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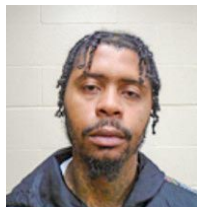
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G.H. murder suspect held

Last week 29 year-old Waunyah Arrington was charged with murder and is being held on a \$10 million bond in connection with the death of Jose Ervin, Jr. on October 4, 2024 in Garfield Heights, outside the Dunkin' Donuts on Turney Rd. Arrington was arrested on Tuesday, Oct. 15, in Columbus, Ohio and is now being held in the Cuyahoga County Jail.



Arrington

Double murder suspect arrested in Bedford

Members of the U.S. Marshals, in conjunction with the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force (NOVFTF), arrested Aric Ward, 34, who was wanted by the Cleveland Division of Police for two counts of aggravated murder, according to a U.S. Marshals media release.

According to the CDP, officers responded to the area of E. 109 St. and Prince Ave., on June 1, 2024, after receiving an alert from ShotSpotter. Officers that responded located two men who were dead inside a vehicle. The victims were later identified as Bralon Shepard, 26, and Sylvon Robinson, 27.

Aric Ward was identified as a suspect in this fatal shooting and a warrant was issued for his arrest. Last week members of the NOVFTF arrested Ward at a residence in the 24800 block of Woodline Rd., in Bedford.

U.S. Marshal Pete Elliott stated, "The Cleveland Division of Police continues to work hard for its citizens, solving another homicide investigation. We are happy to work hand and hand with the dedicated officers of Cleveland Police to arrest violent fugitives and keep the city a safe place to live."

Anyone with information concerning any wanted fugitive can contact the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force at 1-866-4WANTED (1-866-492-6833), or submit a web tip. Reward money is available, and tipsters may remain anonymous. Follow the U.S. Marshals on Twitter @USMSCleveland.

Old World Foods issues voluntary pierogi recall

Old World Foods, Inc., 3545 E. 76 St., Cleveland, has issued a voluntary recall on its potato and 3 cheese pierogi made after 12/01/2023 and sold in 14 oz., 12-pierogi packages.

This recall is due to soy not being declared as a sub ingredient on the label, according to a press release from the Ohio Department of Agriculture. Soy is a major allergen.

The pierogi being recalled were sold frozen in clear plastic bags by Old World Foods exclusively to Oleksy Wholesale Meats, 2700 E. 40 St., Cleveland, 44115 for distribution to its vendors, which include retail stores throughout Northeast Ohio.

No reports of illness involving these products have been reported. Individuals exhibiting signs or symptoms of a foodborne illness or an allergic reaction should contact a physician immediately. All products should be discarded or returned to Old World Foods, Inc. for a full refund.

Metroparks unveils Garfield Park transformation!

Cleveland Metroparks last Thursday celebrated the completion of the multi-year restoration work at historic Garfield Park Reservation, 11350 Broadway Ave., Garfield Heights. Members of the public joined Cleveland Metroparks, project partners and donors to officially open the doors to the new Garfield Park Program Center and experience the restored Garfield Pond, Wolf Creek and new surrounding trails, as posted on the Cleveland Metroparks website.

The park dates back to 1894 and was leased to Cleveland Metroparks in 1986 to become Garfield Park Reservation. The extensive update of Garfield Park's central features included reestablishing the historic two-acre lower pond, restoration of Wolf Creek, reconstruction of historic masonry structures such as the picturesque arch stone bridge at the base of the pond and the stairway to Iron Springs, construction of the new Garfield Park Program Center, and a new network of paved, natural surface, and ADA accessible trail loops.

The restored Garfield Pond is designed for watersports including kayaking and stand-up paddle boarding. New fishing docks were constructed for anglers while the restored ecological health of the pond will support fishing opportunities with over 200 sunfish currently stocked. There are plans to add several additional species in the future as the pond's aquatic vegetation becomes more established.

The restoration of Wolf Creek consisted of an enhanced floodplain connection and streambank stabilization that will reduce downstream erosion and sediment transport. The restoration of Wolf Creek, which flows into Mill Creek, a tributary of the Cuyahoga River, is vital to local water quality and stream health. Enhanced amenities, such as hiking trails, bridges and boardwalks allow visitors to experience the restored creek, its wetlands, floodplains and pond up close.

"This investment in Garfield Park Reservation, with the critical support of our partners, revitalizes this historic park and reestablishes opportunities for the community to once again enjoy fishing, boating and exploration of the restored pond, creek and wetlands," said Cleveland Metroparks CEO Brian M. Zimmerman. "The newly constructed program center will foster learning and be a place the community can enjoy for generations to come."

