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FREE

Infant perishes in Bedford house fire

An infant died and an adult and another child are in critical condition following a house fire on Forbes Rd. in Bedford last Thursday night.

About 10 p.m. on Oct. 31, the Bedford Fire Department was dispatched to a home on Forbes Rd. with reports of people trapped. While responding, crews were notified that there were at least two people still inside the structure, according to a BFD press release.

When firefighters arrived they found heavy smoke coming from the second floor along with a child who had escaped from the fire to alert neighbors. BFD crews made an aggressive offensive attack through the front door and found one adult and one infant both unresponsive. The infant could not be revived and died at the scene.

The adult and one child were taken to local hospitals and were in critical condition.

The fire was found to be in numerous areas throughout the house and was challenging for crews to get it under control, BFD officials said. Many fire crews from surrounding cities provided assistance, including Maple Heights, Bedford Heights, North Randall, Oakwood, Northfield Village, Macedonia, Valley View and Solon. The cause of the fire is unknown and is currently under investigation by BFD and the State Fire Marshal's Office.

New Settlement offices dedicated



The ribboncutting and open house for the new University Settlement offices at 5115 Broadway Ave., in Cleveland's Slavic Village neighborhood, were held on Thursday, Oct. 24, with the new Settlement Director Richaun Bunton directing the festivities. Also speaking and presenting proclamations were County Council President Pernel Jones and City Councilman Richard Starr.

The new offices are housed in a portion of the 20,000 square feet of commercial space that is part of the \$20 million mixed-use development also comprised of 88 affordable apartments and townhomes.

University Settlement is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that has been providing much needed social services to the residents of the Broadway Slavic Village neighborhood since 1926. Its mission is to "offer the individuals and families we serve resources by which they can learn, grow and thrive."

Programs it offers are divided into four main categories: Community Programs, Family Programs, Youth Programs, and Senior Programs. All of these work hand-in-hand to address needs of individuals in the Slavic Village neighborhood and to serve the residents in the best way possible.

Former Ward 12 councilman and past Settlement board member Tony Brancatelli, who supported University Settlement's transformation that started six years ago, commented, "It was very exciting to see a full house at the ribboncutting applauding the efforts of everyone who made this day possible. University Settlement is an anchor institution that provides critical services to the entire Broadway/Slavic Village community."



VETERANS DAY
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11th

See Pages 4-7 for local Veterans Day
Observances and tributes

Annual Czech Holiday Fair set for Saturday at Bohemian National Hall

On Saturday, Nov. 9, the annual Czech Holiday Fair will be underway at the historic Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave., Cleveland, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Holiday Fair has been an annual event since the late 1970s, and has so much to offer. Enjoy delicious baked goods, along with amazing food prepared by volunteers at the Bohemian National Hall.

Stop at the Deli in the gym for frozen foods to take home and enjoy later. There will also be Czech beer and other libations imported from the Czech Republic.

Pork, dumplings, sauerkraut, and chicken paprikash dinners will be served with dessert and beverage from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the lower dining room. Light menu items will be served in the ballroom dining room.

Shop unique imported jewelry, vintage pottery, Czech glass, embroidered t-shirts, books and more from the Czech Republic and Eastern European countries. There will be vendors offering homemade goods including quilted items by New Yarn Times and jewelry from Paparazzi Jewelry. There will also be Marionette Performance in the gymnasium at 2 p.m.

Spend the day exploring the beautiful Bohemian National Hall while you get some shopping done at the Czech Holiday Fair.

Bedford Council news

Bedford police, fire personnel recognize Officers of the Year

By Judith Goldsworth

A police officer and a firefighter were recognized at Bedford Council's meeting Monday night for being honored at a recent Bedford Eagles Club event.

Bedford Police Officer Brandon Thompson was named Officer of the Year and Bedford Firefighter Stephanie Balochko was named Firefighter of the Year at a dinner put on by the Eagles to honor the Blue Coast Officers of the Year, Mayor Stan Koci stated.

Koci said the officers honored were elected by their peers, "the people that they work with, day in and day out."

City Manager Mike Mallis praised Thompson and Balochko, as did council and administration members.

Mallis said that the Eagles Club also provided \$5000 donations each to the police and fire departments along with other substantial donations to the Bedford Historical Society, the Food Bank and Meals on Wheels.

