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This issue of The Neighborhood News will be our final one of the year, as there will be no December 25th issue and no January 1st issue. Publication will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 8th.

The offices at 8613 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Heights, will be closed this Friday, Dec. 20, and will reopen again on Friday, Jan. 3. Normal deadlines for articles and advertising for the Jan. 8 issue will apply.

The Neighborhood News management and staff extend to all our faithful readers and advertisers a heartfelt wish for a safe and happy holiday season as we all look forward to the coming year.

Bedford schools official gives update on 'Pink Out Day' at council meeting

By Judith Goldsworth

Bedford School District Communications Coordinator Jamie Cole gave an update at Monday night's council meeting on "Pink Out Day," proclaimed by the city in October to raise awareness of the school district's fundraising efforts for organizations helping breast cancer patients.

Cole said that thanks to the collaborative efforts of the city and the school district, \$1,356.10 was raised through the "Pink Out Day" fundraising efforts.

Two organizations that benefited from the donations were Minority Women With Breast Cancer United and The Gathering Place.

"Thank you for your support with this," Cole stated to Mayor Stan Koci and council at the meeting. "I am looking forward to making this day bigger and better and more lucrative next year."

Legislation passed

Council passed the following ordinances on Monday night's agenda:

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My vote is 'no' on proposed ward redistricting map

By City of Cleveland Ward 12 Councilperson
Rebecca Maurer

I am honored to live in Slavic Village and serve Ward 12 on Cleveland City Council.

Cleveland City Council is in the middle of a once-in-a-decade redistricting process. Because of our charter and the decrease in population across the city, we must go from 17 council members to 15 council members. The new maps were released just a few days ago and it's expected that they will be voted on at the first council meeting after the holidays on Jan. 6, 2025.

I am joining many of my neighbors in saying that I'm concerned about the way the Slavic Village neighborhood is treated in these maps.

In the last round of redistricting in 2014, Slavic Village was cut up, slicing up edges of the neighborhood so that for the last 10 years we have been represented by a total of four different councilmembers - one of the only neighborhoods in the city treated this way. But even under those maps, the core center of the neighborhood remained in one ward.

The maps that were released last week paint a different picture. Now the neighborhood is cut down the middle. Fleet Ave. becomes the dividing line. North of Fleet is one ward and south of Fleet is another. Splitting the wards down our main commercial corridor - which we are fighting so hard to bring back - will only make our work harder.

There are other odd lines on the maps. The Forest City section of the neighborhood off of Independence Rd. is cut off entirely from Slavic Village and is drawn up into a completely separate third district that stretches from Central to downtown. Forest City is one of our oldest neighborhoods and has a long and storied history given their placement next to the steel mill. Separating Forest City from the rest of Slavic Village is needless.

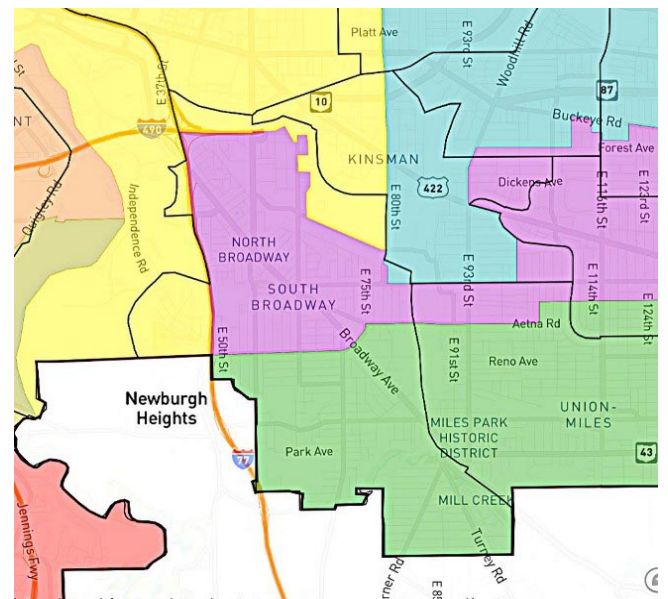
Up in Hyacinth, there are careless choices, with homes on the perimeter of the neighborhood in one ward, and homes on the inside of the neighborhood in another. It feels like the people who drew these maps didn't know our neighborhood at all.