The new 3,000 square foot Garfield Park Program Center will serve as an education and recreation program hub for Cleveland Metroparks Outdoor Recreation programs, as well as its Youth Outdoors program, serving local youth. Built upon the existing foundation of the former boat house structure, the new LEED designed timber framed program center incorporates sustainable features including a geothermal heating and cooling system connected to the pond along with a solar array. The center is also a year-round reservable facility available to the public.

This transformative project was made possible with support of key partners and donors, including two separate \$1 million donations from Ohio CAT and the Brown and Kunze Foundation, along with several other family foundations and individuals, and support from Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Section 319, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trail Program and the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

The improvements to Garfield Park build on years of recent investments made in the park, including construction of a new reservable shelter and restrooms at Iron Springs, the repaving of roadways, expansion of Mill Creek Falls, the recent addition of Cleveland Metroparks nature-based preschool, a new accessible play area at Red Oak Picnic Area, reclamation of formerly developed areas and planting more than 1,000 native trees and shrubs.

Further work is currently underway to improve park access and connect Garfield Park to the Towpath Trail to the west and the Morgana Run Trail to the north.

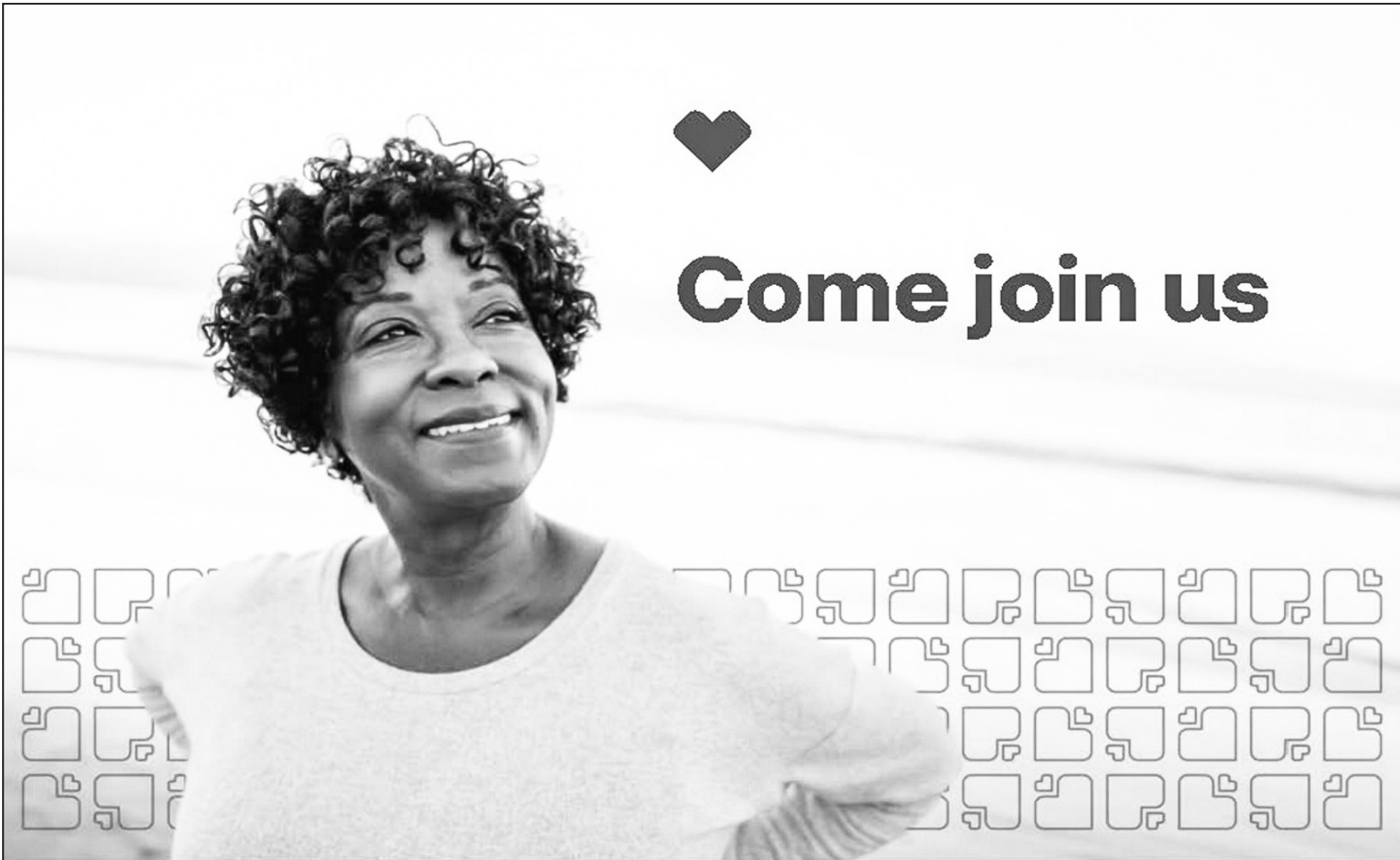


The restored Garfield Pond is designed for watersports including kayaking and stand-up paddle boarding. And for fishermen, it's been stocked with over 200 sunfish and more species will be added in the future. Photo by Elena Psenicka

(For more park photos, see Page 4)



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Trick-or-Treat on Fleet this Saturday, 12-3 p.m.

