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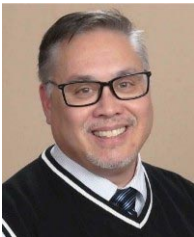
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From the Mayor's Desk

By Garfield Heights Mayor Matt Burke

Issue 14 is good for Garfield Heights

In 2021, when I assumed the role of mayor, I carefully examined what was preventing our city from progressing and attracting industries, retail and other businesses, such as upscale restaurants and clothing stores. I was dissatisfied with the types of businesses coming to Garfield Heights and recognized the need for change to elevate our city and enhance the quality of life for our residents. When I compared our business practices with those of other cities experiencing significant growth, I was struck by the gaps we needed to address. As a longtime representative in the floor covering manufacturing sector, I've traveled extensively across Ohio and witnessed growth in places like downtown Sandusky, Fremont, Findlay and even nearby areas like Shaker Heights. It prompted me to question what they were doing that we were not in Garfield Heights.

My findings revealed that our zoning code required updates to facilitate such growth. Nationwide, cities were expanding through "mixed-use" developments, but Garfield Heights did not include mixed-use in its zoning code. Additionally, our city has referendum zoning, meaning that any land-use change requires several steps: an investor must first get approval from the planning board, then seek a variance from the zoning board of appeals to change the land use, such as from residential to commercial, and finally, await a general election vote by Garfield Heights residents. This process, taking anywhere from 10 months to a year, deterred many businesses and developers from considering Garfield Heights as a potential location.

Issue 14 proposes amending the charter to streamline this process. A developer could seek planning board approval, obtain a variance from the zoning board of appeals and then proceed directly to Garfield Heights City Council for a land-use change approval. This would expedite development and is crucial because rising costs make delays a significant barrier to our city's growth.

I understand that past economic challenges have led to resident apathy and distrust in local government. Some people feel their voices are being ignored, when in fact, they now have more opportunities to express their opinions than before. I have collaborated with city council members to advance our city. Our zoning is meticulously crafted to permit neighborhood mixed-use development, similar to what's seen in the Van Aken District, Ohio City, the Fairfax neighborhood, and Midtown District in Cleveland. It's important to note that surrounding cities like Cleveland, Independence, Beachwood and Shaker Heights do not have referendum zoning, which has facilitated their growth and development. Increased development brings businesses, which generate revenue for the city. This revenue funds services that homeowners currently pay for through property taxes. By attracting more industry and revenue to Garfield Heights, we can potentially reduce the financial burden on property owners.

If Issue 14 passes, it will pave the way for developing vacant parcels along our proposed mixed-use district on Turney Road. I am confident that with these zoning changes and making our city more business-friendly, we will experience growth.

We cannot continue past practices and expect different outcomes. We, as residents, must align our city with the successful practices of our neighboring communities. Garfield Heights, located in the heart of Cuyahoga County, is an ideal location for businesses. Our neighbor, Independence, has recognized this, resulting in developments like Topgolf, numerous office buildings, sit-down restaurants and new constructions over the past decade. As a matter of fact, their city motto is "The heart of Cuyahoga County!"

I urge the residents of our city to vote on May 6. If you have any questions or concerns regarding Issue 14, please feel free to contact my office at 216-475-4388 or email me at MBURKE@GARFIELDHHS.org.

Resource Fair at Jennings

April is Minority Health Month. Stop in at Jennings, 10204 Granger Rd., Garfield Heights, on Wednesday, April 30, from noon to 3 p.m., for the Community Resource Fair to find helpful resources, health screenings, physical therapy tips, healthy recipes and more! Stop by and you'll also be entered to win from a selection of raffle prizes. All are welcome. Details at jenningsohio.org

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Issues on May 6th ballot in Garfield, Maple Heights

Ohio voters will head to the polls next Tuesday, May 6, and decide on a proposed Constitutional Amendment to fund public infrastructure capital improvements by permitting the issuance of General Obligation bonds.

Ohio Issue 2 is an amendment authorizing the State of Ohio to issue bonds or other obligations to finance or assist in financing public infrastructure capital improvements for local governments and other governmental entities. Capital improvement projects would be limited to roads and bridges, waste water treatment systems, water supply systems, solid waste disposal facilities, storm water and sanitary collection, storage, and treatment facilities.

The proposed amendment limits bond issuance to \$2.5 billion over a 10-year period, with no more than \$250 million in each of the first 10 fiscal years. If approved the amendment would take effect immediately.

