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## Garfield Hts. voters to decide if traffic cameras will catch speeders on city's portion of I-480

By Ellen Psenicka

Garfield Heights Council, at its Monday, Aug 12th meeting, passed an ordinance to let voters decide on an amendment to the Garfield Heights Charter relating to the use of traffic law photo-monitoring devices on I-480 within the corporate boundaries of Garfield Heights.

The charter currently prohibits the use of photo-monitoring traffic devices anywhere in the city unless a law enforcement officer is present at the location of the device and personally issues the ticket to the alleged violator at the time and location of the violation.

The ordinance passed Monday by council would ask voters in the Nov. 5, 2024 general election to amend the current charter restrictions to allow the use of photo-monitoring traffic devices solely on I-480 within the corporate boundaries of the city of Garfield Heights.

The ballot language further stipulates that not less than one-half of net collections from traffic photo-monitoring violations shall be used towards the cost of the city's police, fire and other safety services, street and other infrastructure improvements and parks, recreation and senior programming.

Also approved at Monday night's council meeting was the following legislation:

- To provide for setting of grade levels, establishing grading permit application procedures and fees.

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## Events planned in Garfield Heights

### Stop the Violence!

Citizens for a Better Community welcomes all residents of Garfield Heights to a Stop the Violence event on Saturday, Aug. 17, at 2 p.m., at Smart Academy, 4351 E. 131 St., Garfield Heights.

Guest speakers will include Jason Lucas of Lucas Memorial Chapel, Elder Johnnie Barnes III of Christian Kingdom Assembly and Pastor Jereme Sykes of New Door Church.

Two 43" TVs will be given away in a free drawing for all those 18 years and older attending the event. The program will be live-streamed by Weldon PC. For more information, call 216-324-7661.

### Back to School Kickoff

The Garfield Heights City Schools will hold a Back to School Kickoff on Thursday, Aug. 22, from 4 to 6 p.m., at Garfield Heights High School, 4900 Turney Rd.

This free event will include live music, skating rink, raffle prizes, food and drinks, fun games, resources and vendors.

### Unity and Prayer event

The Garfield Heights Community Alliance will hold a Unity and Prayer event on Monday, Aug. 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Garfield Heights Middle School, 12000 Maple Leaf Dr., Garfield Heights, to show support for the children as they begin their school year.

"It's important for our kids and their parents to know that our community cares about their safety and their success," said organizers.

The event will be hosted by the religious community in Garfield Heights, as well as Top Dawgs, Moms on a Mission and Neighbors on Duty.

## Bedford officials thank city workers, neighboring Bedford Heights for help in aftermath of devastating tornado

By Judith Goldsworth

At Monday night's Bedford Council meeting, Mayor Stan Koci, City Manager Mike Mallis and other officials thanked the city's police, fire and service departments, and the neighboring city of Bedford Heights, for their help in the aftermath of a tornado that barreled through Bedford during a series of violent storms in Northeast Ohio last week.

The tornado reached wind speeds of up to 104 mph in its 17-mile path, touching down in the western Cleveland suburb of Brook Park at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 6. The tornado traveled eastward at a speed of about 40 mph, arriving in Bedford at 4:25 p.m., after sweeping through Parma Heights, Parma, Seven Hills, Independence and Valley View, according to the National Weather Service/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association.

"The path continued into Bedford where another neighborhood saw significant damage south of Turney Rd.," according to the NWS/NOAA. "Trees were down on several homes and at least a portion of a roof was ripped off with damage to a chimney. A new shed that was strongly secured was destroyed and splattering of debris was noted on homes. Several homes had areas with siding removed and thrown. The damage path continued east through Bedford Reservation with damage noted on Union St. and into the Bedford Cemetery."

The tornado dissipated a short time later, as it reached the eastern border of Bedford, according to storm reports.

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Shown are scenes taken in Bedford after a devastating tornado hit the area August 6th. (Taken from city of Bedford Facebook posting.)

# Community police reports

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

## Garfield Heights

### Shots Fired

• On Aug. 4, police responded to the area of McCracken Blvd. and E. 114 St., for a report of multiple shots fired. Officers found two groups of shell casings, 20 9mm casings in the middle of the road on McCracken, and 16 9mm casings on E. 114 St. near McCracken. Also collected by police was a cell phone from a Ford Sedan.