The Community Yahoo's annual Trick-or-Treat on Fleet party returns this Saturday to Slavic Village from E. 50th to E. 63rd sts., noon-3 p.m. The autumn classic is open to all children and adults and everyone is encouraged to wear their best Halloween costumes.

In addition to a free candy handout all along the street, there will be games for kids and animals to pet.

The event will be held rain or shine, with early forecasts calling for sunny 50s. Contact the Yahoos at 440-975-6318 for more information.

THE IRON WARD NEWS
 Iron Ward is the nineteenth century nickname for the Broadway Avenue neighborhood around which Cleveland's great iron and steel industry flourished. Originally known as Newburgh Township, it was annexed by Cleveland in 1878. It has used the tagline Slavic Village since 1978.

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Halloween and Cities

Halloween began as a pagan ritual, developed alongside the Christian feast of All Saints, and has now grown to become a retail powerhouse. And for city planners it's serious business.

The urban research group Strong Towns declares that "a neighborhood that is inviting for trick-or-treaters is likely to have good urban design." Noted professor and author Richard Florida actually developed a "trick-or-treat index" that correlated the health of a city neighborhood to the endurance of its Halloween traditions.

- Trick-or-treating---
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Trick-or-Treat on Fleet began several years ago as the dream of Slavic Village resident Meeka Compton to revive her earliest memories in the old neighborhood. With the support of the Community Yahoos and local businesses, the event has grown to become one of the biggest Halloween activities in Cleveland.

It'll take place, rain or shine, this Saturday, October 26th, from noon till 3pm. Costumed children of all ages are welcome. Vendors bearing candy are welcome too. Call the Yahoos for more info, 440-975-6318.

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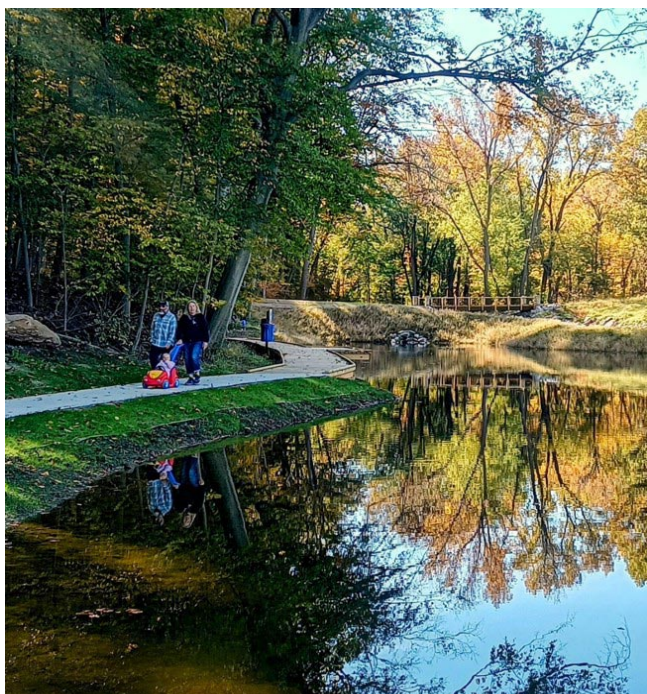
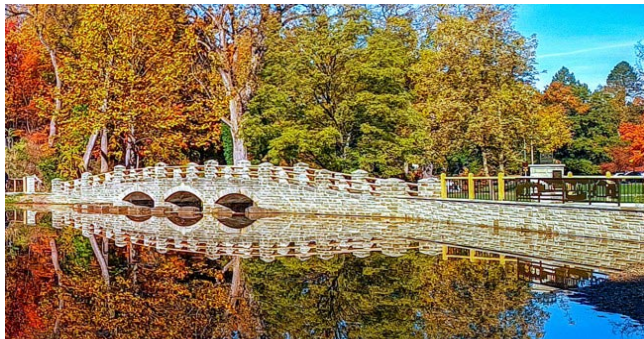
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Garfield Park Reservation shines for ribboncutting **Garfield Council update**

