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FREE

Garfield Hts. business owner Weldon Hastings wants action to solve problem of unruly juveniles; seeks city temporary state of emergency order

By Ellen Psenicka

The problem of juveniles causing havoc on the streets of Garfield Heights took center stage at Monday's meeting of Garfield Heights Council when business owner Weldon Hastings, backed by a contingent of concerned citizens, spoke during the Citizens' Comments portion of the meeting.

May 6th primary roundup

Voters went to the polls last Tuesday, May 6, and overwhelmingly passed Ohio Issue 2, 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 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 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. It takes effect immediately.

Garfield Heights

In Garfield Heights a proposed Charter Amendment, Issue 14, was passed by voters 1123 to 892, in unofficial results from the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections. Issue 14 repeals the requirement that any changes to the existing Zoning Map, be submitted to and approved by a majority of the qualified electors of the city. It provides that any change to the 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 pointed out that the amendment was needed to attract investment to the city and eliminate barriers to new construction caused by sometimes waiting months for the next scheduled election to decide a zoning issue.

A proposed tax levy renewing an existing levy for the Garfield Heights City School District went down to defeat by a vote of 986 to 892. School leaders said the levy was needed to keep the schools' educational programming, access to resources and staff all intact for students.

Maple Heights

Voters in Maple Heights gave resounding support to Issue 16, the renewal of a tax levy for current expenses and general operations of the Maple Heights Senior Center, by a vote of 884-381.

City leaders pointed out that this levy costs residents less than \$2 per month for the average homeowner and ensures that Maple Heights residents who need and want the services of the Senior Center will continue to receive them.

Prompted by an incident last week in the parking lot of his computer business, Weldon PC, 5829 Turney Rd., Hastings spoke about the "fire on our streets literally every afternoon." He said groups of 20-50 juveniles "linger, fight, vandalize and intimidate."

On May 6, at 2:32 p.m., according to a GHPD incident report, an officer responded to the back parking lot of Weldon PC for a report of damage to unoccupied vehicles. Prior to that call, GHPD was informed there were about 50 juveniles fighting in that same parking lot. Hastings referenced the incident when speaking to council and said two cars were damaged and one of the cars appeared to be t-boned when one student threw another student head first into one of the cars.

He said police are doing what they can, but when the disperse a group of juvenile troublemakers on one corner, they just move to another corner.

"Meetings and talks are not going to fix the problem," Hastings said. There needs to be immediate action.

Announces Zoom call

Hastings said he will host a Zoom call on Thursday, May 15, at 7 p.m., where "we can put together some kind of plan of action." Anyone needing more information can contact Weldon PC at 216-475-6000.

In the meantime, he said, "I would like council to formally propose a temporary state of emergency to Mayor Burke." He said during that time Garfield Heights leaders can seek a 30-day mutual aid search from other communities, institute a temporary curfew zone and other solutions to the juvenile delinquency in the city.

Council President Avery Johnson told Hastings council would discuss his suggestions and take them under serious consideration. He also said he would get all the school principals together to try to solve the problem.

Mayor Matt Burke explained the city is doing what it can legally do to hold parents and juveniles accountable. He said the GHPD is well staffed, surveillance cameras line Turney Rd. and are monitored for criminal activity, and the city could consider expanding the SRO program in the schools.

"We are going to do what we can legally do," Burke continued.

Law Director Milko Cecez noted that to hold parents responsible for failure to properly supervise a child, there must be proof a crime has been committed. He also pointed out that the Garfield Heights City Schools are run by the school superintendent and school board, and the city is run by the mayor and council.

"Nobody's going to the school board meetings to complain about the kids," Councilman Clifford Kelley commented.

HABEMUS PAPAM! WE HAVE A POPE!



*Cleveland Central Catholic High School
email of May 9, 2025*

We joyfully celebrate the wonderful news of the election of Pope Leo XIV! As the white smoke rose above the Sistine Chapel and the words "Habemus Papam!" rang out, the world rejoiced in the beginning of a new chapter for the Church.

At our school, we come together in faith to honor this momentous occasion. We pray for Pope Leo XIV as he begins his sacred mission of guiding the Church with wisdom, courage and compassion. May his papacy be a light for the world — one that brings hope, unity and peace to all people.