I have spoken with dozens of residents and everybody I spoke to is concerned about these maps. One of our block club leaders said something at a meeting last week that really stuck with me: "It feels like Slavic Village is always being forgotten and left behind. This is just another way we're being left out."

I have already spoken from the floor of council about my frustrations, including the idea that politicians are drawing these maps in the first place. We need fair maps, and fair maps should be drawn independently from elected officials. Perhaps if we focused on neighborhood first, these lines wouldn't look this way.

I will be voting "no" on these maps. However, my vote alone does not change the outcome. We need Slavic Village to have its voice heard at City Hall.

Council leadership is asking residents to submit feedback by phone and email: maps@clevelandcitycouncil.org, or by leaving a message at 216-714-300. I also know that residents have started a petition drive. They will be gathering signatures at the Holiday Event at



Map of the three wards proposed for the Slavic Village area of Cleveland

Lincoln Post at 6009 Fleet Ave., on Saturday, Dec. 21, from 6 to 10 p.m.

What happens with the maps changes the lines for the upcoming elections in 2025. I will still be the councilperson for Ward 12 through the end of 2025. But these lines determine our future.

Slavic Village Holiday is this Saturday at PLAV

Holiday, Slavic Village's free, public Christmas party, will return on Saturday, Dec. 21, in the festively decorated back hall of the P.L.A.V. Lincoln Post 13 at 6009 Fleet Ave., from 6 to 10 p.m.

It will feature tasty food, live music, holiday vendors, some great door prizes - and a little bit of politics.

A complimentary meal by Your Place & Mine will be accompanied by a cash bar and live dancing music by The Good Knights band. Door prizes include a 26" mountain bike and a Tony Hawk skateboard. There will also be a 50/50 raffle, tickets for sale for multiple Chinese raffle baskets and a Ludwig drum set donated by Fleet Music. And for last-minute holiday shoppers there will be a market showcasing local crafters and artisans. The Slavic Village Historical Society will also be present with a display of neighborhood artifacts from their collection.

Throughout the evening, neighborhood activists will circulate petitions for a fair Slavic Village ward map. The issue became a hot topic among block clubs last week after Cleveland City Council released a tentative ward redistricting map that some say gerrymandered the neighborhood into several disconnected wards.

The Holiday is free and open to all residents and friends of Slavic Village. It's produced by the Slavic Village Stakeholders, with the support of Ward 12 Councilwoman Rebecca Maurer and Neighborhood Connections.

Bedford schools official gives update on Pink Out Day

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- Amending previous legislation to make additional appropriations for current expenses during Fiscal Year 2024. Finance Director Jennifer Howland said this was the last budget amendment for the year to appropriate grant funding received by the city, and also to ensure expenses were covered through the end of 2024.

- Authorizing City Manager Mike Mallis to enter into a contract with Berrington Pump and Systems to replace the Ferric Chloride tank at the city's Wastewater Treatment Plant, at a cost of \$37,214.

- Amending previous legislation authorizing Mallis to enter into a contract with GPD Group to modify the existing No Feasible Alternatives (NFA) Analysis, which addresses persistent overflows impacting the Wastewater Treatment Plant, to reduce flow and suggest potential upgrades at the plant. The amended contract reflects an

increase of \$30,010, as GPD has identified further services mandated by the EPA.

- Providing a 1.75% salary raise for Bedford Municipal Clerk of Courts Tom Day, as council approves every year. As mandated by the State of Ohio, the clerk's raise coincides with raises provided to the judges.

Day's annual pay will increase from \$128,672.15 to \$130,923.80, effective Jan. 1, 2025, with 60% to be paid by the city and 40% by Cuyahoga County.

Announcements

Mallis said the police department is currently accepting applications for lateral transfers by Jan. 13, 2025. He also announced that work on the Greencroft Rd. culvert project is expected to begin in early January, with construction taking about 45 days.