Mallis also congratulated Fire Lt. Tim Grote, who will become the new Assistant Fire Chief in Bedford, taking over for the current Assistant Chief Dan Dopslaf, who is retiring in January. Also in January, Lt. Brian Harting will become the fire department's new chief, replacing retiring Chief Dave Nagy, Mallis said.

Former BPD officer remembered

Koci stated that over the weekend, former Bedford

Police Officer Bob Chase passed away and offered his condolences to Chase's family. "Bob was a really great guy, and I got to work with him, and he had a sense of humor that was second to none," Koci said. "May he rest in peace, and peace to his family."

Legislation on agenda

- Council passed an ordinance authorizing Mallis to enter into a contract with Northfield Power Equipment to purchase a Boss Snowrator for the Parks and Recreation Department, at the Omnia/Sourcwell state pricing of \$29,307. Mallis said the equipment will be used for snow removal at the Municipal Complex.

- An ordinance to approve the budget for 2025, which will set next year's budget figure at \$45,196,739 to fund services, operations, expenses and other appropriations in the city, was placed on first reading. Finance Director Jennifer Howland said, "We are currently still in the process of reviewing the budget, but this is for three readings over the next four meetings remaining in the year."

- Also placed on first reading was an ordinance amending previous legislation, entitled "Fees, Deposits and Charges" regarding the city's Recreation Centers. Mallis said, "We last adjusted the fee structure for the use of the rooms down at the Community Center five years ago. We spoke with City Council earlier this year about the need to review these rates and make an adjustment that would be effective in January of 2025."

Mallis added, "We are proposing some slight changes to the rate for the gymnasium rental and our multi-purpose room rental, which is kind of like a double-sized classroom, and then a single classroom. Those rates are approximately a \$25 an hour increase."

- A motion to accept the Board of Zoning Appeals' decision to approve letting Dionte Dunham of Advanced Base Concrete LLC, build a shed and concrete slab in the side yard at 27 Avalon Dr., was approved by council.

- Also approved was another motion to accept the BZA's decision to uphold Shore Realty Group's appeal to operate a proposed business at 794 Broadway Ave. "This will permit the business to be there," Law Director John Montello explained.

Announcements

Mallis announced that the city's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place in the Bedford Public Square area of the Historic Downtown District on Wednesday, Nov. 27, at 6 p.m. sharp. Shortly after 4:30 p.m. the same day, holiday activities, including ice sculpting and other events will take place.

Ward 5 Councilman Jeff Asbury said the annual Mitten Fence will be up and running again on Nov. 27. Donations of new or gently worn hats, scarves, mittens and other warm winter apparel may be pinned to the fence on Broadway Ave. between Gionino's Pizza and Spirit of Apotheosis, he stated. Donations may also be dropped off at the Recreation Department or the Broadway Cyclery on Broadway.

Christmas Connection kicks off holiday shopping

Get ready to deck the halls with bags of goodies as you kick-off the holiday season at this year's Christmas Connection happening Nov. 22-24 at the I-X Center. Northeast Ohio's largest holiday market, produced by Beachwood-based Marketplace Events, has been a seasonal tradition for decades and features artisan gifts and décor from more than 550 vendors.

Along with great gift-giving finds, the new Tinseltown Train Area will enchant guests of all ages with its large-scale garden train from Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad and model train scenes from Olmsted Falls Depot and MRRM Trains. Kids of all ages also won't want to miss SantaLand and the chance to visit and take a picture with Santa, Mrs. Claus and the Elves! Bring your letters to Santa and mail them in the Santa Mailbox or get your face painted and have a balloon creation made before heading to the main stage to enjoy your favorite holiday songs.

A new beauty feature – "Merry Christmas, Beautiful," in partnership with America's Beauty Show by Cosmetologists Chicago – is the place to find luxury beauty gifts to pamper yourself or a loved one with the latest trends for looking your best from head to toe this holiday season. There is also the opportunity to purchase a limited-edition Glam Bag with must-have products perfect for treating yourself or gifting to others.

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LIBRARY SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Bedford (Bedford Heights/Oakwood Village) Branch Library

Here are some of the **FREE** programs coming up 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.

Kids Café - 18 & younger. Monday-Friday, 3-4 p.m. Kids ages 18 and under can get a **FREE** lunch provided by the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, while supplies last.

