or 18 years of age, run toward him with a gun in his front hoodie pocket. Once he got near the victim, the suspect pulled out the handgun, pointed it at his stomach and ordered him to turn over the Balenciaga shoes and the Louis Vuitton bag they were in. He also took the Balenciaga shoes the victim was wearing. The victim thinks he was set up by the juvenile he had been trading with. When asked how he got all the high-priced designer items, he said they were gifts from family members along with trading with other people. The victim and his mother were told to follow up with the Youth Bureau.

### Shots Fired

• On June 14, at 4:55 p.m., police responded to the 4700 block of Hillside Ave., for a report of a large group of adults fighting in front of a home there. While enroute they were told by dispatch that there were now reports of shots fired from that area and an SUV had left the scene at a high rate of speed. As they checked the area they were flagged down by a witness who said he had seen about five people fighting on the street, and saw four of them get into a grey-colored SUV. The witness said as the SUV left going south on Hillside then east on Cooper Ct., a black female, about age 19, who was in the rear seat, began firing multiple shots at a black male that was fleeing on foot north on Hillside. An officer located four 9mm casings on Cooper Ct. Dispatch then received a call that a witness had seen a grey SUV and a black SUV shooting at each

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### PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on **Monday, July 8, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.**, before the **Maple Heights Planning and Zoning Commission** in the Maple Heights City Hall Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio, to consider the following application(s):

**2024-PZ-14** An application from Eric Schneider of Fogle/Stenzel Architects requesting Approval of a Variance from the requirements of Sect. 1270 of the MH Codified Ordinances to build a new Tiny Home behind an existing single-family home on property located in a Residential Single Family-Low Density (RSF-L) Zoning District at 14701 Turney Road, Maple Heights, Ohio, 44137.

**2024-PZ-15** An application from Nate Scott on behalf of Hope Alliance Bible Church requesting Approval of the following: 1) Modification to a Conditional Use Permit to expand a Religious Place of Worship under Sect. 1286.04 of the MH Codified Ordinances; 2) A Variance from the requirements of Sects. 1286.06(C) of the MH Codified Ordinances regarding rear yard setback of 30 feet to Residential Districts; and 3) a Variance from the requirements of Sect. 1298.18(E)(c)(2) of the MH Codified Ordinances that open ornamental fences shall not exceed 3 feet in the front yard on property located in an Institutional-Office (I-O) Zoning District at 5050 Stanley Avenue, Maple Heights, Ohio, 44137.

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

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

**Leonette Cicirella Johnson**  
Clerk of Council/PZC Secretary  
City of Maple Heights

The Neighborhood News  
June 26, 2024

### 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 11th day of July, 2024 until 9:00 am current local time for the:

#### "Civic Center Parking Lot"

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.

Barbara A. Biro, Finance Director  
City of Garfield Heights

Publish Dates: Neighborhood News  
Week of June 16th, 2024  
Week of June 23rd, 2024  
Week of June 30th, 2024

### INVITATION FOR BIDS LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed bid proposals will be received by the City Manager of the City of Bedford, Ohio at his office, 165 Center Road, Bedford, Ohio until 12:00 Noon on the **10th day of July 2024** for:

### 2024 ROAD MARKING PROGRAM

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

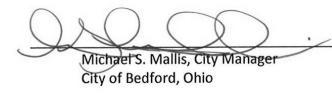
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The price of material and labor bid for shall be separately stated.

Copies of the Specifications, Instructions to Bidders, Forms of Proposals and other contract documents are on file at the office of the Clerk of the City of Bedford. These documents may only be obtained through the office of GPD Group by emailing [Nick.Fini@gpdgroup.com](mailto:Nick.Fini@gpdgroup.com) and requesting a digital copy. Digital documents will be provided free of charge. Questions or inquiries should be directed to GPD Group at (216) 927-8655. **No questions will be answered after 1 p.m. on July 5, 2024.**

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

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

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

NN: June 26, 2024  
July 3, 2024

## Community Police Reports - Garfield Hts.

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other on the roadway. Police observed video footage and heard at least 16 gunshots coming from the south in the area of Ohio and Osborn, but the shooter(s) was not seen. Four more 9mm casings were found near the 4700 block of Osborn. Investigation ongoing.

• On June 18, at about 10:43 p.m., police were dispatched to a home in the 4500 block of E. 126 St., for a shots fired report. On arrival officers did not see a disturbance but noticed multiple males and females walking around the front yard of the house. They found a spent shell casing near the front walkway of the home and while checking the backyard heard multiple shots fired from a home on MLK Blvd. They set up a perimeter and the suspect was eventually apprehended by police. An AK47 rifle was found in the side yard of the first home on E. 126 St., and the suspect was located as he was fleeing from the residence. The rifle was loaded and a round was in the chamber.

