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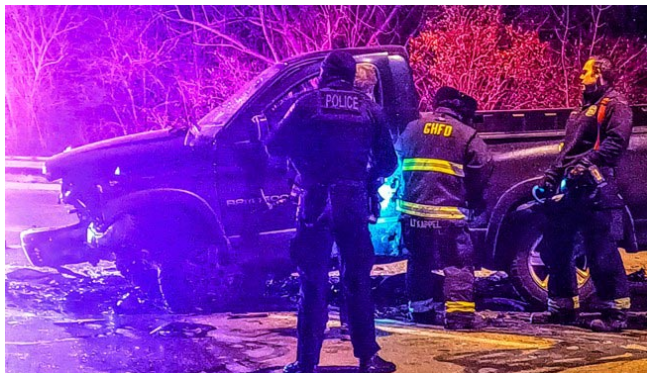
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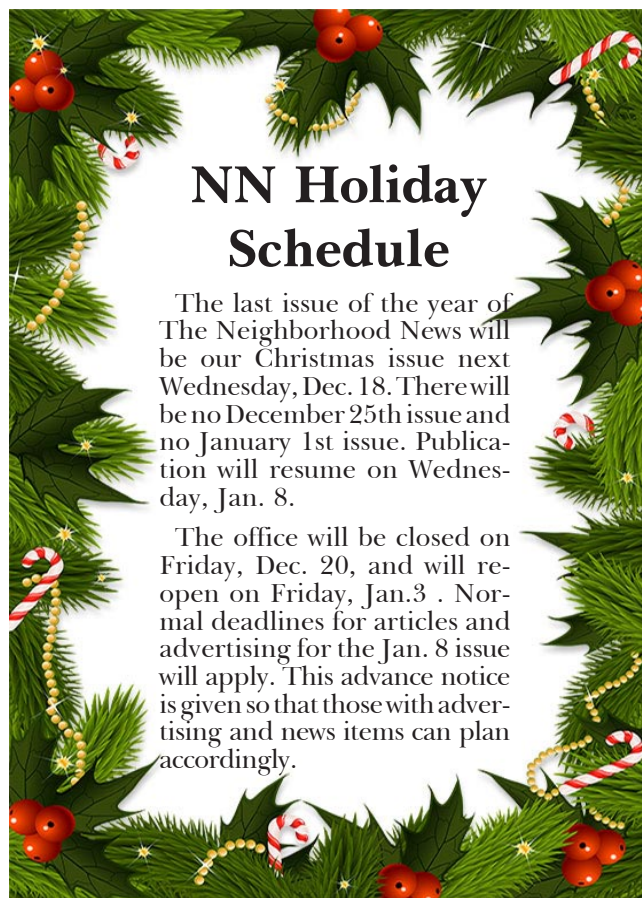
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Serious crash on Warner Road Hill sends 3 to Metro



A two-car collision in Garfield Heights on Tuesday, Dec. 3, sent three people to the hospital when a Dodge Ram truck, shown above, swerved left of center about 5:36 p.m., on Warner Road Hill and crashed head-on with a Ford Edge going south down the hill, according to a Garfield Heights Police Department Traffic Crash Report.

Both drivers were trapped inside their vehicles and had to be extracted by GHFD. The driver of the Dodge Ram and the driver of the Ford Edge and a passenger were all taken to MetroHealth Medical Center with serious injuries suspected, the report notes. Police continue to investigate. *Photo by Elena Psenicka*



NN Holiday Schedule

The last issue of the year of The Neighborhood News will be our Christmas issue next Wednesday, Dec. 18. There will be no December 25th issue and no January 1st issue. Publication will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 8.

The office will be closed on Friday, Dec. 20, and will re-open on Friday, Jan. 3. Normal deadlines for articles and advertising for the Jan. 8 issue will apply. This advance notice is given so that those with advertising and news items can plan accordingly.

Memorial Mass to mark 60-year anniversary of unsolved murder of Garfield Heights girl



In memory of the death of Beverly Jarosz, which occurred 60 years ago on Dec. 28, 1964, her family is having a Memorial Mass at Saint Therese Catholic Church, 5276 E. 105 St., Garfield Heights, at 11 a.m., on Dec. 28, 2024. A reception will follow. All are welcome.