Student Success Center - K-8th grade. Monday-Thursday (school days) 4-6:30 p.m. Since 2002, our **FREE** Student Success Center's program has helped thousands of students in grades K-8 improve their grades and subject comprehension. Student Success Centers are available at 10 branches. Students who participate in the program receive homework assistance from trained tutors in the following subjects: language arts, math, reading, science, and social studies. **MUST REGISTER**

Art Quest - Grades 2-5. Fridays, Nov. 8, 15, 22, 4 p.m. Join library staff as we learn about famous artists and try our best at replicating their style!

Braiding and Barbering for Teens. Thursday, Nov. 7, 6 p.m. Learn about natural haircare, braiding, and barbering with Tamieka Bush of The Braid Academy 216. **MUST REGISTER**

Baby Craft - Birth-35 months with parent/caregiver. Saturday, Nov. 9, 2 p.m. Drop in for a seasonal baby craft using our hands and feet. We'll use nontoxic washable paint, but dress to get messy.

Kindergarten Countdown - Children entering kindergarten next fall and their caregiver. Wednesday, Nov. 13, 10:30 a.m. Join us as we help your child build kindergarten readiness skills in a program aligned to Ohio's Early Childhood Standards. **MUST REGISTER**

Ellenwood Book Discussion - Adults. Wednesday,

Nov. 13, 2 p.m. Join our monthly book discussion at Bedford's Ellenwood Community Center. This month we will be discussing "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon. Copies of the book will be available at the Bedford Branch and at the Ellenwood Center one month before the date of the discussion.

Kids Cook! - Grades 3-6. Thursday, Nov. 14, 4 p.m. Expand your cooking skills with quick, simple, and delicious recipes. This program may include activities that could be considered harmful. In order for your child to participate you must sign the Release and Hold Harmless form and return it to the program location at least one week prior to the program's start date. To access the form and learn more about parent options, please visit www.cuyahogalibrary.org/parent-options. Participants may be recorded and/or surveyed to capture this program's effectiveness. **MUST REGISTER**

CLE Public Library: Fleet Branch

Here are some of the **FREE** programs for the month of November for Youth, Adults and Families at the Fleet Branch of the Cleveland Public Library, 7224 Broadway Ave. For more information or to register for any programs, please call 216-623-6962.

Kids Café: Cleveland Foodbank after school lunch program - youth ages 1-18: Monday-Friday, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Children's Book Club - School aged: every Wednesday (Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27) 3:30-4 p.m.

Creative Writing -School Age: Wednesday, Nov. 13, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Coloring for Tranquility -Families: Saturday, Nov. 16, 12-1 p.m. Coloring is both soothing and creatively stimulating. So come join us to decompress from the stresses of the week as we listen to calming ambient music while practicing the cognitive skill of mindfulness. Each month will feature a different color from the seven major Buddhism chakras palette of balance. Coloring sheets,

colored pencils and herbal tea will be provided.

Novel Teasers: Book Talk - Adults: Wednesday, Nov. 20, 12-2 p.m. Looking for a good book? Come jump start your dive into a good read. This month's book talk will be on the contemporary "urban lit" fiction novel, "Time is Money: An Anthony Stone Novel" by Silk White. Limited copies of this title will be available for check out.

Inhouse Storytime -School Age: Tuesday, Nov. 26, 4-4:30 p.m.

Garfield Heights Branch Library

Here are some of the **FREE** programs available at the Garfield Heights Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 5409 Turney Rd. Call 216-475-8178 to register or for more information.

Adult Programs

Digital Navigator Drop-In Event Drop in to get one-on-one assistance from our Digital Navigators on how to connect to the internet, get a device, set up a telehealth appointment and more. Assistance will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. Thursday, Nov. 14, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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: Thursday, Nov. 14, 7-8 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 16, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Registration required.

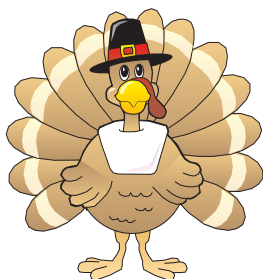
Tuesday Evening Book Discussion Join us for our monthly book discussion. This month's title is "Blessing of the Lost Girls" by J.A. Jance. Tuesday, Nov. 19, 6-7 p.m.

A Conversation with Author Ladii Patterson Join us for a talk with local author Ladii Patterson about her book "#TESTIMONY, How Being OBEDIENT Changed Me." Saturday, Nov. 23, 3-5 p.m.

