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## No Neighborhood News issue July 10th

The Neighborhood News will be closed from Thursday, July 4, through Thursday, July 11, for its regular summer vacation and will not print a July 10th issue. The office at 8613 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Heights, will reopen on Friday, July 12. Normal deadlines for our July 17th issue will apply.

The staff and management of The Neighborhood News would like to wish all our readers a very happy and safe Independence Day holiday weekend. See Page 5 of this newspaper for local celebrations.

## Three new police officers sworn in at Bedford meeting

By Judith Goldsworth

Mayor Stan Koci swore three new patrol officers into the Bedford Police Department during a presentation at the city council meeting Monday night. Taking the oath of office were Leonard Feckner, Joseph Hawthorne and Lucas Kozar.

Koci stated, "We're hiring some new people and bringing them in and getting the department up to strength. It's always a good thing, and it's good to see the other officers here to help support the new guys."

During the presentation, Feckner said, "I'm just excited for the opportunity, and I can't wait to start in the academy and get going." Hawthorne added, "I'm just grateful for the opportunity, and I'm really excited to be able to protect and serve the city of Bedford."

Kozar commented, "I'm very excited to be on board with everybody and for the opportunity you gave to me. I'm excited to get to the academy and start up in December."

Police Chief Marty Stemple congratulated and welcomed the three new officers, who will start next week at the academy, adding his thanks to the city administra-

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## John Adams Class of '74 50th Reunion

The John Adams High School Class of '74 will hold its 50th Reunion on Sunday, Sept. 1, from 6 p.m. to midnight, at Mediterranean Party Center, 25021 Rockside Rd., Bedford Heights, OH 44146. Tickets are \$80 single, \$150 couple. Please RSVP to: John Adams Reunion, P.O. Box 201024, Cleveland, Ohio 44120. Certified checks or money orders payable to: John Adams 50th Class Reunion. Send Zelle payments to: Bevgl@aol.com and include (Memo: JAHS Reunion Dinner Ticket). For more information, contact Walter Jones, president, at 216-496-4784.

## Sen. Brown secures major funding for Cleveland Metroparks to make major improvements to Slavic Village trails

Last week U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) announced a new investment for Cleveland Metroparks, in partnership with the city of Cleveland, to begin construction on two major improvements to the pedestrian and bicycle trail network in Cleveland's Slavic Village.

The new investment will enable construction to begin on the second phase of the Slavic Village Downtown Connector and on the Morgana Run Trail, Booth Avenue Extension. These projects will fill key gaps in Cleveland's trail network by connecting existing trails, which allows safe and continuous access for bicyclists and pedestrians to downtown Cleveland and other destinations.

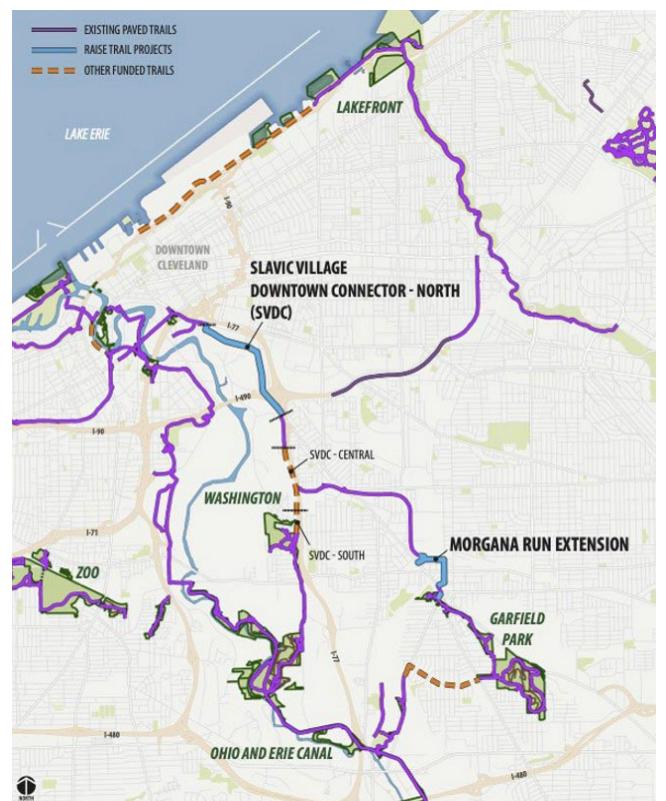
These investments increase safety and reduce the risk of fatalities and injuries from interactions between cars and non-motorized travelers, Brown said in a press release. There is a high incidence of documented bicycle and pedestrian accidents in the corridors of both projects, he said.