Sixteen-year-old Beverly was strangled and stabbed to death in the bedroom of her Garfield Heights home on Thornton Ave. The investigation into this homicide has produced several possible suspects but no one has been charged. The case remains unsolved to this day. Anyone with any information regarding this case should call the Garfield Heights Police Department at 216-475-5686.

(Photo and information regarding this homicide was taken from an online posting of Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost.)

Maple Heights Human Services Director Linda Vopat announces retirement at council meeting

By Judith Goldsworth

After 37 years of service to the city of Maple Heights, Human Services Director Linda Vopat announced her retirement at the council meeting last week.

"I have decided to retire at the end of this year," Vopat said. She thanked Mayor Annette Blackwell for her leadership in turning the city around and said how grateful she was that she had done that.

"I wanted to thank the executive staff that she put together," Vopat said. "It's an outstanding group of people, always willing to help each other and working as a team to move the city forward. To the council president and city council members, thank you for supporting the legislation we put before you, and thank you for your help and generosity to our department. We appreciate it very much."

"I serve at the will of the mayor, but I serve all of the citizens of Maple Heights, and I thank them and will miss them greatly. Thank you all, and it's been an honor and a pleasure to serve you," she continued.

Vopat said Blackwell has chosen Assistant Human Services Director Jaimie Hasenohrl as Vopat's replacement. Hasenohrl has served the city of Maple Heights for more than 25 years, Vopat said.

In her report at the meeting, Blackwell said of Vopat, "She's had 37 years of outstanding and committed service

here in the Senior Center, leading the Senior Center." When the Senior Center faced a significant funding challenge several years ago, Blackwell noted that Vopat worked to keep it open. "She carried this Senior Center and the people who relied on it, and the entire community. She has helped many people."

Blackwell said that Vopat had been "like a sister to me" over the years the two have served together in Maple Heights, but added that Vopat also served as a sister in the sense of selflessly helping others.

As for Vopat's replacement, "Jaimie was a wonderful pick," Blackwell said. "It was a no-brainer for me. I knew that Jaimie was the right person."

Vopat's fellow city officials, as well as Council President Ron Jackson and council members, also thanked her and praised her for her years of service and dedication to the city.

Legislation acted upon

Placed on first reading at last week's meeting were three ordinances geared towards improving earnings and working conditions for non-bargaining unit employees in Maple Heights, effective Jan. 1, 2025, specifically to:

- Fix the salary and wage schedules for full-time and part-time employees (reflecting 3.5% raises);

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Churches asked to send in their holiday services

Churches across The Neighborhood News readership area are encouraged to email their Christmas Eve and Christmas Day service schedules for free inclusion in the paper's Wednesday, Dec. 18th issue. Deadline is Monday, Dec. 16th. The NN email address is: nnews1923@aol.com. All religious denominations who celebrate with special services this time of year are also welcome to participate.

Skate with Santa Sunday at Garfield Hts. ice rink



The annual Skate with Santa will be held this Sunday, Dec. 15, from 2:45 to 4:45 p.m., at the Dan Kostel Ice Rink, 5411 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights. Santa will arrive about 3 p.m., so bring your cameras!

Special event admission price of only \$7 includes rental of skates; children ages 4 and under are free with a paying adult. Ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Ice skating experience is highly recommended. Socks are mandatory; gloves and hats are recommended.

For more details call 216-475-7272 or check the flyer on Rec Center web page: www.garfieldhts.org

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- Add a new section to the codified ordinances to provide longevity pay (up to 4.5% of the employee's annual base pay after 25 years of service);

- Add a new section to the codified ordinances to increase vacation time (up to six weeks following 20 full years of service), and also to give Blackwell the ability to offer different vacation time to attract employees to fill director or assistant director positions.

Law Director Frank Consolo said that council will consider the legislation in the Finance Committee.

The intent of the three pieces of legislation is to attract and retain employees in the city with the increased pay, added longevity pay and faster attainment of vacation time, Blackwell said.

Placed on second reading was an ordinance to amend the 2024 city budget, as well as an ordinance to pass the 2025 city budget.