Bedford Heights Council OKs infrastructure repairs

By Tristan Douglas

At its meeting on Monday, May 6, Bedford Heights City Council moved forward on several infrastructure and capital improvement projects, including the acceptance of a bid for the 2025 Rockside Road Repairs Project. Set to begin in late spring, the project will include a complete resurfacing of Rockside Road between the I-271/I-480 bridge and Aurora Road. The city was awarded \$250,000 in funding from Cuyahoga County's Local Resurfacing Program to support the project.

Infrastructure & Capital Improvements Chairwoman Danielle Henderson also introduced a series of motions authorizing the city to advertise for bids for several other infrastructure projects, including: Mueti Drive resurfacing, Fargo Avenue resurfacing, and various asphalt, concrete and catch basin repairs.

Also approved at Monday's meeting was an ordinance which authorizes Mayor Phillip Stevens to enter into an agreement with NOPEC, Inc., and take all necessary steps to accept funds from the 2025 NOPEC Energized Community Grant. The Energized Community Grant helps NOPEC member communities implement energy-saving or energy infrastructure measures.

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Council also appointed a new assistant clerk of council. Council members Enid Thomas and Michael Willis both expressed concerns about the appointment process, particularly the fact that candidates are not interviewed by all members of council. Both Thomas and Willis called for a more inclusive and transparent selection process moving forward.

Committee Reports

Mayor Phillips celebrated a successful Career Fair at Bedford High School, where city staff shared their work experiences with students and recruited students for summer jobs. Stevens also invited the public to attend the groundbreaking of the new Pre-K - 2 school being constructed behind the existing middle school; the date of the groundbreaking will be announced shortly.

Safety Committee Chairman Lloyd Anderson announced that the city has begun receiving income for temporary inmate housing at the Bedford Heights jail, with approximately \$10,000 received from other communities so far. Anderson also addressed residents' concerns about speeding, particularly on residential streets. Anderson and Mayor Stevens discussed the city's deployment of speed bumps on the streets with the greatest need. Stevens expressed a desire to increase the number of speed bumps installed in the city, but is also considering most cost-effective options, such as flashing caution signs or speed indicators.

Garfield Heights Council

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Legislation passed

Also at Monday's meeting, council passed the following:

- To participate in the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District programs to secure funding for the Maplerow and E. 126 St. Sewer Separation Project.

- To participate in the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District programs to secure funding for the I-480 Sanitary Sewer Crossing Project which will repair and replace sanitary sewer lines under I-480.

- To approve a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the city and the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc. - jailers, jail commander and records clerk, for a term beginning on January 1, 2025, and ending on December 31, 2027.

- To approve a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the city and the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc. - safety dispatchers, for a term beginning on January 1, 2025, and ending on December 31, 2027.

- To apply for and accept a Training and Equipment Grant from the Ohio Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Medical Services - for the purchase of necessary firefighting equipment in the amount of approximately \$3000.

- To adopt the Solid Waste Management plan for the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management District.

The next meeting of Garfield Heights Council will be held on Monday, June 9, at 7 p.m.

Plants in the Park Sale

Plants In the Park, the annual plant sale of Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County, will be held Saturday, May 31, from 9 a.m to 1 p.m., at Kiwanis Pavilion, 6363 Selig Dr., Independence. Grown perennials, trees, shrubs and houseplants will be for sale. New plants will be stocked all day. Great Prices! Expert help in finding the perfect plant, pots, tools, lawn art. Have your questions answered by an OSU trained Master Gardener volunteer.

Death Notices

DENIS W. VANEK

Denis W. Vanek, 90, of Cuyahoga Heights, passed away May 8, 2025. Beloved husband of over 40 years to the late Leona (nee Lotarski); loving father of Greg Vanek (Denise) and Kim Pallini (Don); cherished grandfather of Nicholas Pallini. Companion of Marilyn Duszynski in his later years.



Denis loved the outdoors and was an avid birder. He enjoyed spending time in the National Parks and traveled extensively to explore the natural beauty of other countries. He was a generous contributor to the Sierra Club and the National Audubon Society. In retirement, his love of birds was brought to life in the form of many wood carvings. Denis was an enthusiastic Cleveland sports fan.

The family will receive friends for a memorial service on Wednesday, May 14, 2025 from 5 to 7 p.m., at Fortuna Funeral Home, 7076 Brecksville Rd., Independence, Ohio 44131.