"We passed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to invest in our communities and update and repair the roads, trails and transit Ohioans use every day," said Brown. "This investment is a continuation of our work and will make our roads and trails safer and improve our neighborhoods into the future."

The second phase of the Slavic Village Downtown Connector will improve Broadway Ave. and create approximately 1.7 miles of new trail that links downtown to the Slavic Village neighborhood, Cleveland Metroparks' Washington Reservation, and the Towpath Trail.

"Trails can spark new investment in older industrial neighborhoods," said Marlane Weslian, resident and Slavic Village Development Board Member. "Using the Morgana Run Trail as an example, the community saw millions of dollars in new investment: Public Art along the Trail, a new school, new businesses, new greenspace and new housing - Trailside Homes. We are excited that the Metroparks believes in community connections and is leading this new effort!"

The Morgana Run Trail, Booth Avenue Extension project will improve Booth Ave. and connect the southern terminus of the existing Morgana Run Trail at Jones Rd., with approximately 1 mile of new trail under the railway and along Booth Ave. to the Mill Creek Falls Area of Cleveland Metroparks' Garfield Park Reservation and its Mill Creek Trail.



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tion, city council and the Civil Service Commission for their efforts and cooperation in getting the officers hired.

## Summer sports camp

City Manager Mike Mallis announced that the Cleveland Guardians baseball team, in a partnership with the city of Bedford and presented by Union Home Mortgage, will be having a summer baseball and softball camp for Bedford children at Ellenwood Recreation Center, 124 Ellenwood Ave., from Monday, July 29, through Friday, August 2.

Mallis stated that the camp was "a tremendous opportunity" for the city's youth. He said the participation fee was normally \$425 per child but the city was able to get a donation of \$405 for each participant, so it will be just \$20 for each child in Bedford to participate.

Some spots are still available, Mallis said. Those interested can contact the Bedford Parks and Recreation Department at 440-735-6570. "That sponsorship for the Bedford children is being made through Union Home Mortgage, and again, it is a tremendous opportunity," he stated.

## All legislation passed

Council passed all legislation on Monday night's agenda, including the following:

- Resolution approving and accepting the proposed 2024 Tax Budget for the year 2025. Finance Director Jennifer Howland said, "This allows the county auditor to set the property tax rate for next year, which is 21.7 mills,

and has been the same since 2009. It also allows the city to receive undivided local government revenue, and allows the county auditor to provide the city the certificate of estimated resources."

- Ordinance amending the city's 2024 budget to make additional appropriations for current expenditures. "This amends our current budget, with more expenditures of approved items, including projects and grants the city is receiving," Howland said.

- Ordinance for Bedford to give consent to the Ohio Director of Transportation to replace the Union Street Bridge over Tinkers Creek, located south of Broadway Ave. The state will pay 100% of the cost of the improvements, the legislation notes.

- Ordinance authorizing Mallis to enter into an agreement with the Cuyahoga County Land Bank regarding a city-owned vacant lot at 65 Talbot Ave. The Land Bank is looking to construct a new home on the site of roughly 1500 to 1600 square feet, Mallis said.

