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Bedford moving forward on transfer of former UH property to city

By Judith Goldsworth

The city of Bedford is moving forward on the transfer of the former University Hospitals property that was awarded to the city, as well as \$2.1 million, as part of a settlement with UH in Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court earlier this year, City Manager Mike Mallis announced at the city council meeting Monday night. He said a tentative transfer date is May 1.

In other city news, Mallis said that at recent ward meetings, one of the items discussed had been the traffic detail, and the city's traffic unit that had been brought back.

"That unit has been focusing on some of those high traffic concerning areas in town," Mallis said. "Kudos to Chief Stask and our team... That is definitely going to have an impact on traffic in our town."

Mallis also announced that the Senior Prom would be held at Bedford High School on Friday, May 9, and thanked the Bedford Fire Department for working with the schools and the students for a safety awareness event, scheduled for Wednesday, May 7.

Legislation

The only piece of legislation on Monday night's agenda, placed on first reading, was an ordinance amending a section of the Streets, Utilities and Public Services Code, entitled "Charges For Installation of Meters and Service Connections" for water in the city.

If the legislation is passed at a future meeting, the minimum service charges for the installation of meters will be raised from \$183 to \$342 for a 5/8 inch meter size (the smallest) all the way up to \$13,943 for an 8-inch meter size (the largest).

Because the ordinance has to do with a money issue, council wanted to put it on first reading, Mayor Stan Koci explained.

Mallis added, "The updated pricing that we're proposing reflects not only the current cost of the equipment, which is the actual meter itself, but also the electronic reading transmitters that are included in the equipment. This applies to new construction and new commercial and new residential construction, on where they would have to purchase the meter, as well as if you would have to go out and identify a neglected and damaged piece of equipment that would need to be reinstalled. This would be the current cost of that equipment."

Announcements

Ward 5 Councilman Jeff Asbury announced that the combined Ward 2 and Ward 5 meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 28, in Council Chambers of City Hall.

Ward 1 Councilwoman Sandy Spinks announced that former FOX 8 TV newsman Tim Taylor will be the special guest at the Speaker Series of the Bedford Historical Society, to be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 9, at the Society's Community Room.

Residents get update on Garfield Blvd. project

By Ellen Psenicka

Garfield Heights Ward 3 Councilman Mark Smith held an Information Session Monday evening at the Boys Hope Girls Hope gym to give updates on the Garfield Boulevard Reconstruction and Trail Project and other subjects impacting the city's residents.

Sean McDermott, Chief Planning and Design Officer for the Cleveland Metroparks, gave a slide presentation on the recent upgrades to Garfield Park Reservation, which included a major expansion of the pond at the park and building of a Program Center. He noted that park planners worked hard to bring back the historical elements of the park incorporating it into the stonework and trails. McDermott said the majority of money for the \$10 million facelift for the park came from private donations.

Dave DiCillo, supervisor for Anthony Allega Cement Contractors which is lead contractor on the Garfield Boulevard project, then gave residents attending an update on what's been accomplished on the Boulevard in the past year and what remains ahead.

He said constructing the trail and reconstructing the roadway is a \$5.5 million project for the mile-long expanse along Garfield Blvd., from Warner Rd. to Turney Rd., which will link the Towpath Trail along Warner to Garfield Park Reservation at the other end, and eventually will link the trail all the way to the Cuyahoga River and Lake Erie.

The Garfield Boulevard project will consist of three lanes of traffic, one lane going north, one going south and the third a turning lane. Brand new sidewalks and a 10-ft. shared-use path are also being built on the north side of the Boulevard for cyclists and pedestrians, which will be maintained by the Cleveland Metroparks.

DiCillo said all the concrete work for the sidewalks would be finished in the next two weeks, and the trail should be completed by the end of May or beginning of June, with workers then concentrating on resurfacing the roadway once the path is done.

He said the project is scheduled to be completed by late November of this year.