Ward 5 Councilman Jeff Asbury announced that trash collection in the city will be one day late during the weeks of Christmas and New Year's. He also asked residents to clear snow away from fire hydrants to assist firefighters in the event of fires.

Rd. Attendees are asked to bring a gift-wrapped tree ornament for the holiday game and a side dish or goodies to share. All are welcome.

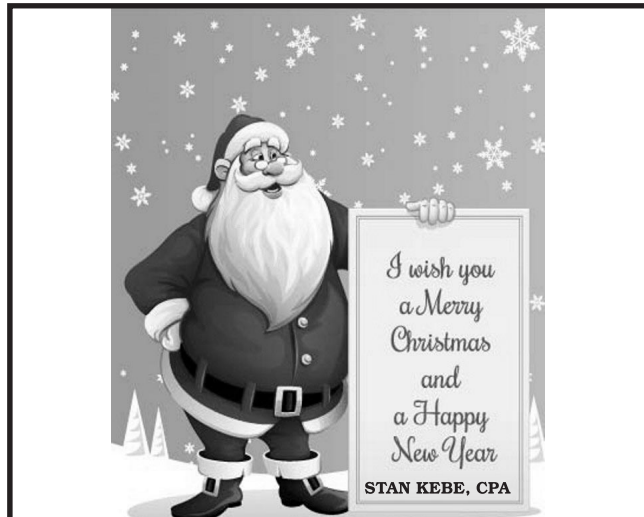
Mass to mark 60-year anniversary of unsolved murder of Garfield Hts. girl

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.

Nominate your favorite G.H. holiday home display

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.



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Letters to the Editor

New ward redistricting unites Slavic Village

Cleveland City Council recently released their draft of the redistricting maps reducing council from 17 to 15 members as required by the City Charter. This version shows that the Broadway/Slavic Village Statistical Planning Area (SPA), with a minor tweak, would be in only two councilmembers wards, down from being split up into four wards the past decade and five wards from when I first was eligible to vote in the 70's.

A few years ago the North and South Broadway SPA was merged to create the Broadway/Slavic Village SPA which is also the service area of Slavic Village Development. The latest iteration of ward mapping shows that there will be one ward north of Fleet Ave., and one south of Fleet Ave., and no longer split up into four wards. The strength of our neighborhoods is its block clubs, civic and social institutions as well as the Community Development Corporation and businesses. We have had a tremendous impact on the development and resilience of our community with an incredible number of projects and initiatives that have been replicated not only citywide but also around the county and other parts of the state.

We are proud of the first ever urban "Rails to Trail" with the Morgana Run, and the reuse of a former landfill to become the First Tee/Washington Park golf course. The Mill Creek housing development on the former state land has created a new model of urbanism development while also engaging the Metroparks and the development of the MillCreek waterfalls, Cuyahoga County's tallest waterfall. The most recent development by University Settlement, the 5115 Rising, not only brings an incredible reuse to the former St. Alexis Hospital site, it complements the Velodrome bike track along with numerous other new initiatives coming to our neighborhood. I applaud our

council president for recognizing the importance of uniting the Broadway/Slavic Village SPA into two wards and look forward to our community coming together to continue the amazing efforts that were accomplished previously.

Tony Brancatelli
Slavic Village resident and former Ward 12 councilman

LIBRARIES PLAN 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. 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. Monday-Thursday (school days), 4-6:30 p.m. Since 2002, our FREE Student Success Center's program has helped thousands of stu-

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Noon Year's Party - Children and Families, Thursday, Jan. 2, 11 a.m. Come into the Bedford Branch and celebrate 2025. The ball drops at noon! **MUST REGISTER**

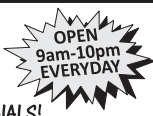
Art Quest - Grades 2-5. Fridays, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, at 4 p.m. Join library staff as we learn about famous artists and try our best at replicating their styles!