- Ordinance authorizing Mallis to enter into a contract with Traffic Logix Corporation to purchase six speed tables for the Bedford Police Department, at a cost of \$30,510. In an effort to reduce the increasing issue of speeding motorists in the city, the police will place a speed table on each of the following streets: Grand Blvd. in Ward 1; Archer Rd. in Ward 2; Paul St. in Ward 3; Turney Rd. in Ward 4; West Glendale Ave. in Ward 4; and Willard Ave. in Ward 6.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, a speed table is a raised area placed across the roadway designed to physically limit the speed at which a vehicle can traverse it. Like a speed hump, it extends across the travelway. Unlike a speed hump, a speed table has a long enough flat top (typically, 10 feet) to accommodate the entire wheelbase of most passenger cars. The longer longitudinal depth in the direction of travel enables

comfortable and safe vehicle operating speeds that are faster than for a speed hump.

- Ordinance authorizing a contract with Campo Roofing for a new roof over the gymnasium of the Ellenwood Recreation Center, at a cost of \$68,500. The city has been awarded a \$150,000 grant from Cuyahoga County, part of which will be used to replace the roof.

- Ordinance authorizing a contract with Business Network Team to install security cameras, also at Ellenwood Recreation Center, at a cost of \$70,346.10, which will also be paid from the \$150,000 county grant.

- Ordinance to amend previous legislation designating the city's members to the Housing Council and Tax Incentive Review Commission for tax incentive programs for the city. Reappointed to new four-year terms were Mayor Koci and Keith Laffin, who is a Bedford resident as well as an employee of the city's tax department, Mallis said.

- A motion to reappoint James Judd to the Assessment Equalization Board was unanimously approved by council.

## Announcements

Mallis stated that the contractor for the Turney Road Resurfacing Project has been given permission to proceed with the project, which will begin on Monday, July 8. The roadway will be one-way only westbound to Lee Road South, while the other lane will be redirected down Lee Rd. to Rockside. Mallis said the project should be completed in between 60 and 90 days.

The Parks and Recreation Department will be having a Movie on the Commons the evening of Friday, July 12. Ward 5 Councilman Jeff Asbury stated the movie will be "Trolls Band Together" and will start at about 8:30 p.m., with fun activities planned beforehand.

Asbury also commented that the Summer Concert Series will continue in the Historic Downtown District at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, July 10 and July 24.

Howland announced that the Bedford Rotary will hold its annual Ribfest in Bedford's Public Square July 19-21.

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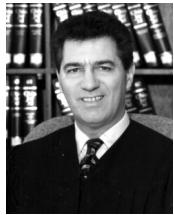


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## Garfield Heights Branch Library

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### ADULT PROGRAMS

**Innovation Center Orientation** Learn about the equipment and policies of the Innovation Centers throughout Cuyahoga County Public Library. Attending this orientation allows users to utilize the Innovation Centers throughout the library system. For adults 18 years and older. Upcoming sessions: Tuesday, July 9, 6 p.m.; Saturday, July 27, 2 p.m. Registration required.

**Tuesday Evening Book Discussion** Join us for our monthly book discussion. This month's title is "The Vaster Wilds" by Lauren Groff. Tuesday, July 16, 6-7 p.m.

**The History of Cleveland Burlesque** Cleveland has a rich history of many forms of performance art including Burlesque. Learn about this style of entertainment and the fascinating history behind it. Wednesday, July 17, 7-8 p.m.

**Innovation Center Hands-On Help** Bring in a project you're working on and get help from a staff member. A previous Innovation Center orientation is required. Tuesday, July 23, 6-8 p.m.

**Photoshop Basics** Learn how to edit and manipulate images using basic tools available in Adobe Photoshop. Wednesday, July 24, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

**3D Design and Printing Basics** Learn how to use web-based design software Tinkercad and design a keychain. Thursday, July 25, 6-8 p.m.

### TEENS

**AV Club** Teens can come and use the technology in the branch's Innovation Center to make a craft. Tuesday, July 9, 3:30-5 p.m.

**Teen Poetry and Fiction Writing** Come explore creative writing! Poetry, flash fiction and story writing will be covered. Saturday, July 13, 2-3:30 p.m.

**Summer Comic Club** Join us in the Teen Room to talk about and read comics. Wednesday, June 17, 6-7 p.m.

### CHILDREN and FAMILIES

**Summer Fun For Everyone** Join us daily Monday through Thursday for STEAM activities for kids in grades 1-6. Mondays, 2-4 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.; Tuesday, July 16, 2-4 p.m.; Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m. and 2-3 p.m.