The crowd at the Ward 3 meeting, hosted by Councilman Mark Smith, listens to Sean McDermott of the Cleveland Metroparks, at right, talk about the recent transformation of Garfield Park Reservation. Photos by Ellen Psenicka



Sidewalk construction along Garfield Blvd. should be completed in the next two weeks, said Allega supervisor Dave DiCillo, at a Ward 3 meeting Monday. Photo by Elena Psenicka

Access to I-77 from I-480 limited through September

I-480 east to I-77 north will be closed on Monday, April 28, by 5 a.m. for bridge deck replacement through September 2025.

Detour will be I-480 east to Transportation Blvd. to I-480 west to I-77 north.

I-480 west to I-77 south will be closed on Tuesday, April 29, by 5 a.m. for bridge deck replacement, also through September 2025.

Detour will be I-480 west to Brookpark Rd. to I-480 east to I-77 south.

Coffee With a Cop in Indy

The Independence Police Department will host its third "Coffee With A Cop" event on Friday, April 25, from 8 to 10 a.m., at Sweet P's Café and Bakery, 6523 Brecksville Rd. Officers will answer residents' questions and share information about the Police Department during this informal gathering.

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Maple Hts. Council notes

By Judith Goldsworth

At its meeting on Wednesday, April 16, Maple Heights Council passed the following resolutions on its agenda:

- Authorizing the Purchasing Participation with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the purchase of sodium chloride (rock salt) for the next winter season.

- Authorizing Mayor Annette Blackwell to execute an agreement with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) for Community Cost Share Program Funds for the Ladd Lane Storm Sewer Outfall Repair Project Design, as the storm sewer outfall has caused erosion on the existing hillside and needs significant repair. Service Director Tony Ciresi and City Engineer Ed Hren have applied to the NEORS for Community Cost Share Project Funds of \$75,000 for the preparation of plans and specs for the project.

- Executing another agreement with NEORS for Community Cost Share Program Funds in the amount of \$67,000, associated with removal and disposal of the wood chips and leaves from the Schreiber Service Yard at 15486 Schreiber Rd.

- Authorizing Blackwell to enter into a Purchase Agreement with Chagrin Falls Suburban Volunteer Firemen's Association, for the purchase of a 2013 Horton Ambulance equipped with a Stryker Powerload System, without a cot, in the amount of \$45,000.

- Entering into an Application Hosting Agreement with Sundance Systems, Inc. to provide licenses for software applications and hosting services for the police department's Records Management System and its Mobile Data Terminals for a guaranteed three-year annual fee of \$17,820, plus a one-time fee of \$24,250 for legacy data transfer services.

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Residents pay \$60 + current \$20 rec ID card

Non-Residents pay \$80 + current \$50 rec ID card

Sign up Early! Registrations after May 20th are subject to a \$15 administrative late fee. Check our web page for the list of open office hours during this registration period, as we want to accommodate everyone. The season will run from June through July and played on average twice a week. Early registrations will be accepted before April 21st during the open office hours.

Check web page: www.garfieldhts.org for details on flyer & open office hours offered or call 216-475-7272 during open office hours to reach a team member by pressing 0.

Sound the Alarm event at Garfield Fire Station

On Saturday, April 26, volunteers and members of the American Red Cross of Northeast Ohio and community partners will team up to install free smoke alarms for local families vulnerable to home fires during a Sound the Alarm event in Garfield Heights.

This effort is part of the national Red Cross Home Fire Campaign, which has helped save more than 2,360 lives since launching in October 2014.

The Sound the Alarm event, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., with feature volunteer training at Garfield Heights Fire Station #1, 5115 Turney Rd., followed by smoke alarm installations at area homes where volunteer teams will also discuss home fire safety with families.

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"Multi-Street Reconstruction Phase IX - Part A"

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Ward 7 meeting canceled

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 24, has been canceled. The next meeting will be Thursday, May 29, in the St. Monica Pavilion. Hope to see you there! For more information contact Gail, 216-662-9213.