Garfield Heights

In Garfield Heights a proposed Charter Amendment, Issue 14, will be on the ballot asking voters to repeal the requirement that any changes to the existing land uses, or any legislation changing the existing Zoning Map, be submitted to and approved by a majority of the qualified electors of the City; and to provide that any change to the

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50th anniversary of end of Vietnam War ceremony set today at G.H. Civic Center

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War. Garfield Heights will host the Vietnam Veterans End of War Ceremony from 5:30 to 7 p.m., today, Wednesday, April 30, at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd.

The program is sponsored by Vietnam Veterans of America, Greater Cleveland Chapter #15. The memorial event honors fallen heroes and creates a special time for remembrance. During the program, roses are placed in memory of veterans from both past and present eras. The ceremony includes the reading of the names of 424 veterans from Cuyahoga County who lost their lives during the war. Eight Garfield Heights Vietnam Veterans killed also will be recognized during the commemoration. They are:

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Family members and other interested parties are invited to attend and participate in reading the names and placement of the roses. There will be a small gathering after the ceremony.

Issues on May 6th ballot in Garfield, Maple Heights

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existing land uses, or any legislation changing the existing Zoning Map, shall be governed by the Planning and Zoning Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Garfield Heights?

City leaders have pointed out that the amendment is needed to attract investment to the city and eliminate barriers to new construction. By waiting in some cases months for an election to decide on every rezoning issue, they said, precious time can be lost and make expanding



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NOTICE OF BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS SPECIAL MEETING
The Village of Newburgh Heights Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 6:00pm in the Village Hall Council Chambers located at 3801 Harvard Ave. in Newburgh Heights.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes (05/29/2024)
- III. Review of request for a use variance at 4051 E 44 St (PPN 511-12-049) from Commercial to Residential.
- IV. Review of request for a use variance a Hermit Avenue (PPN 511--06-086 and PPN 511-07-018) from Residential Vacant Land to General Commercial.
- V. Public comment
- VI. Action
- VII. Adjournment

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current retail spaces and attracting new businesses to the city extremely difficult.

Issue 20, a proposed tax levy renewing an existing levy for the Garfield Heights City School District, will also go to voters. The levy would provide for the emergency requirements of the school district in the sum of \$5,350,000 and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the 10-mill limitation estimated by the County Fiscal Officer to average 9.63 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$337 for each \$100,000 of the County Fiscal Officer's appraised value. Renewal of the school levy would be for a period of 10 years, beginning in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

Garfield Heights City Schools Board of Education members have said that renewing the levy will help keep the schools' educational programming, access to resources and dedicated staff all intact for their students.

Maple Heights

On the ballot in Maple Heights will be Issue 16, the renewal of a tax levy for current expenses and general operations of the Maple Heights Senior Center that the County Fiscal Officer estimates will collect \$344,800 annually, at a rate not exceeding 1.3 mills for each \$1 of valuation, which amounts to \$21 for each \$100,000 of the County Fiscal Officer's appraised value. Renewal of the levy for the Senior Center would be for a period of five years, beginning in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

City leaders have pointed out that this levy costs less than \$2 per month for the average homeowner and will ensure that Maple Heights residents who need the services of the Senior Center can receive the dignity and support they deserve.

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County executive gives G.H. residents an update on plans for new jail site, other supportive services

By Ellen Psenicka

Cuyahoga County Executive Chris Ronayne visited Garfield Heights last Thursday for a Town Hall meeting at the Civic Center focusing on an update on the Central Services Campus which will include a new Cuyahoga County jail on the site of the old Bridgeview property on Transportation Blvd.

He brought with him County Public Works Department officials working on the project, several officers from the County Sheriff's Department whose headquarters will be at the new facility, contractors and construction supervisors.

"We're going to build something special here in Garfield Heights," Ronayne said, adding, "We want to build a better justice system where those incarcerated come out better than they came in."

Key points of interest concerning the \$889 million facility included the following:

- Main entry will be on Transportation Blvd. with an access for employees on Granger Rd.
- Will be a three-level structure with elevators.
- The remains of the old Aldi's building that never happened on site will be repurposed as a cost-saving measure.
- Could be a walking trail around the compound for employees at the campus and Garfield Heights residents to utilize.
- Fencing around the property should be going up this week.
- The project is expected to begin with the demolition of existing structures in late 2025, and the new facility is expected to be operational in 2029.
- Current plans for the Central Services Campus include 1,886 beds, meeting operational needs while continuing efforts to reduce the jail population.