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GARFIELD HEIGHTS ZONING CODE UPDATE



PUBLIC WORKSHOP

The **City of Garfield Heights** invites you to learn about updates to the City's **zoning code**, designed to implement recommendations from the master plan. This will provide a first look at the **proposed zoning districts, zoning map, permitted land uses**, and an opportunity for **public feedback**.

MEETING DETAILS!

DATE: Tuesday, November 19th, 2024

TIME: 5:30PM to 7:30PM

LOCATION: Garfield Heights Civic Center
Room 118 (Located on the 1st floor)
5407 Turney Road



Death Notices

PAMELA KUZAWA

Pamela (Pam) Kuzawa (née Jones) died peacefully and surrounded by family on Aug. 31, 2024, after a battle with dementia. Pam lived both a very ordinary and an extraordinary life. She never once met a stranger, sharing a smile and a chat with anyone — human or dog — she encountered, and she found beauty and wonder in the most ordinary, mundane places.



She was born with her twin, Penny, in Cleveland on November 6, 1946, to Georgia (d.1985) and Tom Jones (d.1996). She and Penny were the oldest of 5 children (deceased: Tom, Carla, and Tim). Pam had a rough beginning to life: born dead and brought back and spent two years of childhood in a tuberculosis sanitarium with her twin, and later their mom. These challenging experiences set her up to be a strong woman who was quick to laugh and find the joy in life but was also no nonsense and didn't take anyone's crap (as she would say). Though she was maybe 5'1" at her tallest and under 5 feet at the end, doctors have mistakenly indicated she was 5'2.99" to 5'10," which we think simply reflects her larger-than-life presence and the way she could stop someone in their tracks with just a look.

She married Bob Kuzawa in 1962, moving to Garfield Heights, where they raised two boys (Rob, b. 1963 and David, b. 1966) and then a girl (Deb, b. 1979). She was passionately proud and protective of her family, her children and children's friends, becoming an extra mom to many. Pam and Bob had a long, complex marriage, but each one consistently showed their love and commitment to each other in ways small and large, even when they were complaining about each other. The love and commitment they shared became more obvious once her dementia advanced.

She worked many jobs in her life, but other than being a mother and grandmother, the job she truly loved was working at Woodward Beverage and Deli. For over 20 years, her head bobbed just above the deli counter, her smile wide for every customer.

Anyone who knew Pam will miss her vibrancy and love and, of course, her laugh. In her honor, wear your funkiest and most colorful clothes and shoes, take time to admire the clouds, and look for that beautiful leaf. Donations to the Alzheimer's Association or the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter in Valley View may be made in Pam's honor. Full obit at: <https://tinyurl.com/jvuekwda>

Maple Heights 9U SSE Dawgs win Ohio State football championship!



After a great regular 2024 season, the Maple Heights SSE Dawgs 9U football team was invited to compete in the Ohio State Tournament this past weekend and defeated the Akron Bengals 13-0 on Saturday, and went on to defeat Gator Prep Columbus 20-0 on Sunday, winning the 2024 Ohio State Championship!

Congratulations to the Dawgs and a huge shout out to coach Charles Brown and his staff on another great accomplishment in their first season. The regional championship will take place in Detroit, Michigan the weekend of November 16. Good luck, Dawgs!

Varsity high school playoffs

The OHSAA Football Regional Quarterfinal Playoff Pairings have been announced, which includes the Division III Maple Heights Mustangs and the Division VII Cuyahoga Heights Red Wolves in the NN readership area.

Pairings shown with regional seed. Both teams will play this Friday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m.

Division III, Region 9: #10 Maple Heights (8-3) at #2 Gates Mills Gilmour Academy (10-1)

Division VII, Region 25: #9 Cuyahoga Heights (6-4) at #1 Berlin Center Western Reserve (10-1)



LOCAL VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11th, 2024

BEDFORD

The Bedford Veterans Day Services will be held on Monday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m., at Veterans Park in downtown Bedford followed by another short service at the Bedford Cemetery on Broadway. The Bedford Veterans Memorial Day Parade Committee, in conjunction with the Bedford French Bartlett VFW Post 1082, sponsors the Veterans Day Services. Veterans are invited to share their service experiences. All are invited. For further information contact Mike Guyer at 440-773-2835.