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Garfield Heights

Drug Abuse

On April 1, at about 2:52 p.m., an officer responded to 11111 Broadway Ave., for a Nissan Altima hitting a utility pole. When the officer arrived he noted that the female driver went back inside her car to get some of her belongings before the vehicle was towed. The officer watched as she unlocked the glove compartment, grab a plastic bag and quickly put it in her purse. Before giving the woman a courtesy ride to the intersection of Warner Rd. and Connecticut Ave., she was advised police needed to see what was inside her purse as it is department policy to check for weapons. She handed her purse to the officer while simultaneously pulling the same plastic bag out of her purse she had gotten from her glove compartment. When asked what was inside the bag, she said it was a "pipe." She said it was a crack pipe which belonged to a friend of hers. The driver was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia. The used crack pipe, chore boy and pen cartridge (push rod) were entered into evidence at the station.

Traffic Offense-Fleeing

On April 4, at around 8 a.m., police observed a blue Ford Focus traveling at a high rate of speed in a school zone at Maple Leaf Elementary School. Police then attempted to initiate a traffic stop on the vehicle near Turney Rd. and Woodward but the Ford refused to stop and turned at the light going eastbound down Shady Oak Blvd. at speeds up to 60 mph. A pursuit ensued and police were able to make out the license number of the car and later found out the female driver had several active warrants. She appeared to be the only person in the car. The vehicle pulled into a day care on Granger Rd. in Maple Heights and attempted to drive around the daycare center but was forced to stop due to the pavement ending. The driver stepped out of the vehicle and was given several commands to turn away from officers but refused. The driver then advised police that her kids were in the vehicle. Police found a 6-year-old in the rear right seat with no restraint on, a 4-year-old in the middle rear seat with no restraint on and a 1-year-old in a child carrier improperly strapped to the seat. The driver said she didn't stop because she thought she was being chased. The children appeared okay and once they were cleared by MHFD, they were transported back to the Garfield Heights Police Department where they were turned over to their grandmother. Children and Family Services were called and notified of the incident. The driver was arrested for fleeing and eluding, child endangering, and cited for speed, no operator's license, expired plates,

children not in restraints and willful and wanton disregard. Report forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

Recovered Stolen Property

On April 8, at 10:19 a.m., officers located a vehicle in the Walgreens parking lot, 5090 Turney Rd., with a license plate on it that was entered stolen out of Trumbull County. The vehicle was running and occupied by a female driver. Police positioned their two cruisers behind the suspect vehicle and activated the emergency lights and sirens. The driver then reversed her car and hit the front of one of the cruisers and continued to try to intentionally strike the cruisers while officers were on foot near their vehicles. Police ordered her to stop, which she finally did, and was ordered to keep her hands up. The doors of the car were locked so one officer used his glass breaker to break out the passenger window, then unlocked the car. The suspect was placed in handcuffs and searched, and a bag of a white powder substance was found in her pocket. An inventory of the vehicle turned up multiple suspected drugs and drug paraphernalia. SEALE narcotics unit was contacted and evidence turned over to them for prosecution. Suspect was turned over to jail staff and booked without incident.

Criminal Damage-Auto

On April 13, at about 6:30 p.m., police responded to Mad Mike's Bar, 5045 Turney Rd., for 3 cars with windows shattered. The report did not note anything taken from the cars involved. One of the broken windows had a small amount of blood on it, which was collected as evidence. Surveillance video of the incident pending.

Child Endangering

On April 19, at about 2:51 p.m., officers were dispatched to Crowned Barber Shop, 9326 Garfield Blvd., for children left in an unattended car. Police found the car in the barber shop parking lot and located two very small children in the backseat of the locked vehicle, one of them crying. One of the officers remained by the car while the other went inside the shop, where the father of the children had gone inside to get his hair cut. It should be noted, according to the report, that the outside weather was 70-degrees in the locked car and that the two rear back windows were cracked open about three inches. The father was issued a summons for child endangering and Child Services was notified.