**Managing Fighting and Aggression** Join us for an informational session with Bright Beginnings' Triple P Positive Parenting Program on aggression in children and learn effective strategies to promote more behaviors you want to see! Tuesday, July 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

## Independence Branch Library

Here are some of the **FREE** programs being offered in July 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

**Thursday Afternoon 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. Thursday, July 18, 2:15 p.m.

**Stephen King and The Shawshank Redemption. Registration required.** "The Shawshank Redemption Revealed" author and Largely Literary cofounder Mark Dawidziak presents a program based on his 2019 book "The Shawshank Redemption Revealed," which was published on the 25th anniversary of director Frank Darabont's film adaptation of Stephen King's novella. Filmed in Ohio and starring Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman, "The Shawshank Redemption" has risen in popularity since its release in 1994, reaching No. 1 on IMDB's list of most-loved movies. Dawidziak conducted more than 70 interviews for the book, talking to King, Darabont, Robbins and Freeman, as well as extras, supporting players and behind-the-scenes talent. A book signing will follow the event. Tuesday, July 30, 7 p.m.

## Improving Slavic Village trails

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"This is a testament to the tenacity of our community and resilience of our neighborhood as we continue to plan for our future," said former councilman and Ward 12 resident Tony Brancatelli. "Parks space, recreation and these trails add value to Slavic Village financially but also to the quality of life by providing outdoor amenities and connecting us to downtown."

"Having been part of the initial planning team for these trail projects at Slavic Village Development, I am thrilled to see this \$19.5 million investment in connecting the Morgana Run Trail," said Jacob VanSickle, executive director of Bike Cleveland. "This funding will significantly enhance connectivity and promote active living on the east side of Cleveland."

The Department of Transportation has awarded the \$19.5 million investment through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Transportation Discretionary Grant Program. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which Brown helped write and pass, more than doubled annual investment in the RAISE program.

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## Cleveland Metroparks news

For questions or to register for programs, please see [clevelandmetroparks.com](http://clevelandmetroparks.com) or call CanalWay Center at 216-206-1000. All programs are free unless otherwise marked.

### BEDFORD RESERVATION

**July 18: 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 25: 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 26: Preschoolers Hike with Me.** Bring your preschooler to explore under the trees and into the gorge. We will find a spot or two to cool our feet, so wear wetable shoes and maybe pack a change of clothes with those snacks for after the hike. 10–11:30 a.m. Egbert Picnic

Area. Ages: 2–6 years w/adult. Terrain: natural surface, hills, 1–1.5 miles.

**July 27: Preschoolers Play in the Park: Creeks.** Bring your preschooler out to the park to explore and discover what lives in a creek. We will be getting wet today so dress appropriately. This is a great opportunity to play and learn while staying cool. 10:30 a.m.–noon. Egbert Picnic Area. Ages: 2–6 years w/adult. Terrain: natural surface, hills, 1–1.5 miles.

### CANALWAY CENTER-OHIO & ERIE CANAL RESERVATION

**July 13: Drop-By: Remarkable Reptiles & Amphibians!** Come by Canalway Center to check out some local reptiles and amphibians! We'll have some reptiles out for animal interactions and a naturalist available to answer all your reptile-related questions! Learn about how these animals impact Northeast Ohio ecosystems and what they do for you! Snakes, turtles and toads, Oh My! Noon–2 p.m.

**July 14: Kids Love Spiders.** Let's learn about spiders and then head out on a walk in search of some of these curious creatures. 10:30–11:30 a.m. CanalWay Center. Ages: 3–6 years w/adult. Terrain: paved trail, 0.5 miles

**July 20: Beginner Archery for Adults (offered twice!)**

Designed for those intrigued by archery but do not know where to begin. We supply the bows, arrows, targets and provide instruction. You supply enthusiasm. We will do our best to help you succeed so you can determine if archery is for you! From the CanalWay Center parking lot, follow the All-Purpose Trail down into the valley, across the canal and straight ahead to our temporary archery range set up in the field. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. 1:30–2:30 p.m., and 3–4 p.m. Age: adults. Terrain: paved, one hill, 0.5 mile. Fee: \$5.