• Other services to be offered on-site include upgraded medical, substance abuse and mental health services, an on-site Reentry Resource Center to connect residents with basic needs such as transportation and housing, employment and other supportive services. There will also be a Behavioral Care Center and each housing unit will include recreation areas providing opportunities for exercise, fresh air and light.

Project outreach sessions are planned in the coming months to keep Garfield Heights residents informed about what's going on as the project gets closer to construction.

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“Multi-Street Reconstruction Phase IX - Part A”

and will be publicly opened and read immediately thereafter. Each bid must contain the full names of the party or parties making the same, with an affidavit as to interested parties, and in the case of a corporation not chartered in Ohio, with a proper certificate that such corporation is authorized to do business in Ohio, and shall be accompanied by a Bid Guaranty Bond for the full amount (100%) of the Bid, in favor of the “Owner” or a certified check, cashier’s check, or letter of credit pursuant to Chapter 1305 of the Ohio Revised Code, in the amount of 10% of the Bid, payable to the “Owner”.

It is agreed that the bid guaranty shall be for the benefit of the “Owner” pursuant to Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code if the undersigned fails to execute the Contract in conformity with the Form of Contract incorporated in the contract documents and furnish Bond and insurance certificates within ten (10) days after the notification of the award of the Contract to the undersigned.

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Please note that in order to be considered as a “responsive bidder” for this project, you must purchase a set of plans and bid documents, and follow all instructions provided. Bids from contractors who are not on the **Plan Holders List** will be disqualified.

The “Owner” reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities in the bids received, and to accept any bid which it deems most favorable.

The “Owner” is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate against the handicapped.

Barbara A. Biro, Finance Director
City of Garfield Heights

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Bedford Reservation

May 2: Friday Hike to the Falls. Join a naturalist as we hike along the Sagamore Creek ridge line to see Linda Falls. It is spring wildflower season so we will stop to smell the flowers along the way. The route includes several creek crossings which may be flowing depending on recent rainfall. We recommend bringing hiking poles and wearing sturdy shoes for a safe and enjoyable adventure. 3:30–5 p.m. Meet at Alexander Rd Bike Lot. Terrain: natural trail, 1.5–2 miles.

CanalWay Center – Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation

May 1-31: Hunt of the Month - Beetles. Beetles come in many shapes and colors. Will they be camouflaged with

their hiding spot, or stand out like a ladybug on a green leaf in this month's challenge? Come and see how many you can find! 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m. CanalWay Center.

May 3: Connecting Communities - Mill Creek to Garfield Connector Trail. See how it all connects with Naturalist Alex as we explore the Mill Creek Trail Connector from Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation to Garfield Heights. Along the way we'll admire scenic views of the Mill Creek Valley and check out the progress of the new trail connection to Garfield Park Reservation along Garfield Boulevard. 1–2:30 p.m. Meet at Aqueduct Gateway Trailhead. Terrain: paved, steep hill, 3 miles.

May 4: Storytime Sunday - Gardens. Planting season is right around the corner, so let's get ready! Join Naturalist Emily for a story about gardening. We'll read a story, take a short walk and then create our own small "gardens" to take home. 10–11 a.m. Meet at CanalWay Center. Terrain: paved, less than 1 mile. Ages 3–6 years w/adult.

May 4: Wetland Animals Drop-by and Hikes. Drop by CanalWay Center to explore the fascinating world of wetland animals! You can talk to a naturalist at a touch table, make a little craft, and each hour a naturalist will lead a 30-minute hike down to the wetland. Noon–4 p.m. Terrain: paved surface, one hill, 0.5 mile.

May 7: MetroHealth Be SimplyWell Health Lecture. "I Can't Do It All: Setting Boundaries for Mental

Health." Please join us for this FREE talk. Taking care of your health isn't just about staying active or eating well—it's also about looking after your mind. Setting healthy boundaries, tuning into your needs and communicating with confidence can make a big difference in your overall mental health. Join Behavioral Health expert Marsheena Murray, PhD, ABPP, for a Be SimplyWell health talk that explores how to improve your mental well-being. 6–7 p.m. CanalWay Center.