By Ellen Psenicka



Garfield Heights City Council met last Tuesday, Oct. 15, because of the Columbus Day holiday the previous day, and passed the following ordinances and resolutions:

- Authorizing two ordinances to establish an Opt-In Natural Gas Program in the city as a member of the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council, commonly referred to as NOPEC, and to approve its plan of operation and oversight regulations. NOPEC Relationship Manager Tony Ramos was at the meeting and told council passage of the ordinances will make it easier for residents who opted out of the program to return.
- Applying for and accepting an American Rescue Funds Act Community Grant made available by Cuyahoga County, not to exceed \$37,000, for the Garfield Heights/St. John Lutheran Church Basketball Renovation Project.
- The city had previously accepted ARPA Community Grant funding to support park improvements at Debelak and Forestdale parks.
- Authorizing a rate increase for emergency medical services in the city. This increase will affect the rate the city is charging insurance companies and non-residents for emergency medical services.
- Allowing the presiding judge of the Garfield Heights Municipal Court to lease a postage machine from Quadient Leasing USA, Inc. for court use. The 48-month lease will cost the city \$223.25 per month.
- Purchasing one 2025 Ford Explorer from Montrose Ford at a cost of \$48,848.
- Recognizing the month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the city.
- Recognizing the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the city.
- Authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor.
- Requesting an advance in tax settlement.

Now a crown jewel in the Cleveland Metroparks' Emerald Necklace, Garfield Park Reservation wowed spectators and dignitaries alike at the ribboncutting last Thursday for the newly renovated park.

Shown in the photos above, clockwise from upper left: Cleveland Metroparks CEO Brian M. Zimmerman in the front row at right with other park officials, donors and city leaders at the ribboncutting ceremonies. The iconic, reconstructed arch stone bridge at the base of the pond. The new Garfield Park Program Center. Garfield Heights Mayor Matt Burke speaking at Saturday's festivities. And a scene at the restored and expanded Garfield Pond as visitors stroll by.

Photos by Elena Psenicka

G.H. Ward 7 Block Watch

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch, sponsored by Councilwoman Jenn Newrones, will meet Thursday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m., in the cafeteria of St. Benedict School, 13633 Rockside Rd.

Guests will be Garfield Heights Police Officer Joseph Timko and K-9 Officer Ike. Nonperishable items or cash donations to help the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry with the approaching holidays would be appreciated. All are welcome. For more information contact Gail, 216-662-9213.

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Octoberfest Dinner at Legion Post 309

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CityMusic concert at St. Stan's Church

The CityMusic Cleveland Orchestra Series continues this Saturday, Oct. 26, at the Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus, 3649 E. 65 St., Cleveland, at 7:30 p.m. The free concert will feature works by Bach, Brouwer and Brahms, conducted by Lorenzo Lopez. For more information visit citymusiccleveland.org

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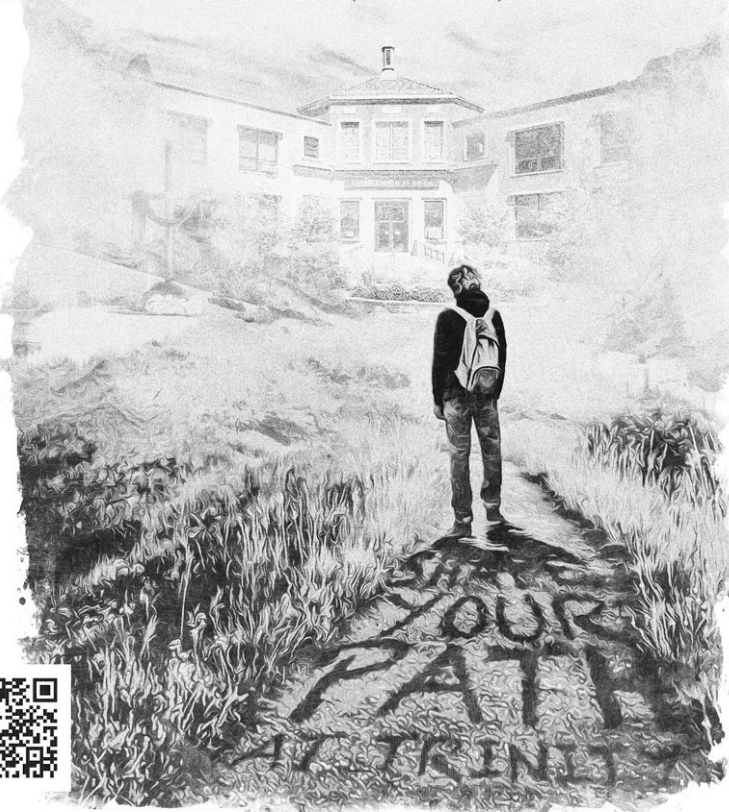