• On Aug. 12, at 9:21 a.m., police were dispatched to the area of the 4900 block of E. 81 St., for a report of shots fired and a black vehicle speeding off. Officers observed fresh damage to a tree in front of a home in the area with pieces of vehicle debris near the tree. They found a 9mm spent shell casing while checking the area. A witness said they heard one gunshot and saw a black Hyundai Sonata traveling in reverse north on E. 81 St., and saw the vehicle hit a tree and flee north on E. 81 St. Police checked the

### 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 29th day of August, 2024** for the “**2024 CONCRETE PROGRAM**” 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.

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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, “**2024 CONCRETE PROGRAM**”

Tinita Tillman  
Finance Director  
Maple Heights, Ohio

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area for the vehicle with negative results. Facts forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

### Suspicious Person

On Aug. 4, police were dispatched about 4 p.m., on a report of child enticement. The parents of a 10-year-old girl said they were sitting on their front porch as their child was riding her bike in the area of their home. Then they heard her scream and saw her running towards them from Birchwood Rd. She said a white male in a white van offered her two chocolate bars he had in his hand. Her father saw the van pass their house and started to follow it with his vehicle. He was able to get a partial plate number and last saw the van going east on Garfield Blvd. Officers toured the area but did not locate the van. Police were able to find a possible match for the van after viewing city cameras. Report forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

### Theft of Motor Vehicle

On Aug. 4, shortly before 3 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 12900 block of Eastwood Ave., where the complainant said her 2023 Chrysler 300 rental car was stolen from her driveway without keys. A location track was requested on the vehicle from the rental agency, which would be delivered within 24 hours.

### Criminal Damage-Auto

On Aug. 5, an officer responded to All Kar Mufflers, 5821 Turney Rd., regarding multiple vehicles being broken into. An employee stated that sometime overnight, three vehicles were rummaged through and one of them had a window broken out. No other damage was observed. Employee advised to notify all the owners of the vehicles and call police if they find anything missing.

### Criminal Damage-Residence

On Aug. 4, at about 11:23 p.m., an officer was dispatched to a home in the 4600 block of E. 88 St. The caller/victim said two black male juveniles, one in a white

### Legal Advertisement

Sealed bids will be received by the Village of Newburgh Heights (“Owner”), at the office of the Fiscal Officer, Village of Newburgh Heights, 3801 Harvard Avenue, Newburgh Heights, OH 44105, on the 4th day of September, 2024 until 9:00 am current local time for the:

#### “Harvard Avenue Temporary Traffic Control”

and will be publicly opened and read immediately thereafter. Each bid must contain the full names of the party or parties making the same, with an affidavit as to interested parties, and in the case of a corporation not chartered in Ohio, with a proper certificate that such corporation is authorized to do business in Ohio, and shall be accompanied by a Bid Guaranty Bond for the full amount (100%) of the Bid, in favor of the “Owner” or a certified check, cashier's check, or letter of credit pursuant to Chapter 1305 of the Ohio Revised Code, in the amount of 10% of the Bid, payable to the “Owner”.

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

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

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

The “Owner” reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities in the bids received, and to accept any bid which it deems most favorable.

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

Cathleen Nagorski, Fiscal Officer  
Village of Newburgh Heights

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Week of August 18th, 2024

shirt and the other in a blue shirt, had kicked in his front storm door. When the juveniles came back a second time to do it again, the victim yelled at them and scared them off. Suspects were not located in the area by police.

### Burglary

On Aug. 5, at 9:41 p.m., police responded to a home in the 9500 block of Garfield Blvd., for report of a burglary. A security sweep confirmed there was no one inside, but food, clothes and other items were scattered all over the floors of the home. The victim said she and her daughter had been out since 4 p.m. that day, and when they returned home about 9:30 p.m., she observed the back door to her house was ajar and saw the house had been ransacked. She said the following items were missing from the bedrooms: 50-inch flat screen television, 60-inch flat screen television, black Gucci purse, tan Gucci handbag. She was advised to follow up with the Detective Bureau.

### Traffic Offense-Fleeing

On Aug. 9, at 1:05 a.m., officers observed a white Jeep with its tires squealing then speeding south down Turney Rd. Two sets of police cars pursued the Jeep until it stopped at a house in the 8600 block of Macomb in Cleveland. The driver ran inside the house then came back out on the porch a few moments later. Officers attempted to arrest the suspect but he continued to resist and pull away from police officers. He was Tased and eventually was placed in handcuffs and taken to the rear seat of one of the cruisers. An inventory of the Jeep located a small digital scale with marijuana residue and a clear baggie of marijuana in the rear of the vehicle. The suspect received a traffic citation and was held on charges of fleeing and eluding, resisting arrest and obstructing official business.