Maple Heights

Felonious Assault/Shooting

Last Thursday, April 17, at about 1:10 p.m., Maple Height Police officers responded to the 5100 block of Philip St. regarding shots fired. A male was found in a backyard of one of the houses with multiple gunshots after an altercation. It appears that there were two vehicles involved, a dark-colored SUV and a light-colored sedan with multiple occupants in both vehicles. The victim was last reported in stable condition.

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 by calling its Hotline: 216-252-7463; submit a tip line to WebTips or an anonymous text message to: Text TIP657 plus your message to CRIMES (274637).

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Ham winners announced!

Due to the generosity of 40 local merchants, a total of 41 Easter Hams were given away in the annual Neighborhood News Ham Giveaway. The names of participating merchants and ham winners are listed below:

Winners of this year's Easter Ham Contest are: **#1 Roofing** - Evelyn Dombek; **3 Girls Pizza** - Virginia Kallach; **Ace Hardware** - Brittney Jenkins; **Arrow Realty** - Ron Terrill; **Mayor Jack Bacci** - Pat Sfero; **Big Boy Restaurant** - Scott Nowak; **Broadway Scrap Metals** - Ken Prybor; **Browns Tavern** - Rich Levensky; **Mayor Matt Burke** - Bev Flowers;

Czech Catholic Union/CCU Life - Irene Skala; **Dave's Supermarket**, Harvard Ave. - Donna Forestall; **Dave's Supermarket**, Turney Rd. - Carolyn Dabny; **Dependable Electric** - Neal Hoffmaster; **Mayor Trevor Elkins** - Skylar Laidman; **Executive Targeting & Consulting LLC** - Eyrika Engerman; **First Federal Lakewood** - Ann Kotowski;

Fisher Auto Parts - Charles Brynak; **Flava Catering** - Ron Prybor; **Gas USA** - Joe Krill; **Harry's Steakhouse** - Cindy Johnson; **Councilman Avery Johnson** - Jackie Maggard; **Councilman Clifford Kelley, Jr.** - Suzanne Johnson; **King Nut - Peterson's Outlet Store** - Norm Bush, **Mayor Stan Koci** - Yvette Prorock; **PNC Bank** - Joseph Cashiotta; **R & K Sausage and Catering** - Denny Antolik; **Rad Air Complete Car Care** - Theresa Price; **RE/MAX Haven Realty, Inc.** - Char Konicki; **Ricco's Garfield Beauty Salon**, Shirley Gorve; **Shell/Turney Pit Stop** - Nancy Harp;

Targeting Solutions Limited - Kathy Pytel; **Turney Town Sunoco** - Don Faircloth; **Unique Tax & Accounting, Inc.** - Carol Gasiewski; **Vic's Floral** - Patricia Krajewski; **Village of Newburgh Heights** - Marty Lehman; **Wavemax Laundry** - Porcha Motley; **WeldonPC.com** - Frank Greczanik; **Woodward Convenient** - Alan Zmna; **The Neighborhood News** - Gary Tucholski; **Shannon Landscaping & Snowplowing** - John Opalenik and Steve Lesko.

Garfield Heights Ward 4 meeting

Garfield Heights Councilman Avery Johnson will hold a Ward 4 Community Meeting on Wednesday, April 30, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd.

Speakers will include Johnson and Mayor Matt Burke, along with representatives from the Treasury Department discussing property taxes. All are welcome to attend.

National Day of Prayer in Maple Hts.

On Thursday, May 1, at 6 p.m., Maple Heights will host the United National Day of Prayer Observance. Residents of both Maple Heights and Garfield Heights are invited to the main venue at Hope Alliance Bible Church, 5050 Stanley Ave., Maple Heights, with host pastor Dr. Erin D. Bell.