Police arrest suspects in fraud

In his report at the meeting, Police Chief Todd Hansen stated, "We had a case just yesterday over at Lucky Motors on Broadway. We're just in the beginning stages of it, but some people came in and tried to steal, fraudulently, a Maserati from Lucky Motors by presenting fraudulent documents and getting away with it."

"We were able to go over and snatch the three people up as they had stolen a Maserati the day before from a place in Middleburg Heights," Hansen continued, "and it turns out it's a multi-state fraud ring that's been stealing vehicles, lottery money and casino money. They've been going around the country. So we've been working with the other local departments that were involved and we've got the FBI involved."

Announcements

District 6 Councilwoman Tina Stafford-Marbury announced there will be three community meetings on air quality in the city, hosted by the Northeast Ohio Black Health Coalition and other organizations, at the Maple Heights Library on Wednesday, Dec. 18, and Thursday, Dec. 19, both from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and a virtual meeting only on Friday, Dec. 20, from 9 to 11 a.m. There will be a \$25 gift for those attending. For more information and to sign up, go to info@neobhc.org or call 216-236-8027.

Fire Chief Dan Syden announced that residents can still call the Fire Department to install free smoke detectors, provided courtesy of the Red Cross. For more information and to make an appointment, call 216-662-6305.

Vopat thanked all those businesses and organizations that contributed to the Human Services Department over the past year, including: Giant Eagle, Greater Cleveland Food Bank, Kokosing Asphalt, Fraternal Order of Eagles, NOPEC, Consolo Law Firm, Chagrin Valley, Waste Management, QCI, Ahuja Medical Center, The NFP Group, Minuteman, MyCom, Hastings Waterworks, and State Farm Insurance and all the resident donors.

N.N. Turkey contest winners named!

Due to the generosity of 37 local merchants and city leaders, a total of 42 Thanksgiving Turkeys were given away in the annual Neighborhood News Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway. The names of participating merchants or city leaders and turkey winners are listed below:

Winners of this year's Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway Contest are: **#1 Roofing**, We're #1, 216-319-0430, Debra Nashe of E. 114 St.; **Ace Hardware**, 5680 Turney Rd., C. Parasilita of Orme Rd.; **Arrow Realty**, 4975 Turney Rd., Thomas Hrouda; **Mayor Jack Bacci**, Village of Cuyahoga Heights, Steph Galioto of Norton Rd.;

Big Boy Restaurant, 7800 Granger Rd., Nancy Harp of Andover Blvd.; **Broadway Scrap Metals**, 8202 Broadway Ave., Kenneth Prybor of Hathaway Rd.; **Browns Tavern**, 5211 Harvard Ave., Buster Martin of E. 66 St.; **Mayor Matt Burke**, City of Garfield Heights, Mariane Toth of Slavic Village; **Czech Catholic Union/CCU Life**, 5349 Dolloff Rd., Ron Terrill of Beman Ave.

Dave's Supermarket, 7422 Harvard Ave., Felicia Grecvanik of Clement Ave.; **Dave's Supermarket**, 4948 Turney Rd., Woody Garrett; **Dependable Electric**, 440-845-8661, Albert Dombek of Mendota Ave.; **Mayor Trevor Elkins**, Village of Newburgh Heights, Aleshia Kadas;

First Federal Lakewood, 12648 Rockside Rd., Garfield Commons, Chuck Brynak of Orme Rd.; **Fisher Auto Parts**, 5727 Turney Rd., Karen Sever of Hampton Rd.; **Gas USA**, 7020 Harvard Ave., Alyse Nelson of E. 57 St.;

Harry's Steakhouse, 5664 Brecksville Rd., Mike Smothers of Krakow Ave.; **Matrix III Income Tax Service**, 5258 Transportation Blvd., Eve Laidman of Grannis Rd.; **Garfield Jewelers**, 5841 Turney Rd., Dawn Cieslak of Bangor; **Miss O's Cafe**, 12672 Rockside Rd., Garfield Commons, Jim Kotowski of E. 135 St., Yvette Prorock of Plymouth Ave., Carol Kucko of Forest Overlook and Carolyn Dabney of Wheelock Dr.