CityMusic concert at St. Stanislaus Church

The CityMusic Cleveland Chamber Orchestra featuring the CityMusic Community Choir will perform on Saturday, May 17, at the Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus, 3649 E. 65 St., Cleveland, at 7:30 p.m. The concert is free.



2025 HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE GRANT

Application Submission Period: May 19 thru June 27, 2025

Grant Limit: \$2,500

Program Guidelines (include but not limited to the following)

- Applications can be picked up and submitted in the City's Economic Development Dept. Monday – Wednesday from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM throughout the application submission period.
- Property taxes must be current at time of application.
- Property must be the owner's primary residence for at least one year at time of application.
- Grant funds cannot be used to address open/current Point-of-Sale violations.
- Applicant must have current homeowner's insurance policy on property.
- A homeowner contribution of 5% of the total project cost OR the overage above grant amount is required, whichever is greater.
- Applicant must obtain two (2) comparable project estimates for repair.
- Eligible Project included, but are not limited to: Gutters, Roofs, Painting, Windows, Doors, Stairs and Driveways.
- **Full Program Guidelines are available at: www.garfieldhts.org's Economic Development, Building Dept. & Community web pages.**



Household gross income must be at or below the federally established income limits:

1: \$55,650	5: \$85,900
2: \$63,600	6: \$92,250
3: \$71,550	7: \$98,600
4: \$79,500	8: \$104,950



Website:
www.garfieldhts.org

Economic Development
216-475-5484

Community police reports

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

Garfield Heights

Traffic Offense-OVI

•On May 2, at 11:20 p.m., an officer on routine patrol in the Broadway Ave., Park Dr. area was almost struck head-on by a white GMC truck going left of center on Broadway. The officer activated his lights and sirens as the truck continued to go left of center. It eventually stopped just west of Henry St. The officer told the driver that he had almost hit his patrol vehicle, but the driver said he was not aware of the incident. He was slow in answering the officer's questions and appeared to have red, glossy eyes. He was asked to exit his vehicle but now stated he did not speak English. He was again commanded to step out of his truck but again refused. He finally got out of his truck and the officer could smell alcohol on his person. The driver admitted to drinking a few beers and refused to take a Standard Field Sobriety Test. The officer told him a Spanish-speaking officer was on his way but the suspect said he didn't need him. He was cited for lanes of travel and OVI.

•On May 11, at about 11:22 p.m., an officer on patrol observed a motor vehicle accident involving three cars, a Kia Sorrento, Mercedes GLC 300 and a Chevrolet Captiva. The Kia and Mercedes had hit a telephone pole on Turney and both had severe front damage and airbags deployed. The Captiva was facing west at a stop sign at Lincoln Ave. at Turney Rd., with a female driver inside. EMS was dispatched to check her for injuries. The driver of the Kia started to yell at the driver of the Mercedes and continued to act irate and disorderly, yelling in the face of the officer. She had slurred speech and was having difficulty standing upright without swaying as she continued yelling and arguing. Police got information from the other two drivers and they were sent on their way. The Kia driver, after field sobriety testing, was arrested for OVI without incident.

Menacing

On May 5, shortly before 1:30 p.m., an officer spoke with the manager of Walgreens, 12777 Rockside Rd., who reported a male had come into the store, reloaded a money card and started screaming and yelling at the store staff, saying things like, "You f----- with the wrong person," and "You don't know who you are messing with." He then told the staff he was going to shoot them all and left the store. He was described as a black male, 5'11," wearing a black hat and dark clothing. A photo of the male was attached to the report.

Criminal Damage-Auto

•On May 6, at 2:32 p.m., an officer responded to the back parking lot of Weldon PC, 5829 Turney Rd., for a report of damage to unoccupied vehicles. Prior to that call, GHPD was informed there were about 50 juveniles fighting in that same parking lot. The officer met with two complainants whose cars were damaged. A female victim said she had driven her sister's car to work, a black Ford Fusion, which had damage to the rear right passenger door. It had a dent nearly as big as the door and a smaller one on the rear right bumper. A male victim said he had driven his wife's car to work, a Toyota Prius, which had scratches to the rear right passenger door. It was suspected that the damage to both cars was caused by the 50 juveniles who were fighting. At the time of the report there were no known suspects.