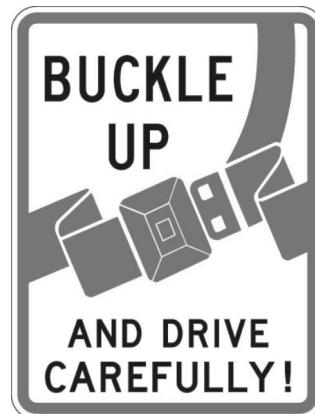
All are welcome to worship, repent and pray for both cities while uniting hearts in prayer as one. For more information contact NDP Coordinator Rev. Vontayne Smith, UIC Ministries, at Victory4700@yahoo.com

Tour of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Slavic Village

Join the Slavic Village Historical Society for a Polish Constitution Day tour of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 6700 Lansing Ave., on Saturday, May 3. Founded on May 3, 1894, the church remains a foundation of the neighborhood's Polish heritage. The video tour begins at 5 p.m., in the church following the 4 p.m. Mass.

All are welcome to attend Mass and stay for the presentation which will feature historic photographs, narration and music.

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Bedford Reservation

April 26: Preschoolers in the Park - Wildflowers. Bring your preschooler to learn about spring wildflowers. We will discuss the common flowers found along the trail then we will head into the woods to discover some! We will use field guides to help us identify some of the early spring wildflowers. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Meet at Hemlock picnic area. Ages 2-6 years w/adult. Terrain: natural surface, less than 1 mile.

CanalWay Center – Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation

April 1-30: Hunt of the Month - National Go Birding Day. We love birding, and what better way to celebrate than with National Go Birding Day on April 26th and Crow & Raven Day on April 27th? Did you know that 3 out of 10 Americans enjoy this pastime? Join us in highlighting this activity as part of our Hunt of the Month! Visit CanalWay Center any day in April to search for birding-related images in our popular monthly indoor scavenger hunt. Then head outside to try birding for yourself! 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

April 23: 50 Wonderful Finds Hike. Join Naturalist Carly Martin and let's see if we can find 50 wonderful and interesting things on this hike along the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath. 2-4 p.m. Meet at CanalWay Center. Terrain: paved surface, one hill, 2.5 miles.

April 25 Drop-by: City Nature Challenge. Get the weekend started by discovering how you can help our region compete in a global competition to expand knowledge of our planet's diversity of life by participating in a weekend-long community science survey of wild plants and animals. 3-5 p.m. CanalWay Center.

April 25: Out in the Parks - Sunset Walk Along the Canal. LGBTQ+ people, family and friends are invited to join us for a sunset stroll along the Ohio & Erie Canal. We will walk down into the valley along both the river and the canal. We will look for any of our crepuscular animals enjoying this special time of day. The center will open after the walk to socialize and relax as the sun sets. 6:30-8 p.m. Meet at CanalWay Center. Terrain: paved, hill, 1 mile.

April 26: Accessibility Birding by Cart. Have you always wanted to go birding in our Hidden Valley below CanalWay Center, but found it difficult to navigate the hill and walking distances? We have a solution for you on this National Go Birding Day. Enjoy a ride in our seven-passenger cart, driven by our staff, who will assist you in locating some of our migrating spring birds. This opportunity is specially designed for individuals with mobility issues. 8-10 a.m. Meet at CanalWay. Terrain: one step up into the cart.

April 26: Cart Tour - Towpath Trail – CanalWay Center to Steelyard Commons. Historical Interpreter Doug Kusak drives the 7-passenger cart while sharing 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. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Fee: \$10. Registration required.

April 26: The Very Last Eagle Walk of The Season.

Don't miss out on our last chance for a guided walk to see an active eagle nest! Once the leaves emerge on the trees it becomes nearly impossible to see our magnificent eagle nest. Binoculars available for loan. 1-3 p.m. Meet at CanalWay Center. Terrain: paved, one hill, 4 miles.

Blood donor opportunities

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4/24/2025: 12 - 6 p.m., Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Dr.