**July 22: Feed and Follow.** Have you ever wondered what it takes to care for the animals at CanalWay Center? Join a naturalist to help feed the animals their lunch and learn just what it takes to keep the animals happy. 11 a.m.–noon, CanalWay Center.

**July 28: Early Morning Walk Along the Canal.** Join Naturalist Carly Martin for a walk along the canal before the day heats up. We'll keep our eyes open for the abundant life that fills the Cuyahoga Valley. 8–9:30 a.m. CanalWay Center. Terrain: paved, 1.5 miles.

## Grand Re-opening at Maple Heights Hardware

Maple Heights Hardware, 16460 Broadway Ave., will hold a two-day celebration on Friday and Saturday, July 12 and 13, to mark the grand re-opening of its newly renovated store.

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## Local Independence Day Celebrations

### BEDFORD, BEDFORD HEIGHTS

The cities of Bedford and Bedford Heights are hosting their 39th annual Independence Day Parade on Thursday, July 4, beginning at 10 a.m. The parade starts at Columbus Rd. and Washington St., proceeds east on Columbus to Perkins Rd., and disbands at Bedford Heights City Hall.

### CLEVELAND

Downtown Cleveland's fireworks celebration launches from the Port of Cleveland beginning after sunset on Thursday, July 4. It can be seen for free from all across the city, including from the Flats, Voinovich Bicentennial Park, Edgewater, the East 55th Street Marina, and even as far as Lakewood and Old Brooklyn.

### INDEPENDENCE

The Fireworks Celebration in the city of Independence will be held on Wednesday, July 3, at dusk (approximately 9-9:30 p.m.) in Elmwood Park, 6363 Selig Dr. The rain date is Friday, July 5. Sparklers and all other fireworks devices are prohibited.

### SLAVIC VILLAGE

Slavic Village's Iron Ward Music Festival will begin its 19th season 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. Audience members will get an early summer treat of free hot dogs and ice cream. All residents and friends are invited to this free event.

### VALLEY VIEW

In observance of Fourth of July, Village offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, July 4 and 5. Fireworks on July 4th are restricted to the following hours: 11 a.m. to midnight. A safe and happy holiday from Mayor March, Clerk Snyder, members of council and all Village employees.

**Community Calendar**

Non-profit organizations may print their upcoming events in The Neighborhood News at a cost of \$20 per week. Limit of 100 words or less. Email your information to: [nnews1923@aol.com](mailto:nnews1923@aol.com). Include contact name & phone number. Questions? Call 216.441.2141

Have a Happy and Safe 4th of July!



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Dr. Ringo is a Cleveland native who graduated from Bedford High School and was inducted into the Bedford High School Hall of Fame in 2003.

She is in the Ohio Army National Guard and is the first African American female to reach the rank of Colonel. She celebrates 30 years of service this year.

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## 'Superman' filming at Red Chimney in Slavic Village

Look down Fleet Avenue: "It's a Bird, It's a Plane" - no, it's the filming of "Superman" at the Red Chimney!!

Roving reporter Tony Brancatelli was on the set for the filming of a scene from the new "Superman" movie at the Red Chimney restaurant on Fleet Ave., in Slavic Village, on Monday. But he said they wouldn't let him be in the movie even though he used to work at the Plain Dealer. He said he could be cast as a reporter for the Daily Planet!

The latest incarnation of the "Superman" movie is being shot in and around Cleveland and will be released in July, 2025.

There was a strict lockdown of the inside of Red Chimney Monday as the scene for the movie was being shot, and those who were inside were sworn not to use any interior photos until after the movie was released. So the only photos Brancatelli could share were the exterior of the restaurant as the huge crew was setting up equipment.

## Party at the Pavilion

St. Monica Summer Series presents Party at the Pavilion at St. Monica Church, 13623 Rockside Rd., Garfield Heights, on Thursday, July 11, from 5 to 8 p.m., with free entertainment provided by the Joey Tomsick Orchestra. Food and drink, 50/50 raffles and fun for all!