Self-Care Saturday - Grades 6-12. Saturday, Jan. 4, 11 a.m. Ease your mind with calming activities. Art, yoga, writing and more! A release form must be completed by a parent/guardian prior to the program in order to participate. **MUST REGISTER**

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Shown above is the family of Mayor and Mrs. Ralph J. Perk. Although Mayor Perk and his wife, Lucy, (inset) are now deceased, their children continue in public service. Ralph J. Perk, Jr. is a retired judge of the Cleveland Municipal Court. Judge Perk's wife, Kelli, is the Director of Risk Management for the County's ADAMHS Board. Tom Perk is a retired Cleveland firefighter and retired councilman in Valley View, and Ken Perk is a former member of the Cuyahoga Heights School Board. The Perk family extends to the entire community their best wishes for a happy and holy Christmas holiday and a healthy and prosperous year ahead.

Garfield Hts. Dems spread holiday cheer



Shown in top photo are state, county and city officials on hand for the Christmas Party by the Garfield Heights Democratic Party Monday night at the Civic Center. Pictured below are attendees enjoying the festive holiday get-together. *Photos by Elena Psenicka*

The cafeteria at the Garfield Heights Civic Center was bursting at the seams Monday evening with holiday cheer and good will toward men (and women) as the Garfield Heights Democratic Party held its Christmas Party, sponsored by The Friends for the

Future of Garfield Heights PAC.

A crowd of over 130 attended the event, including state, county and city officials, which included Cuyahoga County Executive Chris Ronayne, County Council President Pernel Jones, State Rep. Darnel Brewer, Garfield Heights Mayor Matt Burke, Garfield Heights City Leader Frank J. Wagner and so many others.

All agreed the food by Sirna's Catering, beverages sponsored by Latek & Rybicki Funeral Home and desserts compliments of Matt Deliberato were all top shelf. And there was even a surprise visit by Old Saint Nick himself, who gave all the children there early Christmas gifts, making for an extra special holiday party for all.



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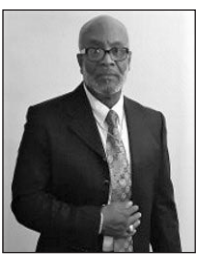
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Cleveland Metroparks activities

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CanalWay Center – Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation

December 23: Something Fun to do at CanalWay. Looking for a family friendly activity to keep your folks busy for an hour or two today? Register for one of our 2 available activities today. You can learn a little more about the wonders of the universe in the Starlab Planetarium by registering for this free family activity (this activity involves sitting on the floor for approximately 40 minutes). Or sign up 2-6 people for the Mystery Room (non-scary experience that involves interpreting clues and solving a mystery, \$16 per group). All participants must be 6 years or older and an adult must accompany children into the Starlab and the Mystery Room. If you would like to do both

activities, you must sign up your group for 2 different time slots. We invite you to explore and enjoy our exhibits before and after your activities. The building closes at 8 p.m. 1-1:45 p.m., 2-2:45 p.m., 3-3:45 p.m., 4-4:45 p.m., 6-6:45 p.m., 7-7:45 p.m. Ages 6 years & over (1 adult required for each activity). Cost: Mystery Room \$16 per group; StarLab is free. Register at Clevelandmetroparks.com. Max 6 people for Mystery Room, max 15 for Starlab.

December 27: Eagle Adventurers Camp. Let your kids soar into CanalWay Center to explore our nation's bird, the bald eagle! We will start the day by learning how to use binoculars and discussing what other birds we might see today. Then we will take a hike to an active eagle's nest in our park (3 miles round trip). When we return, we will build eagle's wings, play some games and enjoy s'mores and hot chocolate. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Ages 9-10 years. Fee: \$40. Terrain: paved, hills, 3 miles. Registration required: 16 registrants.

December 28: Winter Stars - An Evening in the Sky. Join naturalists Emily and Justin at CanalWay Center for an evening in our StarLab to take an in-depth look at our solar system and the night sky! We will be sharing stories and ideas surrounding popular constellations while learning to identify them. After, we will take a short hike to the canal to stargaze followed by a fire and hot chocolate. We will be creating our own cosmic craft to take home! 6-8 p.m. Ages 16 years & over. Terrain: paved, hill, 1 mile. Path could be snowy or icy depending on weather conditions. Registration required. 18 registrants.