Slavic Village Development's Nite at the Races postponed

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Slavic Village Development's Nite at the Races has been postponed and will now take place in March 2026. If you have already purchased tickets, horse naming or paid for advertising, etc., SVD will be issuing full refunds.

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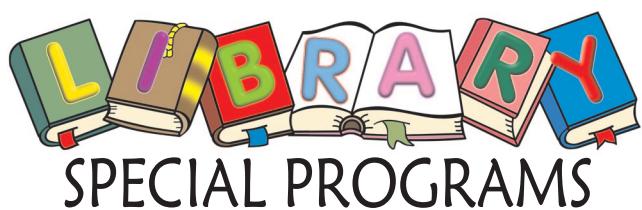
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ADULT PROGRAMS

Innovation Center Hands on Help Need help with a project in the Innovation Center? Bring your ideas and materials and staff will be available to help you get started. This program is open to users who have already completed an Innovation Center Orientation. Thursday, April 24, 6-8 p.m.

3D Design Basics Learn the basics of the 3D design software, Tinkercad. Saturday, April 26, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Registration required.

CHILDREN and FAMILIES

Dad Code Father figures and their little ones, aged birth to 8 years, can join us for an afternoon of toys, games and resources. Saturday, April 26, 2-4 p.m. Registration required.

What is Your Dog Man Superhero Alter-Ego? Find out what your Dog Man superhero alter-ego is while making a superhero costume and badge. Tuesday, May 6, 6-8 p.m. For kids in grades 2-5. Registration required.

Independence Branch Library

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ADULTS

Craft Supply Swap. Registration required. Bring unwanted arts and crafts supplies and exchange them for something new! Participants may arrive at

10 a.m. to unload and display their materials. Limit of 2 boxes of supplies per person. Friday, April 25, 12 p.m.

Eleanor Roosevelt: A Whole New Light - Part 1. Registration required. Eleanor Roosevelt's list of accomplishments is staggering. Join us for a deeper look into the life of one of the most influential and admired people in United States history. Wednesday, May 7, 6:30 p.m.

Spring Plant Exchange. Registration required. Dig up your perennials to exchange for new plants you don't have! Gain some new knowledge and have some fun with other enthusiasts. Friday, May 9, 12 p.m.

Tree Risk Assessment. Registration required. Arborist Sean Fenton teaches you how to protect your home from a falling tree. Saturday, May 17, 11 a.m.

Wednesday Night Book Discussion. No registration required. Join us for a casual and lively book discussion of "The Wager: A tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder" by David Grann. The books will be available approximately one month before the discussion date. Wednesday, May 21, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday Afternoon Book Discussion. No registration required. Join us for a casual and lively book discussion of "The Wager: A tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder" by David Grann. The books will be available approximately one month before the discussion date. Thursday, May 22, 2:15 p.m.

TEENS

Teen Escape Room - Phantom of the Opera. Registration required. You are locked in the cellar/meeting room along with a group of other theater goers. You have 45 minutes to find the code and escape before the Opera House is destroyed! Tuesday, May 6, 6:30-8 p.m.

VolunTeens. Registration required. Volunteer at the library, earn service hours. We will work on a project benefitting the library or for a need in the community. Tuesday, May 13, 6:30 p.m.

Bedford (Bedford Heights/Oakwood Village) Branch Library

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

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Engineering Hour. -Grades 1-5. Thursdays, May 8, 22, 3:30 p.m. Bring your creativity and dexterity for an hour of building!

Google Apps Basics -Adults. Friday, May 9, 10 a.m. Explore Google's web-based apps: Docs, Sheets & Slides. Organize files in the cloud using Google Drive. Prerequisite: Computer Basics or equivalent experience. Preferred: Google account with password. **MUST REGISTER**

Bike Safety Fun -School Age (K-5). Free Helmet - While Supplies Last. Friday, May 9, 4 p.m. Receive a free helmet and learn about bike safety from the experts at University Hospitals. Helmets are available first come, first served.

Self-Care Saturday -Grades 6-12. Saturday, May 10, 2 p.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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