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# Bedford officials thank city workers, Bedford Heights in aftermath of tornado

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The FirstEnergy utility company website noted that more than 400,000 customers throughout Northeast Ohio were left without electrical power for several days after the historic storm event, which numbered at least five tornadoes confirmed by the NWS/NOAA. Crews worked into this week to replace and repair downed and destroyed equipment and lines, to restore electricity to the affected households. As of Tuesday, Aug. 13, all power had been restored in Bedford, according to the FirstEnergy website.

"It's amazing that with this tornado and what it did and how we suffered, if you look at the whole picture, we had no injuries during this storm," Koci said. "Neighbors were helping neighbors, and speaking of neighbors, I want to give a big shout-out to the mayor of Bedford Heights, Phil Stevens. He came through town the next day with his service director, looked around and said, 'Hey, we're sending you guys some teams to help out.' So Bedford Heights sent crews over to help us. It certainly made a difference in getting things done and cleaned up. I want to give a special thanks to our friends over in Bedford Heights."

Koci said that cleanup of debris and repairing storm damage in the city will continue.

Mallis said that the areas of Button Rd., Santin Circle, Union and Gilbert sts., as well as areas of Broadway Ave., sustained damages, adding, "Bedford Cemetery sustained significant damages. There are damaged headstones, and we're working through all of that, and we'll be making those repairs as necessary."

Contractors that were out helping residents were registered with the city, Mallis said. However, he warned residents to be aware of a person posing as a representative of the city, stating, "Please be cautious with the scammers, specifically the individual that wants to go around and tell people that he's out assessing damages for the city manager. That is completely false."

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

BEDFORD PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A MEETING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2024, AT BEDFORD CITY HALL IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 6:00 P.M. To consider the appeal of the following:

A. Homa Tigran, owner of the 22550 Rockside, wishes to lease the space to an Auto Rental business at the above-mentioned address.

**Tracy M. Simons**  
Clerk of Council/Boards & Commissions Secretary  
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Mallis confirmed that the city "is not sending anyone out to do work, or to do anything like that, for the individual homes. Our staff have been out helping, and make sure when you're working with contractors, and your insurance, make sure they're registered. If you have any questions, call us. We'll help you through that."

## On agenda

Council passed the following pieces of legislation:

- An ordinance for assessments to property owners for removal of weeds, tall grass and trees on various lots in the city, and another ordinance to levy assessments for delinquent water bills. Finance Director Jennifer Howland explained that the assessments will appear on the property owners' real estate tax bills.

- Ordinance authorizing Mallis to enter into a contract with Mid-Ohio Asphalt & Concrete, Inc., to pave the parking lot at 100 Willis St., at a cost of \$12,000. Mallis said the project will be entirely funded by a Cuyahoga County Community Development Supplemental Grant.

- Ordinance authorizing Mallis to enter into a contract with Rush Truck Centers of Ohio, to buy a 2025 International cab and chassis for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, at a cost of \$96,214. Rush was awarded the Ohio Department of Transportation state purchasing contract for the equipment, Mallis stated.

- Ordinance authorizing Mallis to enter into a contract with American Roadway Logistics for the 2024 Road Marking Program, at a cost of \$49,993. Mallis said that the city received a \$20,000 grant towards the project

through Cuyahoga County, which will reimburse the city for all materials.

• Placed on first reading was an ordinance to set the city's water rates for 2025. If passed at a future meeting, the rates will actually represent a 3% reduction for property owners next year, Howland said. Also placed on first reading was an ordinance providing for a 30% discount in water and sewer base rates for senior citizens and disabled persons with a household income of \$37,907 or less in 2023, to receive the discount in 2025.

Motions approved by council included reappointing Laura Hulett to the Board of Zoning Appeals, and accepting the July 17, 2024 Tax Incentive Review Committee's recommendation to continue Commercial Tax Incentives with Penske/Audi of Bedford, Qua Inc., Mazda of Bedford, and Hemisphere.

## Announcements

Mallis said that the annual State of the City address will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 27. For more information, visit bedfordoh.gov. He also said the city's Shred Day will be held in the City Hall parking lot, 165 Center Rd., on Saturday, Sept. 7, from 9 a.m.-noon.

Mallis announced that Bedford had received a tree grant through Cuyahoga County, which will be used towards planting trees in the city this fall and next spring.

He also noted that the city had received a grant of up to \$100,000 to help senior citizens with various programs, including transportation and meals.



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## Garfield voters to decide if traffic cameras will catch speeders on portion of I-480

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- To apply and accept the Bureau of Workers Compensation Firefighter Exposure to Environmental Elements Grant for 45 pairs of flame gloves and 45 BarriAire Gold Complete Coverage Hoods for the fire department.