R & K Sausage, 7700 Harvard Ave., Cathy Fritz; **Rad Air Complete Car Care**, 5266 Turney Rd., Leon Jarosz of Carol Dr.; **RE/MAX Haven Realty, Inc.**, 5306 Transportation Blvd., Fran Krajewski of Forman Ave.; **Ricco's Garfield Beauty Salon**, 8809 Garfield Blvd., Mary Corbo; **Zak Supercenter**, 22777 Rockside Rd., Bedford, Earl Proctor of Dewhurst Ave.; **Avery Johnson, Ward 4 Councilman, City of Garfield Hts.**, Frank Pitts; **Levation Barber Shop**, 4830 Turney Rd., Dorothy Hare of Christine; **Vic's Floral**, 6304 Fleet Ave., Carol Gasiewski of E. 63 St.;

Tiffany's Pizza and Grinders, 5035 Turney Rd., Aaron Richard of Bancroft; **Shell/Turney Pit Stop**, 5095 Turney Rd. at McCracken, Bernie Sliva of Plymouth Ave.; **Turney Town Sunoco**, 4935 Turney Rd., Amelia Smith of Birchwood; **Unique Tax and Accounting, Inc.**, 6116 Fleet Ave., S. Toronski of Parma; **Wavemax Laundry**, 20980 Libby Road, Carl Skala of Harlan Dr.; **3 Girls Pizza**, Trevor Elkins, co-owner, www.3girlspizza.com, Darlene Malicki of Murray Rd.; **WeldonPC.com**, 5829 Turney Rd., Jim Zak of Independence, Sean Fitzgibbon and Linda Lappert of Park Knoll; **Shannon Landscaping and Snowplowing**, 216-441-6167, Agnes Lachman of Grace Ave.; **The Neighborhood News**, 8613 Garfield Blvd., Fran Morris of Bedford.

G.H. Ward 7 Block Watch

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch meeting and Christmas Party, sponsored by Councilwoman Jenn Newrones, will take place Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m., in the cafeteria of St. Benedict School, 13633 Rockside Rd. Attendees are asked to bring a gift-wrapped tree ornament for the holiday game and a side dish or goodies to share.

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Community Police reports

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

Garfield Heights

Theft

On Dec. 2, at about 7:30 p.m., an officer spoke with a complainant in reference to her dog being taken and possibly sold. She said her dog, an Old English bulldog, about 10 months old and chipped, went missing on Thanksgiving Day. She has since put missing dog signs up everywhere in the city. She said she got a text message saying a guy named Kevin had her dog and was about to sell it. She called Kevin at the number the texter gave her and Kevin said he did have an English bulldog puppy for sale but someone had already put a down payment on it and was coming to get it. She was not able to get a picture to see if it was her dog. Police confirmed they have no history with Kevin's phone number other than it is a California number. Report forwarded to detectives.

Traffic Offense-OVI

On Dec. 3, at 5:44 p.m., police arrived in the 5100 block of Warner Rd. because of numerous reports of a 2-car accident with entrapments. Several bystanders surrounded two vehicles that were disabled because of heavy front end damage. A male driver was trapped in the first vehicle and a male driver in the second vehicle, who was conscious and breathing but complaining of back and leg pain. One of the officers was flagged down by a witness who said the passenger in the second vehicle, the driver's wife, was laying in the grass complaining of left leg pain.

Shortly afterwards GHFD arrived on scene, extricated the driver of the second vehicle and transported he and his wife to MetroHealth Medical Center for treatment. While GHFD attempted to extricate the driver of the first vehicle, he climbed through the front cab of his pickup truck and got out through the passenger door. When he got out of the truck he began stumbling, mumbling and attempting to search through his truck's contents which were scattered on the ground. He was directed to the ambulance and also transported to Metro. While conducting a search of the truck, police found an empty 200 ML bottle of Absolut vodka on the passenger floorboard and an empty handgun holster on the driver's side floorboard. An officer then found a Beretta handgun case which contained a Beretta 9mm handgun with one round in the chamber and a magazine containing four rounds, another magazine containing eight rounds and fifteen loose rounds.

The driver of the truck was charged with having weapons under disability, aggravated vehicular assault, carrying concealed weapons, driving left of center and failure to

control. OVI paperwork was completed and scanned to the report.