INDEPENDENCE

Last Friday, Nov. 1, Mayor Gregory Kurtz hosted the annual Veterans Luncheon at the Independence Civic Center to honor residents who are veterans or presently serving in the Armed Forces.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS


A Veterans Day Service will be held on Monday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m., at Veterans Plaza, 5407 Turney Rd., located behind the Garfield Heights Historical Museum. All are encouraged to attend and honor our military veterans.

MAPLE HEIGHTS

The annual Veterans Day Observance in Maple Heights will be held at the Veterans Memorial Honor Roll at City Hall, 5353 Lee Rd., at 11 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 11; meet at 10:45 a.m. Maple Heights Police Chief Todd Hansen and Maple Heights American Legion Post Commander Al Glontz will lead the event, which will also include Maple Heights police officers.




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HAPPY VETERANS DAY

Mayor Gregory P. Kurtz
 Finance Director Vern Blaze
 Independence City Council



Thank You
VETERANS



November 2024

A Prayer for Veterans

God of peace, we humbly ask You to look with favor on all those who have served our country, protected our liberty and ensured our freedom. Bless our armed forces with courage and strength and protect them from harm's way. Let us remember with gratitude those whose service has ended and those who gave their lives as the ultimate sacrifice. May your wisdom and compassion guide our leaders to work for justice and peace now and forever. Amen.

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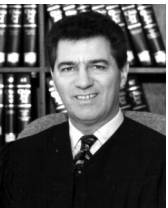
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VETERANS DAY
★ MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11th ★



LIBRARY SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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Maple Heights Branch Library

Here are a few of the **FREE** programs being offered at the Maple Heights Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, located at 5225 Library Lane, Maple Hts. For more information or to register, please call 216-475-5000, or visit: cuyahogalibrary.org/events.

Curvy Chic: A Masterclass for Effortless Style - with author Linda Peavy. Thursday, Nov. 7, 6:15-7:30 p.m. Discover the secrets to embracing your beauty, confidence and style at any age.

Mental Health 101. Saturday, Nov. 9, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Explore the mind and body and what is at the heart of mental health conditions with Dr. Terry A. Webb.

Adult Activities for All Abilities, Monday, Nov. 11, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Join us for a fun, adapted program with a different theme each month. This program is open to all adults but is specifically designed for adults with developmental disabilities and their caregivers.

Weave Together - Grades K-3. Wednesday, Nov. 13, 4:30-5:15 p.m. Learn the basics of weaving and create a new project each week.

PowerPoint Basics. Wednesday, Nov. 13, 1-4 p.m. Geared toward the beginner, this class offers an overview of Microsoft PowerPoint, a software program for designing creative presentations and slideshows.

Weekend Wind Down. Friday, Nov. 15, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Decompress at the end of the week with an open craft hour for teens.

Tween Self-Care - Grades 4-8. Monday, Nov. 18, 4-5 p.m. Learn about different self-care practices and make some of your own tools to promote emotional and mental health.

Independence Branch Library

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ADULTS

Key Steps to Returning to Work After an Extended Break. Registration required. Learn helpful strategies that can help you transition back into the world of work successfully. This is a hybrid program. You can attend via Zoom or in-person at the Independence

Branch. Tuesday, Nov. 12, 10:30 a.m.

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Mansion Of Madness Board Game Afternoon. Registration required. Enter the Lovecraftian world of "Mansions of Madness" where players work together to uncover the secrets hidden within, all while facing otherworldly horrors and supernatural challenges. Saturday, Nov. 16, 12 p.m.

Wednesday Night Book Discussion. No registration required. Please join us for a casual and lively book discussion of "All That She Carried" by Tiya Miles. The books will be available approximately one month before the discussion date. Wednesday, Nov. 20, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday Afternoon Book Discussion. No registration required. Please join us for a casual and lively book discussion of "All That She Carried" by Tiya Miles. The books will be available approximately one month before the discussion date. Thursday, Nov. 21, 2:15 p.m.

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CHILDREN

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Preschool Storytime. No registration required. Join us for rhymes, songs, fingerplays and stories. Thursdays, 10 a.m.

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STEM Fun. Registration required. Students grades 1-5, join us for some fun STEM building challenges using Keva planks, Magnatiles or Legos. How creative can you be? Thursday, Nov. 7, 3:45 p.m.