- To participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Programs for the Multi-Street Reconstruction & Waterline Replacement Phase 9 Project.

- To participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Programs for the E. 126 St. and Wolf Creek Interceptor Relocation Extension Project.

- To exempt a currently licensed medical marijuana dispensary on Antenucci Rd., in the city from the restrictions of a six-month moratorium imposed by a previous ordinance.

- To apply for Community Development Block Grant funds and to enter into an agreement with the Cuyahoga County Department of Development to improve the infrastructure of municipal parks and any further improvements identified in the city's Master Plan for the parks.

- To apply for and accept Community Development Supplemental Grant funds to establish a Home Repair Grant Program in Garfield Heights.

- To update the garbage, waste, rubbish and refuse collection fees and revert to those charged in 2010: \$15 per month for single-family dwellings, \$30 per month for two-family dwellings, \$7.50 per month for single-family dwelling units with a qualified Homestead Exemption and \$15 per month for two-family dwelling units, double houses and duplex houses with a qualified Homestead Exemption.

- To approve ODOT preliminary legislation regarding replacement of the Whitehouse Crossing Bridge on Broadway over the Norfolk Southern Railroad and Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad in the city of Garfield Heights. The improvement will be paid 100% with state funds.

- To amend and supplement a city ordinance regarding plan of classification and compensation for non-union pay positions so the mayor can do the following: create the position of Chief Financial Advisor in the Executive Department; create the Information Technology Department; Create the position of Information Technology Director in the Information Technology Department; remove the position of Senior MIS Manager; move the position of MIS Manager to the Information Technology Department; and increase the number of Recreation Coordinators from 1 to 2.

- A resolution honoring Timmia Crayton-Prioleau for her achievements as a student-athlete and her continuing contributions to the city of Garfield Heights.

- A resolution honoring The Trash Boys, LLC for their entrepreneurship and contribution to the city of Garfield Heights.

- A resolution affirming the city's commitment to its relationship with the Garfield Heights City Schools.

The next council meeting is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 9, at 7 p.m.



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Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm  
Sunday Mass: 9:00 am and 10:45 am  
All Mass times are Live streamed.

### LEGAL NOTICE

BEDFORD BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD A MEETING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2024, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF BEDFORD CITY HALL AT 6:00 P.M. TO CONSIDER THE APPEAL OF THE FOLLOWING:

A. DIONTE DUNHAM, OF ADVANCED BASE CONCRETE LLC, WISHES TO BUILD A SHED AND CONCRETE SLAB IN THE SIDE YARD. THE APPLICANT IS SEEKING VARIANCE FROM:

1947.07 ACCESSORY BUILDINGS IN RESIDENCE DISTRICTS.  
(A) NO ACCESSORY BUILDING SHALL BE ERECTED IN ANY YARD OTHER THAN A REAR YARD

B. TIM SHIFFLET OF POWERUP RENEWABLE ENERGY, WISHES TO INSTALL SOLAR PANELS ON THE HOME. THE APPLICANT IS SEEKING A VARIANCE FROM:

1961.06 CRITERIA FOR THE USE OF SOLAR ENERGY EQUIPMENT.

(A) GENERAL.

(1) SOLAR ENERGY EQUIPMENT SHALL BE LOCATED IN THE REAR PORTION OF A PROPERTY OR ON A SIDE OR REAR-FACING ROOF

ATTENTION: THE APPLICANT'S ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY, AND FAILURE TO ATTEND WILL RESULT IN DENIAL.

Tracy M. Simons  
Clerk of Council

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Timmia Crayton-Prioleau, shown with city officials, at top, and the Trash Boys, LLC, founders and brothers Drevian Arrington, age 13, and Andre Willis, age 16, with mayor at bottom, all from Garfield Heights, were honored with resolutions at Monday night's council meeting. Crayton-Prioleau is a former student-athlete preparing to pursue her doctorate in physical therapy and is assistant track and field coach at Garfield Heights High, where she mentors and motivates student athletes.

The Trash Boys brothers provide services to seniors and the disabled, helping them move their garbage bins on garbage day as well as doing small landscaping and yard beautification jobs, in the spirit of entrepreneurship and contributing to the community. As part of their daily routine, they also cleanup loose trash and debris from sidewalks, tree lawns and streets, often times at no cost. Photos by Wendy Walters

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## Food pantries, other assistance available for those needing help in light of recent storms

Cuyahoga County is working around the clock to address food security needs of the community resulting from last week's storms.