Weapon Offense

On Dec. 6, at about 1:40 p.m., dispatch relayed a call from a woman who said there were kids in the Garfield Heights High School parking lot and one of them was wearing a red mask. The school resource officer and another officer went out to the parking lot but did not see anyone there. The caller said the kids had chased her vehicle in the area of Summerdale Ave. A patrolman arrived there and observed two juveniles running in the area and detained them without incident. One of the juveniles identified himself and the other, who had a fake firearm on his person, refused, but eventually complied. One of them had an open admit with Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court and was transported to city jail. He was to be charged with illegal conveyance of a firearm on school grounds, failure to ID and possessing certain weapons at or about public places. Report forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

Motor Vehicle Accident/Injury

On Dec. 7, shortly before 7 p.m., police arrived to the 13600 block of York Blvd., for a report of a motor vehicle accident involving a Ford and an ATV. It was learned during the investigation that the ATV and the Ford had collided at the intersection of York Blvd. and Alice Ct., when the ATV driver, "recklessly and without regard for traffic," drove his ATV, which cannot be legally operated on city streets, from a private drive into the intersection and struck the Ford. The Ford's driver had the right of way with no stop sign at the intersection. When speaking with the Ford driver, police detected the odor of alcohol on his breath, his speech was slurred and an open container of an alcoholic beverage was located in his car during an inventory. Also found on a tree lawn across the street from the car was a plastic cup that smelled of alcoholic beverage next to a loaded extended magazine that fit a Taurus pistol that was later recovered on scene. Police initiated a field sobriety test on the Ford's owner, but during testing he refused to continue and he was informed he was under arrest. He then tensed up and began pulling his arms away when an officer grasped him to put him in handcuffs. It took several officers to restrain him and get him in the cruiser. At city jail the Ford driver refused to submit to a chemical breath test. He was arrested for OVI and the report was forwarded to the prosecutor for possible charges for CCW, with failure to

inform. Officers will follow up with the ATV driver at a later time and issue him citations.

Animal Cruelty

On Dec. 8, at 8:57 a.m., officers arrived to an apartment in the 6000 block of Andover Blvd., for a report that a malnourished dog was inside and there was writing on the window that said, "Help me." The caller told police she had been in the apartment building's parking lot the day before and heard a dog barking and a scratching noise coming from one of the apartment windows up above. When she looked up she saw a dog laying near the window, possibly a pitbull mix, that was malnourished with its ribs and hip bones exposed. She said that the dog was still laying near the window with "Help me" smeared on it. Police learned the sole occupant of that apartment is a black male, in his early 30's, thinner build, about 5'9" tall and is in the process of being evicted. He did not appear to be home when police attempted to make contact and management did not have a key to that apartment. The situation was referred to the prosecutor's office and the animal warden was requested to follow up.

National Park Service to close Towpath Trail section in Valley View for riverbank stabilization

The Cuyahoga Valley National Park will close the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail between Fitzwater Rd. and Pleasant Valley/Alexander Rd. in Valley View on weekdays from 6 a.m., Monday, Dec. 16, through 6 p.m., Monday, Jan. 20. The trail will be open on weekends from 6 p.m. Fridays to 6 a.m. Mondays. No detour is available.

The closure is necessary for public safety while the park completes riverbank stabilization. This work is part of a project funded by the Great American Outdoors Act that began in 2022 that is nearing completion.

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Mayor reports to council on three GHPD cruisers damaged last weekend while assisting motorists on I-480

By Ellen Psenicka

In the Mayor's Report at Monday night's meeting of Garfield Heights Council, Law Director Milko Cecez read Mayor Matt Burke's report in his absence at the meeting. Burke noted that three GHPD cruisers had been rear-ended over the weekend on I-480 as they were on the shoulder of the highway assisting disabled vehicles.

"It is very concerning but I'm happy to report that no one was injured in any of the incidents," Burke's message to council read.

The following ordinances were passed at Monday night's meeting:

- Issuing a \$6000 payment to the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District and Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, reimbursable through the NEORS, to promote public involvement and public education regarding soil and water conservation.