Garfield Park Reservation

May 6: Garfield Nature Kids. Join us each month to explore the nature found in and around Garfield Park. We'll investigate signs of spring with a story, exploring outdoors and enjoying the morning together. 10–11:15 a.m. Garfield Park Program Center. Ages 3–6 years w/adult. Terrain: natural surface trails, 1 mile.

Stuffed peppers dinner

American Legion Post 309, 15521 Broadway Ave., Maple Heights, will hold a Mother's Day Dinner today, Wednesday, April 30, serving from 3-6 p.m., which is open to the public. On the menu will be stuffed peppers, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, salad, roll and dessert. Donation is \$13, dine-in or carryout. Advance dinner orders appreciated by calling 216-662-7768.

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State Landbank Assn. honors Gus Frangos family

The Ohio Landbank Association held its annual conference last week at the Columbus Convention Center. This year during the awards ceremony the newly created “Gus Frangos Ohio Landbank Lifetime Achievement Award” was presented to the Frangos family in honor of the late Gus Frangos, one of the founders of the Cuyahoga County Landbank.

"Thanks to the Ohio Landbank for recognizing Gus Frangos with the Lifetime Achievement Award," said County Landbank Vice-Chair Tony Brancatelli. "The Cuyahoga County Landbank's impact in our community has been immeasurable. Gus was a true inspiration and leader for the landbank movement."



Pictured, from left, is current president of the Cuyahoga County Landbank Ricardo Leon; past chairman of the County Landbank and County Treasurer Jim Rokakis; Christie Frangos, wife of the late Gus Frangos; and Vice-Chair Tony Brancatelli.

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A vote supporting renewal of Issue 20 for the Garfield Heights Schools is vital. This is not new money. You are already paying this out, but if monies are lost it will be next to impossible to get them back. Schools are the breath of our neighborhood. They bring life to learning, relationships, the arts, sports and all around community. For the sake of our past, our now and our future, vote for the students. They are depending upon it. Thank you.

Faith Conroy, Garfield Heights



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Tour of Immaculate Heart

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.

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Bedford Hts. Council continues talk of housing concerns, council communication

By Tristan Douglas

At its second meeting of the month on Tuesday, April 15, members of the Bedford Heights Council returned to an important discussion of housing concerns and council communication, a conversation which led to a heated exchange at their previous meeting.

During the Unfinished Business portion of Tuesday's meeting, Councilwoman Enid Thomas thanked Council President Alton Tinker for the memorandum shared with members regarding decorum following last week's disagreements, but continued to express concerns about the effectiveness and transparency of discussions on council floor. Thomas believes that voices of council members are sometimes silenced when council suspends the rules requiring discussion before proceeding to a vote.

She also continued to scrutinize the infrequency of Building/Housing Committee meetings, which she believes are an important part of addressing the issues arising from problematic apartment complexes and AirBNBs in the city. The concerns of Thomas would later be echoed by multiple residents who said they want to see more action being taken by the city in response to these housing concerns.

Councilwoman Kathie Kelso-Perez, chair of the Building/Housing Committee, restated her belief that the issues raised by Thomas are not a question of legislation but enforcement. Kelso-Perez stated that she is willing to discuss any legislation necessary to address housing concerns, but the key to solving the problems at hand is

enforcing the rules that are already in place.

Both Thomas and Kelso-Perez expressed their intention to explore all options available to council that can address the housing concerns. Council Kelso-Perez also announced that a Building/Housing Committee meeting will be scheduled in May, with a date and time to be decided soon.

Committee Reports

Community Life Committee Chairman Paul Bounds reminded residents that registration for the city's summer camp program ends on Saturday, May 3. The camp offers four- and eight-week sessions to Bedford Heights residents and students enrolled in the Bedford School District. Registration information and applications are available at the Bedford Heights Community Center.

Infrastructure and Capital Improvements Chair Danielle Henderson announced that the city has received 67 bids for the upcoming Rockside Road resurfacing project. This project will include the section of Rockside Rd. between the I-270/I-480 bridge to Aurora Rd., and is set to begin this year. Bedford Heights is eligible to receive up to \$250,000 from Cuyahoga County through the county's local Resurfacing Program for this project.

Chairwoman Henderson also celebrated her committee's partnership with the Community Life Committee to make upgrades to the city's parks. In 2024, \$15,000 was allocated for playground upgrades and repairs, and an additional \$15,000 has been allocated in 2025, she said. This year the funding will be directed towards the resto-

ration of multiple basketball courts at various city parks.