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Garfield Heights

Shots Fired

On Oct. 18, at 9:44 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 13500 block of Maplerow Ave. for a dog that was shot. Upon arrival officers spoke with the resident who stated she was going outside to take her two girls to school and heard a single gunshot from outside. The two girls were in the front yard at the time of the incident. Across the street in an adjacent yard was the family dog. The resident said her dog sometimes gets loose from their backyard to explain why the dog was across the street at the time. The resident described the person who shot her dog as a dark skin black male wearing a black track suit. The resident stated that she spoke with the male and told him that her dog doesn't bite. The male was heard saying, "How was I supposed to know that?" He was last seen walking north on E. 136 St. Police spoke with two neighbors who had security cameras, but could not produce footage of the shooting. The neighbors made multiple comments to officers as to how aggressive the dog appeared to be. The suspect could not further be identified for follow up with this report.

Traffic Offense-Fleeing

On Oct. 29, about 10:45 a.m., officers were monitoring traffic in the area of E. 131 St. and Wolf Rd., where they observed a female suspect, driving a 2024 Kia Sportage, driving at a high rate of speed and failing to stop at a stop sign. Police activated lights and sirens to initiate a traffic stop but the suspect fled to an address in the 13600 block of Eastwood Blvd., where she exited the vehicle and fled into the house. A male was observed running from the passenger side of the vehicle into the house. As other GHPD units were arriving to assist, the female suspect came out of the house and told police she was driving the Kia at the time of the pursuit and the male observed was her passenger. She was found to have several active warrants, one of which was through Ohio State Patrol - Wooster and within the pickup radius. OSP told GHPD to advise the suspect and release her at this time. She was then placed under arrest and taken to city jail. The male passenger came out of the house and spoke to officers. He was found to have three active warrants, one of which was through OSP - Medina, and was placed under arrest and taken to city jail. He was searched and had three "Direct Express" debit cards in his pocket and a fourth was found inside the Kia. All four cards were issued to three different people. The female driver was held on no bond for felony fleeing and eluding and was to be issued citations including driving under suspension, six stop sign violations and reckless operation. Male passenger held for OSP, with listed debit cards tagged and secured.

Criminal Damage-Other

On Oct. 30, about 4:30 p.m., an officer was dispatched to Dave's Supermarket in Turneytown regarding criminal damaging. The security guard there said he saw four teen males being disorderly and "play fighting." He said two of them were "slap boxing," and when he got their attention, one of them slapped the other off guard causing him to fall into an alcohol display in the produce aisle. The teenagers ran out of the store and were not identified. The guard said they come into Dave's frequently and they will be banned from the store. The alcohol glass bottles all shattered on the floor, including 36 bottles of Tropical Blueberry Moscato and 12 bottles of Benchmark Egg Nog. Total loss was valued at \$455.52. Guard was advised to notify police if they returned.

Felonious Assault

On Nov. 3, at about 1:34 a.m., officers responded to the Showcase Bar, 5015 Turney Rd., for a report of shots fired and that a female had been shot in the leg. When police arrived they saw a large group of individuals leaving the bar and running in all directions. Officers pounded on a locked side door of the bar for two or three minutes before being let in. They found a female sitting on a chair inside the bar with her right leg propped up. They were told this was the woman who had been shot in the leg. She was unable to provide a description of the person who shot her. An officer applied a tourniquet to her wound and police carried her to a waiting ambulance outside Showcase Bar.

Later that same day, at 8:11 a.m., police were dispatched to a home in the 5000 block of E. 110 St. for possible bullet holes in the side of the house. The homeowner told officers he was sleeping in his upstairs bedroom when he heard a loud bang coming from outside his home about 2:30 or 3:30 a.m. He went outside to check it out and heard loud noise coming from the Showcase Bar down the street. He said he didn't see anything on his street and went back to bed. When he got up later in the morning he observed paint chips on his floor and a hole next to his bed. He went outside and found two bullet holes on the west side of his house and called police. Officers found two bullet holes on the outside of the home, with neither going all the way through. Police noted on the report that bullets in the home could possibly be connected to the shooting of the female at Showcase Bar.