If you are in need of food assistance or other resources:

- Call the United Way Help Center at 2-1-1 for resource information for food, clothing, housing, healthcare and more. The United Way Help Center is free and available 24 hours a day.

- Visit the Greater Cleveland Food Bank's Help Center or call 216-738-2076.

- The Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless provides resource information for meal sites, housing, counseling and more.

Cuyahoga County's Division of Jobs and Family Services is experiencing exceptionally high call volume for requests for replacement Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.

Replacement benefits may be available for SNAP recipients who have been without power for four hours or more.

Download the Statement Requesting Replacement of SNAP Benefits Form. You may turn in a completed form to Cuyahoga Job and Family Services at 1641 Payne Ave., Cleveland, OH 44114 or submit the completed form to CJFSDocs@jfs.ohio.gov.

Caseworkers are working to process all requests and appreciate the public's cooperation and patience.

The county is also working with its community partners to provide food and other resources.

## Storm-related G.H. postings

The city of Garfield Heights posted on Facebook last week that any storm-related branches or bushes should be placed at the curb. "Our service workers will be working diligently to clear the debris," it posted.

In light of the recent severe weather that caused power outages for many in our community, the posting continued, we want to ensure a smooth recovery process. For those still experiencing power outages, please reach out to the Illuminating Company for the latest updates and support.

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## 'Taste of Turney' to take center stage September 7th

Garfield Heights resident business owners Vonda Leath (Sweetly Shoibhan Pastries), Charlene Wesley (Auntie Lumpy's Restaurant) and James Klimo (Garfield Culinary) are bringing far more than a food and music event to Turney Road on Saturday, September 7.

"Taste of Turney" will be a celebration of local talent, creativity, culinary artistry and the vibrant spirit of the community - bringing together a curated mix of local artisans, food truck and beverage vendors. From

handcrafted jewelry to mouthwatering delicacies, you'll discover unique treasures at every step along the event corridor.

**WHERE:** Main Hub Garfield Heights Civic Center – 5407 Turney Road

**WHEN:** Saturday, Sept. 7 - 11:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

**COST:** No Cost to Attend – Individual Transaction for Vendors

"My goals and expectations for this event are to shine a light on the city of Garfield Heights and its diverse small business community, as small businesses are the lifeblood of local and national economies, said co-creator Vonda Leath. "I want people to know Garfield Heights is a supportive community for businesses. They'll rally around entrepreneurs and help keep their doors open through all types of challenges. My business received that support when we opened our doors six short months before the pandemic shutdowns. This level of community engagement and support should be celebrated."

Co-creator Charlene Wesley shared, "The idea for Taste of Turney came from the sense of community I feel when I shop here. Everything we need as consumers is right here - grocery stores, salons, flower shops, fitness centers, a great hardware store and two Metro Parks in our backyards. I wanted to create an event to showcase the city's diverse small businesses, corporate entities and community. A day filled with laughter, lots of smiles, good food, and great entertainment. My goal for Taste of Turney is the same as Vonda's. I want our community members and visitors to go home with a smile and thinking about returning next year!"

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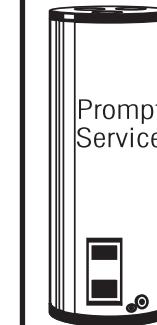
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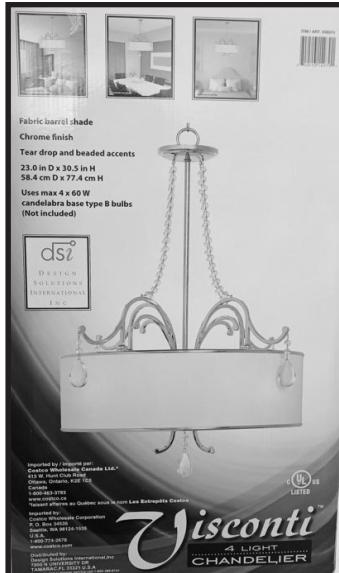
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Once the suspect vehicle was stopped, the driver exited the vehicle with a handgun in his hand. A BPD officer engaged the armed suspect and the suspect was shot and subdued. Another suspect in the passenger seat of the vehicle fled the scene. Maple Heights police officers chased the passenger and he was apprehended a short distance from the crash scene without incident.

The armed suspect who was shot was given immediate medical attention by officers on scene followed by more care from the Maple Heights Fire Department (MHFD.) He was transported to the hospital for his injuries. Ohio BCI was called to assist with the investigation of the officer involved shooting. BPD and MHPD will be conducting further investigations into the criminal conduct in both jurisdictions and BCI will be handling the shooting investigation.

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