- Participating in the NEORS funding programs for the updated Title III and Title IV code regulation reporting requirements, which will facilitate the city's request for \$10,000 in funding through the NEORS.

- Establishing Section 1311.24- "Temporary Storage Bin/Box/Dumpster Application Fee" in the city's codified ordinances. The legislation would make it mandatory for someone wishing to have a temporary storage bin/box/dumpster on the exterior of their property to file an application with the city's Building Department for permission plus a \$100 fee. This entitles the applicant to have one temporary unit on their premises for 30 days, with a possible extension of 30 days per a written request. Any further extensions will incur an additional \$100 monthly fee.

- Amending Section 1313.04 of the city's codified ordinances adjusting the fees of point of sale inspections. The new section would raise the required fee to \$200 for a dwelling structure and \$300 for a commercial building.

- Amending Section 1413.01 - "Certificate of Occupancy" - of the city's codified ordinances to raise late fees. An application for a Certificate of Occupancy must be made separately for each rental unit no later than January 31st of each calendar year or a late fee of \$150 will be assessed.

- Directing the city engineer to prepare the plans and specifications to seek competitive bids for the McCracken Road Repairs Project, and authorizing payment of costs through funding by the Cuyahoga County 50/50 Grant and the city. The county grant has been awarded up to the amount of \$250,000 with the city's cost share to be 50% of construction cost. The project will conduct crucial repairs between 13514 McCracken Rd., and west towards Henry St.

- Participating in the NEORS Community Cost Share Program for the South Parkway Storm/Sanitary Sewer System Reconstruction Project. Sanitary and storm sewer lines on South Parkway will be repaired and replaced as needed.

- Making final appropriations for expenditures for the city during the fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 2024.

- Making appropriations for current expenditures for the city during the fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 2025.

- Purchasing 28 Motorola enhanced mobile car radios from Motorola Solutions to be used for the Garfield Heights Police Department. The entire cost will be paid through ARPA funding at a total amount not to exceed \$123,873.68.

The next meeting of Garfield Heights Council will be held on Monday, Jan. 13, at 7 p.m. The Dec. 25 meeting was cancelled for the Christmas holiday.

Nominate your favorite holiday home display in G.H. for lighting contest

Nominate your favorite neighborhood display in the annual Garfield Heights Residential Holiday Lighting Contest. Forms are available at the Civic Center and various retail locations in the city. Deadline to submit nominations is 4 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 20, to: psalemi@garfieldhts.org, or drop off the form at the Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. Judging will take place Dec. 26 through Dec. 30.

For more details or with questions, call 216-475-1100, ext. 2425.

Death Notices

KENNETH FECKANIN

Kenneth Stephen Feckanin, 74, formerly of Seven Hills, Ohio, was called to God on Saturday, Nov. 23, 2024. He is survived by his favorite daughter, Rachel Gilligan (Kevin), loving Pops to Kevin and Connor, and best brother ever to Laura Mihalic and Kathy Papushak. Godfather, uncle, great uncle, cousin and friend to many. He was preceded to heaven by his mother and father, Eleanor (Kruzel) and Steve Feckanin.



Ken grew up in Newburgh Heights, Ohio, and graduated from South High School in 1968. He served in the United States Army in Germany during the Vietnam Era, and was honorably discharged. He was musically talented. He could play just about any instrument. Ken especially enjoyed playing the accordion, piano and the harmonica for friends and family.

Ken was a loyal CEI lineman for the Illuminating Company/First Energy for 42 years. He was also an active union representative for many years. He enjoyed bowling, playing pool, corn hole, watching all Cleveland sports and was a great pinochle player.

Above all, Ken cherished his role as Dad and Pops. He was known as "Coach Kenny Cool" to his daughter's travel softball team, and always said his daughter was the son he never had. His love and dedication carried on through watching his grandchildren.

Ken will be deeply missed by family and friends. Family will receive friends on Sunday, Dec. 15, 2024, from 1-4 p.m. at Fortuna Funeral Home at 7076 Brecksville Rd., Independence, OH 44131, where a prayer service will begin at 4 p.m. Interment at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman, Ohio, with immediate family only at a later date.

For those who wish, the family requests memorial contributions be made to Disabled American Veterans, 1240 E. 9th St., Room 1017B, Cleveland, Ohio 44199. Website: DAV.org in lieu of flowers.