Maple Heights

Felonious Assault/Shooting

On Oct. 30, about 3:20 p.m., the Maple Heights Police Department received several 911 calls reporting two females arguing in the parking lot of the Maple Heights branch library, 5225 Library Ln. One female reportedly had a firearm. An additional caller reported gunshots in the parking lot. Upon the arrival of police, they found two females in the parking lot with gunshot wounds. One 20-year-old female victim was transported to MetroHealth Medical Center. The second 22-year-old victim was transported to Marymount Hospital and later transferred to

MetroHealth. Their identities are not being released at this time and their current condition is unknown. A firearm was recovered at the scene.

Circumstances surrounding this incident are still being investigated by the Maple Heights Detective Bureau. Anyone with information related to this case is urged to contact the Maple Heights Detective Bureau: 216-587-9624, or Detectives@mhpd-ohio.com. Information can also be supplied to Crime Stoppers.

Motor Vehicle Accident

On Nov. 2, at around 3:40 a.m., the Maple Heights Police Department received several calls about a motor vehicle accident on Warrensville Center Road involving one vehicle. When they arrived on scene officers located a vehicle in the grassy area of the I-480 north exit to Warrensville Center Road. It appeared to have rolled over several times and the female driver had been ejected. She was transported to South Pointe Hospital. The female passenger was helped from the vehicle by the Maple Heights Fire Department and transported to MetroHealth Medical Center. Their condition is unknown at this time.

Anyone that may have witnessed this accident or who has information regarding it is urged to contact the Maple Heights Detective Bureau: 216-587-9624 or Detectives@mhpd-ohio.com. Information can also be supplied to Crime Stoppers

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Bedford Reservation

Nov 8: Friday Hike to the Falls. Join a naturalist for an afternoon hike through the woods of Bedford Reservation. We will hike along trails crunching leaves under foot, through tall pines, passing creeks and along rocky ledges. We will get to see two waterfalls along the journey. 2:30-4:30 p.m. Bridal Veil Falls parking lot.

Nov 16: Make Room for Turkey Hike. The holidays are just around the corner, and so are the calories! Join a naturalist on a fun and rigorous hike through scenic Bedford Reservation and give yourself an excuse to pig out on Thanksgiving! If we are lucky, we might even spot some native wild turkeys. 3-5 p.m. Egbert Picnic Area.

Nov 9: CanalWay Game Day. CanalWay Center celebrates the world of low-tech games! Wander through our burlap maze, try your hand at pioneer games, take on the challenge of our mystery room, figure out "What's Wrong With This Picture?," play some history/nature trivia, decipher the "Close-Up Showdown," piece together jigsaw puzzles, work on a word search or crossword puzzle, and so much more! While it lasts, free hot chocolate! Noon-4 p.m. CanalWay Center.

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Nov 11: Morning Along the Canal. Join Naturalist Carly Martin for a morning walk along the canal keeping an eye on life going through all the changes that come with autumn's transition into winter. 8:30-10 a.m. CanalWay Center.

Nov 11 - 30 (Except Nov. 28): Mystery Room. Gather a group of 2-6 friends and family, adults (required) and children, and see if you can solve the latest mystery to emerge at CanalWay Center. Call or drop by for today's availability, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Adults, children 6 years & older w/adult. Fee: \$16 per group (2-6/group).

Nov 13: Tree Trivia. Test your knowledge of local native trees, learn about the tree selector tool, and win a prize! 9:30-11:30 a.m. CanalWay Center.

Nov 23: Out in the Parks - Wild Turkey Hike & Craft. The LGBTQ+ community is invited to join Naturalist Alex on a brisk early winter walk as we look for signs and clues of wild turkeys and other animals. We'll warm up inside and make a turkey craft and enjoy some hot chocolate. 1-2:30 p.m. CanalWay Center.

Nov 23: Beginner Archery for Adults. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Designed for those newbies 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. 10-11 a.m., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3-4 p.m. Fee \$5.

Nov 24: In Search of Eagles - South Along the Canal. Join Naturalist Carly Martin as we head south along the towpath from CanalWay Center in search of eagles that gather this time of year. Stick around and make the trip later today with Naturalist Justin as he heads north. 10 a.m.-noon.

Nov 26 & 27: Cart Tour - Towpath Trail - CanalWay Center to Steelyard Commons. 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. We'll talk about watersheds, canals, trails, steel plants and other groovy things. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. CanalWay Center. Registration required. Fee \$10.