Legislation approved

Council authorized the city to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation's cooperative purchasing program for the purchase of sodium chloride (rock salt) for the 2025-2026 winter season.

It also set forth rate charges for sanitary sewer services retroactively starting on January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027.

The appointment of architect Scott Whitley as a member of the Board of Architectural Review at the rate of \$500 per meeting was confirmed by council. His term will begin May 1, 2025, and end on December 31, 2027.

Lastly council approved the allocation of \$1.5 million from the city's General Fund to the Contingency Fund.

Chicken Paprikash Dinner

Sokol Greater Cleveland will hold a Chicken Paprikash & Dumplings Dinner on Sunday, May 18, at Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave., Cleveland, serving from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$20; reservations necessary by Monday night, May 12. Call Vlad Nemecek at 216-894-3591.

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On April 15, an officer was met at the station by a woman who said that between April 14 at 5 p.m., and April 15, at 9 a.m., someone accessed her Ohio EBT card account and made several transactions in several states for a total amount of \$1153. She said her card was in her possession and she never gave anyone permission to use her account information. She said she has already cancelled her card and is going to the state office to report the theft.

Assault

On April 15, an officer received a report from a woman who said her 5-year-old daughter, a kindergartner at William Foster Elementary, had been assaulted that day while at school by a boy, also in kindergarten, and required medical attention. She said she had received a call from the school on April 14, that her daughter had been hit by a chair by a child in her class along with other children and was bruised on her forearm. William Foster has been advised of these incidents.

Obstructing Official Business

On April 16, at 6:44 p.m., an officer was dispatched to

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the Shell gas station at 5095 Turney Rd., for an animal complaint. The complainant said a dog has been kept in a cage behind a home on Park Heights near the gas station and was known to be kept there for hours as well as barking continuously. The officer located the dog, a pitbull, in a cage behind a residence in the 10800 block of Park Heights. At this time a car pulled in the driveway and the woman driving the car was advised of the animal complaint. She said the dog belonged to her daughter's boyfriend who does not reside at her home. The officer then spoke with the woman's daughter and her boyfriend, who owns the dog, and both said the dog is not abused. The boyfriend was found to have several warrants for his arrest, specifically one for theft with GHPD, and was ordered to put his hands behind his back. He took off running east on McCracken Rd. from the Shell gas station lot. After a brief foot pursuit the officer lost sight of the suspect but saw him again running east on Park Heights. Other officers arrived, set up a perimeter and K-9 Echo began a dog track which continued through several backyards but was unsuccessful. Affidavit completed for obstructing official business.

Juvenile Arrest: Curfew

On April 18, at 10:09 p.m., police were called to J Legacy Event Center, 9501 Vista Way, for a large crowd of juveniles from a party arguing in the parking lot. As police arrived the juveniles were dispersing when an employee of Chipotle told officers some of the juveniles were coming inside of the business and refusing to leave. Police approached a group of juveniles in front of Chipotle and told them it was time to go home. Then a male juvenile in the group told officers to shut up. He was then detained and identified as a 12-year-old. He was placed under arrest for curfew and taken to city jail. He was released to his grandmother. Curfew charges pending through the Youth Bureau.

Traffic Offense-OVI

On April 21, at 2:49 a.m., an officer patrolling in his cruiser in the Turney Rd./Wadsworth Ave. area, was almost struck by a car head-on. While he was traveling north on Turney, a white sedan went left of center and came directly at his marked police car, then swerved back into the southbound lane. It continued to swerve on the roadway before pulling into Sherwin Williams parking lot, 5020 Turney Rd. The officer conducted a traffic stop of the vehicle and placed the driver in handcuffs and into the rear of his police car until backup arrived. Inside the suspect's car was found items commonly used in the consumption of marijuana. The suspect was given a field sobriety test and was placed under arrest for operating a vehicle after underage alcohol consumption and taken to city jail, where he admitted to smoking marijuana at a friend's house earlier. Citation issued for lanes of travel and OVI.

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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

Genealogical society meets in Indy

The Cuyahoga Valley Genealogical Society will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, May 5, at 7 p.m., in the Willow Room at the Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Blvd., in Independence. Members and the interested public are invited to attend.

A program entitled "Family Tree Software Options" will be presented by Kelli Bergheimer. Learn strategies to build a robust digital tree, privacy options and how to backup your tree to prevent losing everything. Several popular family tree software options will be discussed including Family Tree Maker software and Roots Magic.

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