Arrangements by Bican Bros. Funeral Home.

S.V. Holiday Decorating Contest is back!

The Slavic Village Holiday Decorating Contest returns for its 19th year of recognizing and honoring the neighborhood's most spirited residential and commercial Christmas decorators.

And as always, there's no application needed. Just go all out on the exterior of your home/building and judges will find it during their street tours on the evenings leading up to and just after December 25. For more information call 216-469-4806.

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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.

Snowy Day Party - Kids & families. Saturday, Dec. 14, 2 p.m. Come to a celebration of Ezra Jack Keats' classic book "A Snowy Day." **MUST REGISTER.**

Revisit the Richfield Coliseum - Adults. Saturday, Dec. 21, 2 p.m. Let's go back in time and remember Frank Sinatra, the Cleveland Cavalier's Miracle of Richfield, the Cleveland Force, Rock & Roll concerts, Ali vs. Webner, the circuses, and more! We will view rare videos and audio clips. Presented by Gerry Nemeth, a local historian. Prizes and a few surprises! **MUST REGISTER.**

Cleveland Public Library: Fleet Branch

Here are some of the **FREE** programs for the month of December being held for youth, adults and families at the Fleet Branch of the Cleveland Public Library, 7224 Broadway Ave., Cleveland. For more information or to register for any programs, please call 216-623-6962.

Coloring For Tranquility: Families. Saturday, Dec. 14, 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.

The Drawing Hour: School aged. Tuesday, Dec. 17, 4-5 p.m.

Novel Teasers: Book Talk. Adults. Wednesday, Dec. 18, 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 fiction novel "Hunted" by James Patterson. If you were a fan of the movie franchise "Hostel," this book is for you! Limited copies of this title will be available to check out.

Creative Writing Workshop: School aged. Wednesday, Dec. 18, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Preschool Storytime: Youth. Monday, Dec. 23, 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.

TEENS

Rubik's Cube Workshop Join us to learn how to solve a Rubik's Cube! This program will combine math, critical thinking and manual dexterity to help participants learn to solve several types of puzzle "cubes." Saturday, Dec. 14, 2-3:30 p.m.

CHILDREN and FAMILIES

Families Innovate Laser Cut Gingerbread Houses Families with children aged 5 years and younger can join us to decorate a Laser Cut Gingerbread House and enjoy a visit from a special seasonal guest! Monday, Dec. 16, 6-8 p.m. Registration required.

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.

Design a Mug - Grades 2-5, Tuesday, Dec. 17, 6-6:30 p.m. Enjoy some hot chocolate and color a mug to take home.

Adult Activities for All Abilities, Thursday, Dec. 19, 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. This month we will be making holiday crafts!

Kwanzaa Celebration, Monday, Dec. 30, 6:30-8 p.m.

Join The Cleveland Association of Black Storytellers as we celebrate the fifth night of Kwanzaa, Nia, which means purpose.

Independence Branch Library

Here are some of the **FREE** programs being offered 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.

ADULTS

The Glass Room - Murder Mystery, registration required. Join us for an interactive murder mystery where you solve the crime based on the novel "The Glass House" by Ann Cleaves. Thursday, Dec. 12, 7 p.m.

Letters to the Editor

Unite Slavic Village as Ward 8

Dear Editor:

Thank you for printing the proposed Cleveland City Council redistricting map designed by a Slavic Village resident on last week's front page. By combining North and South Broadway, along with Hyacinth, Forest City, Goosetown and Warner-Turney, the new Ward 8 as drawn proves that our neighborhood can indeed be united politically as an east side Cleveland ward, in a way that, for some reason, it has not been before.

Additionally, the map conforms to Council President Blaine Griffin's stated wish that ward boundaries adhere closely to historic neighborhood lines. All Slavic Villagers should let City Hall know immediately that they're behind it by emailing maps@clevelandcitycouncil.org

If this proposed Ward 8 becomes law, it will improve efficiency for the city, Slavic Village Development and for citizens in general. By representing residents' common interests with one voice, it could even lead to the kind of progress that has eluded the neighborhood in the past.

Charles Gliha
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