Garfield Park Reservation

Nov 6: Adaptive Hike & S'mores. Enjoy a scenic hike around the new Garfield Park Pond under the guidance of a Cleveland Metroparks Outdoor Recreation Inclusion Specialist followed by S'mores around a campfire on this program, designed for people with disabilities. 4:30-6 p.m. Garfield Park Program Center.

Nov 30: Mill Creek Falls Trail History Hike. Join Historian Judy MacKeigan for a brisk hike to visit the tallest waterfall in Cuyahoga County. Along the way learn some history about Garfield Park Reservation and how the Pennsylvania Railroad moved a waterfall. 3-4:30 p.m. Windy Ridge parking lot.

Washington Reservation

Nov 11: Washington Park Walk With History. Over the decades today's Washington Park Reservation was home to amusement parks, boating pond, brook, an arched stone bridge, war memorials and more. Historical Interpreter Doug Kusak is your guide on a brief exploration of a park long on history. 1:30-2:30 p.m. Arborview Picnic Shelter parking lot

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Port Clinton woman indicted for leading street takeovers in September; Garfield Hts. man indicted for his participation

Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley announced Monday that a Cuyahoga County grand jury had returned an indictment charging Ashlyn Rogers, 23, from Port Clinton, for orchestrating and participating in seven different street takeovers on Sept. 28 and Sept. 29, 2024 in Cleveland. Additionally, Tyrique Lory, 20, from Garfield Heights, was indicted for participating in the seven street takeovers.

Rogers posted on her Instagram accounts regarding multiple street takeovers in Cleveland. She provided various instructions to participants and continuously included new locations to attend, prosecutors said.

On Sept. 28, around 11:10 p.m., Jordan McDonald and Lory are alleged to have attended and participated in an illegal street takeover near E. 55 St. and Woodland Ave. Several vehicles engaged in blocking intersections and participating in burnouts and donuts in the middle of the intersections. The Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Authority Police and the Cleveland Division of Police (CDP) responded to the scene.

Later that night, around 11:36 p.m., prosecutors said McDonald and Lory attended and participated in an illegal street takeover near Lee Rd. and Miles Ave., Cleveland. Several vehicles pulled the same stunts as at the previous takeover. CDP responded to the scene and multiple people jumped on top of a Cleveland police vehicle and on the hoods of CDP vehicles and banged on the windows with closed fists.

Prosecutors said McDonald and Lory also participated in street takeovers later that same night near E. 105 St. and Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., in Cleveland, where an officer on scene was shot twice with an airsoft gun.

It is alleged that the pair also attended and participated in street takeovers in the early morning hours of Sept. 29, near E. 93 St. and Opportunity Corridor, attended one at W. 25 St. and Lorain Ave., and attended and participated in a takeover at the Broadway Shopping Plaza in Slavic Village, where several shots were fired striking three males.

About 4 a.m. that same night they were alleged to have taken part in a takeover on I-90 at W. 14 St., Cleveland, where firearms were brandished, fireworks set off, gasoline poured on the highway and lit and a fire engine was blocked and unable to proceed through during the takeover.

On Oct. 15, McDonald was arrested. On Oct. 22, Ashlyn Rogers was arrested, and on Oct. 23, Lory was arrested.

On Nov. 4, Rogers was indicted on one count of aggravated riot, one count of disrupting public service and one count of possessing criminal tools.

On Nov. 4, McDonald and Lory were indicted on eight counts of aggravated riot, four counts of riot, two counts of obstructing official business and several other charges.

Red Chimney pancakes highlight South East Kiwanis Club breakfast



Another great South East Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast was held last Sunday at Red Chimney restaurant on Fleet Ave., Cleveland, to benefit the many local organizations supporting children in the Slavic Village community.

Shown in the photo above are some of the many Kiwanians at the Red Chimney event Sunday. From left are SE Kiwanis members: Ellen Psenicka, Cheryl Russell, Red Chimney co-owner Pete Skantzios, SE Kiwanis President Tony Brancatelli and Barbara Bachtell.

Special thanks for their generosity in hosting the event and the delicious pancake breakfast they served go to Red Chimney owners Peter and Louie Skantzios as well as the dozens of local merchants who advertised on the special breakfast placemat printed for the occasion. **Photo by Elena Psenicka**

Neighborhood News Freebies offered

The Neighborhood News is giving away tickets to the annual Christmas Connection holiday shopping extravaganza visiting the I-X Center in Cleveland Nov. 22-24.

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