December 29: Storytime Sunday: Bald Eagles! Join naturalist Emily while enjoying the holiday break to read a story all about one of our nation's symbols: the bald eagle. We will be reading about these beautiful birds of prey and what makes them special. We will take a short walk down by the canal to look for bald eagles in our park and talk about how they can survive in Northeast Ohio. After, we'll create our bald eagle craft to take home! 10-11:30 a.m. CanalWay Center. Ages 3-6 years w/adult. Terrain: paved, hill, 1 mile. Path could be snowy or icy depending on weather conditions.

Garfield Park Reservation

December 27: Mindfulness Hike. Interested in learning how to incorporate more mindfulness into your daily life? Join us in an intentional hike through nature while learning about and practicing basic mindfulness techniques. Experience Cleveland Metroparks in a new way to help you feel more centered, calm and grounded while finding appreciation in the present moment. This hike is open to guests of all abilities. An Action Trackchair will be available by request. It is designed to allow guests with disabilities to have access to a variety of trail terrain. Registration online for this program at www.clevelandmetroparks.com. 4-5 p.m. Meet at the Garfield Park Program Center.

December 28: Garfield Park Rocks & Waters. Enjoy the Wolf Creek stream valley as we explore recent stream restoration and admire a hidden waterfall in the mature forests of this unique urban greenspace. 3-5 p.m. Meet outside Garfield Park Program Center. Terrain: natural surface, steep hills, 3-4 miles.

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Community Police reports

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Garfield Heights

Traffic Offense

On Dec. 10, at 3:01 a.m., an officer observed a red 2010 Toyota 4-door at 12400 Broadway Ave., which is a closed business. The car was occupied with ignition running and parked next to several other vehicles. As the officer approached the Toyota with lights activated the car drove to the rear of the parking lot. The officer pulled behind the suspect car at which time the driver backed into the push bumper of the police car, causing damage to the Toyota. The driver was ordered out of the car, which was when the officer noticed a strong odor of alcoholic beverage on his breath along with slurred speech and glassy eyes. He was ordered to the ground but continued to resist and moved his right hand toward his waist band. The officer got him on the ground and both stayed there until other officers arrived. The suspect was patted down and a Glock semiautomatic handgun was removed from his waistband, which was loaded with 14 live rounds in the magazine and none in the chamber. He was placed under arrest and taken to city jail and cited for OVI, driving under OVI suspension, improper backing, resisting arrest and using weapons while intoxicated.

Theft

On Dec. 10, at 3:32 p.m., police spoke with an employee of Northrich Co., 9545 Midwest Ave., who reported that someone using fraudulent information had his company ship over \$91,000 worth of merchandise to an address Bronx, New York. The product purchased was 35 units of large Modine (HVAC) heaters. On the day of this report, another order was placed by the fraudulent party for a total of \$112,000 and the employee became suspicious. Upon investigation the employee was advised by Archer Daniels Midland Security Department that they had launched an internal investigation into the fraud with a named suspect. With the help of the FBI, the employee was advised the suspect was known to be conducting similar frauds for about a year and a half and that he originated from South Africa. The employee was hopeful the shipment could be intercepted before pickup in The Bronx. Report forwarded to the Detective Bureau for further investigation.

MVA Hit-Skip

On Dec. 11, at 10:11 p.m., police responded to reports of a multiple car motor vehicle accident/hit skip on McCracken Rd., near Broadway. The caller said a white Jeep had struck the other vehicles and fled the scene. At the scene police found two drivers, one operating a white Honda and the other a red Honda. The driver of the white Honda was taken to the hospital for suspected nonlife threatening injuries. The driver of the red Honda had minor front end damage and told police she was traveling

west on McCracken while the driver of the white Honda was in front of her approaching the train tracks. She said a white Jeep going east on McCracken struck the front end of the white Honda and the white Honda was pushed into her vehicle. An officer located a white Jeep Cherokee with heavy front end damage at Orchard Rd./Ohio Rd. The female driver was detained and admitted to hitting the vehicles and leaving the scene. She was booked for hit-skip and issued traffic citation.