• On June 23, at 12:35 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 8000 block of Garfield Blvd. for a report of a male shooting a gun while arguing with a female. On arrival officers parked behind a grey Chevy Malibu, which several female juveniles were getting into, while a woman stood in the sidewalk area. Police noticed specifically a black male wearing a white tank top who walked toward the right end of the Malibu, pulled up his tank top and removed something from his waistband, presumably a weapon. He seemed to be putting something near the front right tire then walked away. Officers found a black handgun on the ground near the right tire, and the suspect was placed in handcuffs. After a struggle he was placed in the rear seat of a police cruiser. He was taken to jail and put into a detox cell due to his uncooperative behavior. Several juveniles on scene said that the suspect had been seen discharging a firearm. The suspect was charged with having weapons under disability, obstructing official business, resisting arrest, assault on a police officer and shooting a weapon within the city limits.

### Traffic Offense-Fleeing

On June 14, at 9:30 a.m., police were dispatched to a motel at 13701 Broadway Ave., for a disturbance and hit/skip report. As officers approached the motel, dispatch advised that a white truck was seen leaving the scene of a crash. Police activated their emergency lights and siren as the truck did a three-point turn in the driveway of the motel. The pursuit ended in the 19500 block of Libby Rd., Maple Heights, with the assistance of MHPD. Officers took the driver, a white male with blonde hair, into custody. An officer then went back to follow up at the motel and learned that the driver of the truck had struck a parked car in the parking lot, then backed up and hit it again. Driver interviewed at Marymount Hospital. Investigation continues.

### Burglary

On June 22, at 2:09 p.m., an officer was dispatched to a home in the 11000 block of Plymouth Ave., for a burglary report. A man stated the house is owned by his mother who has been recovering from a fall in a rehab facility for several months. When he

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<u>List of Meetings for July 2024</u>	
Monday, July 1, 2024	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 2, 2024	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 10, 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, July 15, 2024	Council Summer Session No meeting
Tuesday, July 16, 2024	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 23, 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](http://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: 6-26-24

checked on the house earlier that day he said the plexiglass on the rear door was broken and the house had been ransacked and a large jar of change was missing from the dining room. Other items may have been taken. Victim's son will call his mother's bank to check for fraudulent activity and put an alert on the account.

### Assist Other Departments

On June 22, officers responded to the Red Oak Pavilion of the Metroparks Garfield Reservation at about 10 p.m., for a male that had been shot. He was found by police lying on the ground near a white SUV in a pool of blood, with a woman holding him and screaming. Someone in the crowd there told officers the shooter had left in a vehicle. Police provided medical aid to the victim, who appeared to have been shot in the left thigh, left buttocks and multiple times in the left forearm. GHFD took over the medical care on arrival. Police found several spent casings in the parking lot along side a bullet fragment. Two groups of spent casings in the parking lot indicated there may have been more than one shooter. The scene was turned over to the Cleveland Metroparks Police to be investigated.

## Maple Hts. seniors celebrate Juneteenth

Last week Regina Abernathy, author and storyteller from the African American Quilt and Doll Guild, shared her beautiful quilts with over 75 seniors in attendance during the Maple Heights Senior Center's Juneteenth Celebration.

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Four copies of her book, "The Quilting StoryTeller," were raffled off, and Abernathy sold several autographed books to Maple Heights seniors. After the presentation everyone in attendance was treated to a free Southern-style lunch, provided by Catering by Emmitt. This event was made possible through the Ohio Department of Aging's Healthy Aging Grant.



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**July 5: Friday Hike to the Falls.** Escape the sunshine with a forest-covered hike to the falls. We will travel along both mountain bike trails and bridle trails and look for signs of animals that use these trails as well as some of the plants that grow under the shade of the tree canopy. 3-5 p.m. Bridal Veil Falls parking lot. Terrain: natural surface, hills, 2 miles.

**July 6: Butterfly Hike.** Discover our colorful native butterflies as we flutter through the meadows of Astorhurst Park. We'll look for red admirals, bright yellow tiger swallowtails, sky blue summer azures and more. Bring a water bottle, sunscreen and a hat, as we'll spend most of our time in direct sun. Astorhurst Park. Terrain: natural surface, steep hills, 3-4 miles.

**July 11: Lunch & Learn.** Explore, learn and play games while visiting our mobile nature center! Free lunches are provided for youth ages 18 and under by the Greater Cleveland Food Bank (while supplies last). Books for youth provided by the Cleveland Book Bank. 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Hemlock Creek Picnic Area.