Bring your lawn chairs and come for an evening with friends. Picnic tables available at the pavilion. Event held rain or shine. Special thanks to all the sponsors.

DC Studios chose Red Chimney for one of its scenes because it has that classic diner look at the lunch counter where most of the scene was shot.

This is the fourth movie over the past year that has had scenes filmed in the Broadway/Slavic Village community. "We are becoming a popular location for the growing Cleveland film industry which has provided a lot of good attention to our historic neighborhood, and it has had a positive financial impact as well," Brancatelli said.

## FirstFruits Festival at The Rock Church in Garfield

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. Contact Pastor Sone at 216-581-0577.



The Skantz family, Lou, Manny and Pete, shown above, at right, outside their restaurant during interior filming as the "Superman" crew gets set up outside and inside. Photo by Tony Brancatelli.

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# Community Police reports

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

## Garfield Heights

### Burglary

On June 24, at about 10:39 a.m., an officer was dispatched to a home in the 11000 block of Plymouth Ave., for a burglary report. The reporting party and his 85-year-old mother, who owns the home, said the back door glass was smashed on June 23, at about 10:30 a.m. The son said he was at the residence on June 22, and made a first burglary police report that had occurred between June 12 and June 22. He said his mother had been staying with him for a few months while rehabilitating from an injury. He said that when he came to his mother's house that morning he found a blue plastic bag inside the house by the door and inside were his mother's miscellaneous items and a tobacco pipe. He also found a gold chain in the master bedroom with a silver "M" attached. He said the pipe and chain were not his mother's. He said nothing had been taken.

### Criminal Damage

On June 23, at 7:09 a.m., an officer responded to the Sunoco gas station, 6009 Turney Rd., for a call from the manager who said a customer had just broken out a glass window of the business. The manager and an employee both told police a male customer had attempted to buy a tobacco product but was refused service because he did not have any ID to verify his age. He walked out of the business upset, then picked up a large rock at the front door and shattered the glass. The suspect then walked away north on Turney and the manager began to follow him in his van. He lost sight of him somewhere on Littleton. The suspect is described as a light-skinned black male about 18 years old, about 5'10", with a thin build and shoulder length braids in his hair. Officers checked the area with negative results.

### Theft-Shoplifting

On June 24, at about 11:42 a.m., an officer went to Family Dollar, 5522 Turney Rd., for a theft report. Prior to the officer's arrival, dispatch advised that a suspect had left in a vehicle and gave police its license plate number and description. By using city cameras, the suspect was tracked by dispatch as it pulled into the parking lot at TurneyTown shopping plaza. The officer located the vehicle and the suspect, who admitted to stealing a styrofoam cooler valued at \$7. Family Dollar employees saw the suspect steal the cooler and run out of the store. They said the suspect is a regular in their store and steals items almost every day. Suspect was issued a summons for theft and advised of trespassing.

### Menacing

On June 24, at about 8:25 p.m., officers were dispatched to a home in the 10400 block of South Highland Ave., for a menacing report. Dispatch advised that the caller had said there were "people outside with guns." She told police that about 40 minutes prior a female dressed all in black handed her a cell phone. She was parked across the street from her residence in a silver car, possibly a Mazda. She said about 10 minutes later the cell phone rang and an unknown person told her on the cell phone that she had 24 hours to get \$80,000 or she would be "dead." The victim said she doesn't know why the female gave her the phone and that no one in her home is involved in any illegal activities. Surveillance cameras showed a black female wearing a black and blue Burka and a hijab and only her eyes could be seen. She proceeded to stand in the middle of the street momentarily, then got back into the silver vehicle and head east on South Highland.

### Animal Complaint

On June 25, about 10:46 a.m., an officer went to a home in the 9700 block of Sladden Dr., for a report of a dog bite. The caller told police she had been sitting on her porch with her golden retriever not on a leash and saw a male walking his pit bull toward her house. Her dog left the porch and attacked the other dog, biting his head and ear. The pit bull's owner said he and other people in the area had to pull the woman's dog off his. She was issued two citations for animal at large and animal bite.