Independence Library news

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

Wednesday Night Book Discussion, no registration required. Please join us for a casual and lively book discussion of "The Maid" by Nita Prose. The books will be available about one month before the discussion date. Wednesday, Dec. 18, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday Afternoon Book Discussion, no registration required. Please join us for our casual and lively book discussion of "The Maid" by Nita Prose. The books will be available about one month before the discussion date. Thursday, Dec. 19, 2:15 p.m.

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Applications can be obtained from our website, at <https://bedfordoh.gov/civil-service-commission/>. Applications must be submitted by January 13, 2025.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Garfield Heights Board of Education will hold its Organization Meeting on Monday January 13, 2025 at 6:00 pm. In addition, the District will also hold a public hearing on the proposed 2025-26 Tax Budget during this time. Draft copies of the 2025-26 Tax Budget along with the 2024 General Purpose Financial Statements are available upon request, pursuant to the requirements of the law.

Phillip J. Oko, Treasurer/CFO
 Garfield Heights City Schools
 N.N. 12-18-24

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CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO

List of Meetings for January 2025

Monday, January 6, 2025	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 7, 2025	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 8, 2025	Southeast Area Law Enforcement (SEALE) Board of Trustees Meeting (if needed) Work Session - 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting - 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 21, 2025	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 22, 2025	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 28, 2025	Board of Zoning Appeals (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

It should also be noted that the Board of Building Standards and Appeals, Civil Service Commission, Bedford Arts and Cultural Board, Bedford Historical Preservation Board, Assessment Equalization Board, Public Hearings, Planning Commission, Animal Appeals Board, Board of Zoning Appeals and Tree Board meet **as needed**. Notification of these meetings will be posted at the five most public places in the City per **Ordinance No. 8461-09**.

All Meetings will be held at Bedford City Hall, 165 Center Road, Bedford, Ohio 44146. For agendas and minutes please go to www.bedfordoh.gov, <https://bedfordoh.primegov.com/public/portal>, or call the Clerk of Council, at 440-735-6510.

Tracy M. Simons, CMC
 Clerk of Council
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LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS

2025 PUBLIC MEETINGS SCHEDULE

In accordance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, and Chapter 208 of the Administrative Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Maple Heights, Notice is hereby given for the **2025 Public Meetings Schedule for the City of Maple Heights, Ohio**.

The Council of the City of Maple Heights, Ohio shall meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 pm (with Caucus Meeting starting at 6:30 pm) at the Maple Heights Senior Center located at 15901 Libby Road, Maple Heights, Ohio. Council may amend their regular meeting schedule during the summer months. A Regular Meeting that falls on a holiday shall be held on the day following the legal holiday. **The first Meeting for January, 2025 will be held on Thursday, January 2, 2025.** The Mayor, President of Council or any three (3) members of Council may call a Special Meeting of Council upon written notice served at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time fixed for such meeting, except in the case of a public emergency. Any such request for a Special Meeting shall state the specific subject(s) to be considered at the meeting and no other subject(s) shall be discussed. Nothing in this section shall prohibit, limit or restrict the right of Council or any of the other public bodies to cancel or reschedule any scheduled meeting or to adopt, in accordance with law, a different schedule of meetings at any time during the remainder of the year.

The Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) of the City of Maple Heights, Ohio shall meet on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm (with Caucus Meeting at 6:00 pm) in the Maple Heights City Hall Council Chambers, Second Floor, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio. If the need arises, the Building Commissioner may call a second meeting during the month on the fourth Monday of said month with proper notice

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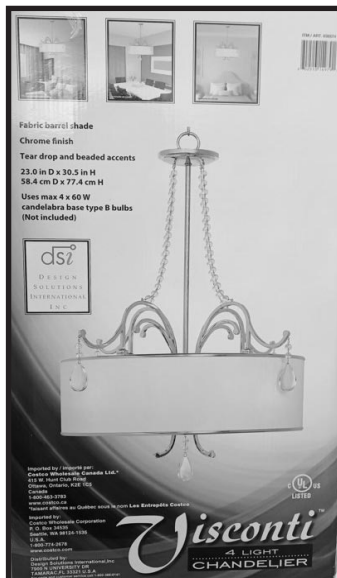
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Christmas Eve Service, Tuesday, Dec. 24: 6 p.m.
Christmas Day Service, Wednesday, Dec. 25: 10 a.m.
New Year's Eve Service, Tuesday, Dec. 31: 6 p.m.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH, 6700 Lansing Ave., Cleveland, OH 44105