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sitting there the officers saw a vehicle stop behind the cruiser and do a U-turn, heading westbound in the eastbound lane against the flow of traffic. Several cars had to move out of the way to avoid being hit. Police turned their cruiser around, turned on their lights and siren and initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle, which had pulled over into the left hand side of the road. Police spoke with the driver, whose license had been suspended, and asked why he had driven in the opposite direction of traffic. He seemed confused and could not give a clear reason for his actions. Officers observed his speech was slurred and he smelled of alcohol. He told police he had consumed two beers about an hour before. He refused to do any field sobriety testing and was handcuffed, put into the cruiser and placed under arrest for OVI. His female passenger told officers they had been at a family gathering and were drinking. She was given a ride to the GHPD lobby so she could call for a ride. The driver was issued citations for OVI, driving under suspension,

no tail lights and wrong-way driving. Vehicle towed.

Theft from Auto

On Oct. 15, at about 6:45 a.m., police responded to a home in the 5000 block of Claremont regarding a theft from automobile. The owner of the car said someone broke out the front passenger window of his Lexus and stole his computer, which was worth about \$700.

Theft of Motor Vehicle

On Oct. 16, about 7:30 p.m., an officer responded to the station to take a stolen vehicle report. The owner said her red 2010 Audi S4 was last seen in the driveway of her home in the 4900 block of Henry St., on the morning of Oct. 14. Later that night she noticed it was no longer in the driveway. She hadn't driven it for several months because of a sensor issue. The vehicle, taken without keys, was last seen on a flock camera on Oct. 14, at 12:14 p.m., traveling north on E. 93 St./Kinsman.

Traffic Offense- Fleeing

On Oct. 17, at about 2 a.m., an officer saw a blue 2016 Kia Optima going west on Granger Rd. fail to stop at the red light at the I-480 east exit ramp. The Kia had previously fled from Maple Heights PD minutes before for a traffic violation. A traffic stop was initiated on E. 126 St., approaching McCracken, but the car took off. It failed to stay in the proper lane, ran stop signs and made an illegal U-turn under the I-480 overpasses on Granger Rd. It traveled onto I-480 west from the entrance ramp on Granger Rd., and while on the freeway reached speeds of over 112 mph. The pursuit was terminated on the Valley View bridge.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS BALLOT MEASURE NOTICE
Shall Section 59 of the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights, which currently prohibits the use of photo-monitoring devices for the enforcement of qualified traffic law violations in the city, be amended to add Subsection 59-4 to provide that Section 59 shall not apply to the use of traffic law photo-monitoring devices on Interstate 480 within the corporate boundaries of the City of Garfield Heights; and add Subsection 59-5 to provide that not less than one-half of net collections from traffic photo-monitoring violations shall be used towards the cost of the City's: 1) police, fire and other safety services; 2) street and other infrastructure improvements; and/or 3) parks, recreation, and senior programming?
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CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO
BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD BUDGET WORK SESSIONS ON THE FOLLOWING MONDAYS:
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Oct 24: Hook & Arrow Camp for Grown-Ups! Spend a leisurely day along the Ohio and Erie Canal learning archery and fishing. We supply the necessary equipment, basic instruction and provide lunch. You enjoy a day in the valley and leave with experience in two potential new hobbies. You must have an Ohio Fishing License to fish — please purchase at ohiodnr.gov prior to program. 10 a.m.–2 p.m. CanalWay Center. Adults only. Registration required. Fee: \$40.

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Issue 19
I-480 Traffic Cameras

What is Issue 19?
The City of Garfield Heights has proposed a charter amendment to allow the operation of traffic cameras solely on I-480. Traffic Cameras will ONLY be permitted to enforce traffic violations on I-480 and will NOT be used at any other location in the city.

18,356 vehicles
were observed traveling 75+ mph in just six days on I-480*
*According to six-day traffic study performed by Garfield Heights Police Department

Per the amendment, at least one half (50%) of net collections from traffic camera violations MUST be used towards the City's...

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