### Theft of Motor Vehicle

On June 25, about 2:30 p.m., an officer arrived at Munchies, 4546 E. 131 St., for a stolen auto report. The juvenile caller told police he had driven his grandmother's car, a grey Honda Accord, to Munchies, left the car running and went inside the store. When he came back out the car was gone. The officer was advised that a silver Kia eastbound on Rexwood at E. 131 St., had parked in the Gas USA lot, across the street from Munchies. A tall,

thin black male had exited the Kia, ran across the street to Munchies, got into the Honda and drove off traveling north onto E. 131 St., along with the silver Kia. The juvenile victim's sister was on scene and told police that her brother had actually taken the car from his grandmother's home in Cleveland without her permission. The sister was advised to contact Cleveland PD to file an unruly juvenile report and an unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Later that day it came to light that the juvenile who reported the car theft had previously been reported missing from his aunt's house in Warrensville Heights where he was residing.

### Shots Fired

On June 25, at 11:47 p.m., officers investigated a report of shots fired at a home in the 4900 block of E. 93 St. Residents of the home told police a dark-colored Chevy Cruze was traveling west on David, then turned right on E. 93 St. As it turned onto E. 93 St., someone from the car fired four or five shots toward their residence, then continued driving on. She was not sure the shots were being directed at her house. Officers found two shell casings in the street in front of a neighbor's home and two in the street in front of another neighbor's home.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Garfield Heights will hold a Tax Budget Hearing Meeting regarding the 2025 Fiscal Tax Budget at 5:30 p.m., Monday, July 8, 2024 at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, Council Caucus Room, 5407 Turney Road, Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125. All citizens are invited to attend and have the right to provide oral and written comments and ask questions concerning the 2025 Fiscal Tax Budget.

A copy of the 2025 Tax Budget will be made available on the City's website [www.garfieldhts.org](http://www.garfieldhts.org) or by calling the Finance Department at 216-475-1504 to have the document emailed to you by the Finance Director from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Neighborhood News July 3, 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.

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

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

Copies of the Specifications, Instructions to Bidders, Forms of Proposals and other contract documents are on file at the office of the Clerk of the City of Bedford. These documents may only be obtained through the office of GPD Group by emailing Nick Fini [nfini@gpdgroup.com](mailto:nfini@gpdgroup.com) and requesting a digital copy. Digital documents will be provided free of charge. Questions or inquiries should be directed to GPD Group at (216) 927-8655. **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

### 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.

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Barbara A. Biro, Finance Director  
City of Garfield Heights

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# Record-breaking crowd enjoys first Music in Park Concert in Maple Heights

The city of Maple Heights welcomed a record-breaking crowd last Tuesday evening for the first concert of the Stafford Park 2024 Music In The Park Concert Series. "The weather was warm but our free frozen treat giveaway helped keep everyone cool," said organizers.

It was also the official debut of the beautiful new gazebo/bandstand music venue, and the city's inaugural Juneteenth Celebration, which headlined food vendor and local minority-owned business Auntie Lumpy's, which sold out of its food offerings, which featured candied ribs and salmon Philly sandwiches!

The city raffled off seven fruit baskets, distributed free children's tennis shoes, and Mayor Annette Blackwell honored the city's National Championship Football team!

Hubb's Groove put on a crowd-pleasing show to kick things off for 2024, and there are three more concerts planned for July and August. The city's next Music In The Park is set for Tuesday, July 16, featuring the Townsman Orchestra.



## Turney Rd. Transit Survey in Garfield Hts.

Garfield Heights is participating in a Turney Road Transit-Oriented Development Project in collaboration with Cuyahoga County Planning Commission, Regional Transit Authority, the city of Cleveland and Team NEO. To learn more about the project and participate in the survey, visit [www.countyplanning.us/turneyroad](http://www.countyplanning.us/turneyroad). The study also can be linked from the Garfield Heights city website, [www.garfieldhts.org](http://www.garfieldhts.org)

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