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 24: 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Vigil Mass. 10 p.m. Polish Pasterka
Christmas Day, Wednesday, Dec. 25: Masses at 8 a.m. (English); 10 a.m. (Polish); 12 Noon (English)
New Year's Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 31: 4 p.m. English Vigil Mass
New Year's Day, Wednesday, Jan. 1: NO 8 a.m. Mass. 10 a.m. Polish Mass; 12 p.m. English Mass

INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 6624 Public Square, Independence 44131

Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m. with carols and candles

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH, 3395 E. 53 St., Cleveland 44127

Christmas Vigil Masses, Tuesday, Dec. 24: 4 p.m. (English); 7 p.m. (Spanish)
Christmas Day Mass, Wednesday, Dec. 25, 10 a.m. (English)
New Year's Eve Vigil Masses for Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Tuesday, Dec. 31: 4 p.m. (English); 7 p.m. (Spanish)
New Year's Day Mass for Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Wednesday, Jan. 1: 10 a.m. (English)

PEARL RD. METHODIST CHURCH, 4200 Pearl Rd., Cleveland 44109. Must enter off Memphis Ave., across from closed CVS

Sunday, Dec. 22: Regular service at 9:30 a.m., with special music.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our Best Friends!

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Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 24: Candlelight Service at 6:30 p.m.

THE ROCK COMMUNITY CHURCH, 9403 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Heights 44125

Christmas Eve Service will begin at 6 p.m.

SAINT CASIMIR CATHOLIC CHURCH, 8223 Sowinski Ave., Cleveland 44103

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 24: Traditional Pasterka or Shepherds' Mass at 10 p.m. preceded by our Choir Concert and singing of carols and koledy at 9:30 p.m.

Christmas Day, Wednesday, Dec. 25: Solemn Mass of Christmas Day at 11:30 a.m.

New Year's Day, Wednesday, Jan. 1: Feast of Mary, the Mother of God, 11:30 a.m. Mass.

ST. MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH, 13623 Rockside Rd., Garfield Heights, 44125

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24: Vigil Masses: 4 p.m. & 10 p.m.
Christmas Day, Dec. 25: Masses at 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

SS. PETER and PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH, 4750 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights, 44125

ST. THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 5276 E. 105 St., Garfield Heights 44125

Tuesday, Dec. 24:
4 p.m. Christmas Vigil Family Mass at Ss. Peter and Paul Parish. 5:30 p.m. Christmas Vigil Family Mass at St. Therese Parish. 8:30 p.m. Christmas Eve - Musical Prelude at St. Therese Parish. 9 p.m. "Mass at Night" for Christmas Eve at St. Therese Parish

Wednesday, Dec. 25:

8:30 a.m. Christmas Day Mass at Ss. Peter and Paul Parish. 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day Mass at St. Therese Parish

Tuesday, Dec. 31:

4 p.m. Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass at Ss. Peter and Paul Parish

Wednesday, Jan. 1:

10:30 a.m. Solemnity of Mary Mass at St. Therese Parish

SHRINE CHURCH OF ST. STANISLAUS, 3649 E. 65 St., Cleveland 44105

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass, Dec. 24, 5 p.m.; Pasterka or Shepherd's Mass, 12 midnight (Prelude music begins at 11:30 p.m.)

Christmas Day Masses, Dec. 25, 8:30 a.m.; 10 a.m.; 11:30 a.m.

New Year's Day, Jan. 1, Feast of Mary, Mother of God. Masses at 8:30 a.m.; 10 a.m. (Polish); 11:30 a.m.

VALLEY VIEW VILLAGE CHURCH, 14401 Tinkers Creek Rd., Valley View 44125

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