**July 16: Nature Kids.** Young children and their adults will love meeting a naturalist to explore summer through a story, a project and an easy paced walk through the forest and creek. Bring a picnic lunch and wear sturdy shoes that can get wet (old sneakers or Velcro-sandals are ideal). 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Hemlock Creek Picnic Area. Ages: 3-5 years w/adult. Terrain: natural surface trail, creek, 0.5 miles

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**June 28: Preschoolers: Hike with Me.** Bring your preschooler to hike along one of the mountain bike trails at Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation. We will hike above

wetlands and the canal. We will look for tracks, scat and other evidence of wildlife that use our trails to hike, too. 10-11 a.m. CanalWay Center. Ages: 2-6 years w/ adult. Terrain: paved, natural surface, hills, 1 mile.

**June 29: Cart Tour: Towpath Stages 3 & 4.** Historical Interpreter Doug Kusak drives the 7-passenger cart while trying not to drive you crazy as he drives home the importance of trails, science, history and interagency cooperation in the drive for reconnecting Cleveland. Areas covered: Steel Heritage Center to Canal Basin Park. \*Meet at Steel Heritage Center in Steelyard Commons. \*Cleveland History Days Program. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Steel Heritage Center. Fee: \$10. Online registration required.

**July 1-30: Hunt of the Month.** There's a good chance it's a beautiful sunny July day at CanalWay Center, outside and in! This month we've hidden 20 suns throughout our building for you to find as our Hunt of the Month. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

**July 6: Cart Tour: Towpath Trail - Steelyard Commons to Canal Basin Park.** Historical Interpreter Doug Kusak drives the 7-passenger cart as he drives home the importance of trails, science, history and interagency cooperation in the drive for reconnecting Cleveland. \*Meet at Steel Heritage Center in Steelyard Commons. \*REGISTRATION REQUIRED. 1-3:30 p.m. Fee: \$10.

**July 12: Summer Stars.** Join a naturalist at Canalway Center for an up-close look at the summer night sky! There are billions of stars in our galaxy but come into the Star Lab to see some constellations you can find in the sky in your own backyard! We'll tell stories about some of the iconic star figures in the sky and create our own constellation craft. 1-2 p.m. CanalWay Center. Ages: 5 years & over w/adult. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

**July 12: Summer Stars: An Evening in the Sky.** Join a naturalist for an evening in our Star Lab with an in-depth look at our constellations and the solar system. We will be telling stories about famous stars and discussing the folklore behind iconic constellations, and creating our own constellation fortune tellers and cosmic cookies! 6-7:30 p.m. CanalWay Center. Ages: adults & teens. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

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Hours: M-T-W 10:30-3; Thurs. 10-6; Fri. 10-2; Sat 10-3. Menu and pricing are subject to change. While supplies last. Please No substitutions. Carryout only. [www.garfieldculinary.com](http://www.garfieldculinary.com)

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**GARFIELD PARK RESERVATION**

**June 29: Preschoolers Play in the Park.** Bring your preschooler to explore the woods of Garfield Park. We will hike through the woods and along the creeks. We will look for any evidence of wildlife along the way. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Red Oak Picnic Area. 2-6 years w/adult. Terrain: paved, natural surface, hills, 1 mile.

**July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Urban Line Dancing.** Enjoy free Urban Line Dancing this summer. Get your heart beating during an evening of fun in the fresh air. Each evening will include new moves, great music and helpful instruction. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Garfield Park Center parking lot.

**July 31: Garfield Park Rocks & Waters.** Enjoy the cool, damp and shaded Wolf Creek stream valley as we explore recent stream restoration and admire a hidden waterfall in the mature forests of this unique urban greenspace. 3-5 p.m. Garfield Park Center. Terrain: natural surface, steep hills, 3-4 miles.

## WASHINGTON RESERVATION

**July 5: Friday Frolic through Washington Reservation.** We'll explore environmental restoration efforts in this former City of Cleveland park. We'll admire a newly reforested area with a maturing meadow as well as a large rain garden and a native tree arboretum. 10-11 a.m. Arborview Shelter. Terrain: paved, 1 mile

## Block Watch Cookout

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch Meeting & Cookout, sponsored by Councilwoman Jenn Newrones, will take place on Thursday, June 27, at 7 p.m., at the pavilion at St. Monica Church, off Rockside Rd. All are welcome. Contact Gail at 216-662-9213 if you are planning to attend.

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**Garfield Heights & Maple Heights Pool Party**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 29TH 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM**

**DAN KOSTEL RECREATION CENTER 5411 TURNERY ROAD GARFIELD HEIGHTS**

**\$4.00 reduced admission for Garfield & Maple Heights residents**

**SPECIAL GUEST: DJ KEN**

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