•On May 7, at about 8:50 a.m., an officer responded to Platinum Carriers, 12325 Broadway Ave., where the manager said there were three vehicles in the front lot that had broken out windows. The vehicles belong to truck drivers who are on the road and park their cars there while they are gone. The incident occurred between about 1:13 a.m., and 1:25 a.m. The suspect vehicle was a white 2019

Kia Forte captured on the business surveillance system. The Kia was confirmed to be a stolen vehicle which was later used to steal another vehicle. The suspects appear to be males in their late teens or early twenties. After the incident at Platinum Carriers, the Kia parked briefly across the street in the southeastern corner of the parking lot at 12400 Broadway Ave. before leaving. The officer located in that lot a silver 2019 Dodge Ram with the rear right window broken out. It is currently unknown what was taken from each vehicle. The report will be suspended until the suspects' identities are discovered.

Drug Abuse

On May 10, at 2:51 a.m., Garfield units were dispatched to a home in the 11400 block of Andover Blvd. to assist the fire department with an active basement fire. While enroute, dispatch advised police that a male on scene had an active felony domestic violence warrant with GHPD. Officers arrived and found everyone in the house had been evacuated and was safe. The male with a warrant was detained and was found to have a suspected crack pipe with residue and mini butane torch in his pocket. He was taken to city jail and arrested for his felony domestic violence warrant and charged with drug abuse instruments. Fire department notified dispatch that a suspected meth lab was located in the basement of the house and that the Ohio Fire Marshal's Office had been advised.

Correction

A headline in last week's Neighborhood News incorrectly stated that Garfield Heights Council had created the city's first ever grant program for home repairs.

The city actually has had home repair grant programs under several past administrations. We regret the error.

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By order of the Council of the City of Maple Heights, sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Agent, at Maple Heights City Hall, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio 44137, until **12:00 Noon, local time, on the 22nd day of May, 2025** for the “**Southwest Quadrant Sewer Repairs-Phase 3 Project**” in the City of Maple Heights, Ohio, NO FAXED COPIES ACCEPTED.

The bid documents, specifications and drawings may be examined without charge online at www.evelimited.plancycle.com. To become a Registered Bidder, documents, specifications and drawings must be purchased at either www.evelimited.plancycle.com, SE Blueprint at 2035 Hamilton Avenue Cleveland, OH 44114 or SE Blueprint at 520 South Main Street, Suite 2411 Akron, OH 44311 at the cost of \$100.00 + tax and delivery which includes bid registration, one hard copy set of the bid package and one complete set of pdf files. Additional sets of bid documents can also be ordered online at www.evelimited.plancycle.com or by emailing seblue@seblueprint.com, calling 216-241-2250 or visiting an SE Blueprint location.

Each bidder is required to furnish with its proposal, a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in accordance with Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. Bid security furnished in Bond form, shall be issued by a Surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety. Each bid must be made upon the Proposal Form provided in the set of specifications and must be accompanied by a bank check or cashier's check drawn on a solvent bank in Cuyahoga County in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount bid, or a bid bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the amount bid, as a guarantee that if said bid is accepted, a contract will be entered into and a Surety Bond satisfactory to said City in an amount equal to 100% of the total bid will be furnished. Checks shall be made payable to the City of Maple Heights, Ohio.

Each Proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. Each bidder must submit evidence of its experiences on projects of similar size and complexity. The owner intends and requires that this project be completed no later than **June 1st, 2026**.

Bids will be opened and read at the time and place stated above. Those who submitted Proposals or their representatives are invited to attend.

All contractors and subcontractors involved with the project will to the extent practicable use Ohio products, materials, services, and labor in the implementation of their project. Additionally, contractor compliance with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 123 is required.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Cuyahoga County and the City of Maple Heights, Ohio as determined by the Ohio Department of Commerce, Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration, 614.644.2239.

The right is reserved to accept any bidder, to reject any or all bids, and to waive informalities should it be deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Maple Heights to do so.

Bids are to be submitted in accordance with the plans and specifications on file in the office of the Purchasing Agent. Sealed bids must be marked, "**SOUTHWEST QUADRANT SEWER REPAIRS-PHASE 3 PROJECT**"

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VILLAGE OF WALTON HILLS

PUBLIC NOTICE GRANT PROPOSAL

The Village of Walton Hills, which is a public body, intends to submit a Proposal for a capital grant under the provision of 49 USC Section 5310 of the Federal Transit Act to provide transportation service for the elderly and disable within Northeast Ohio & Summit County. The grant Proposal will request a Wheelchair accessible van.

It is projected that approximately 35/month elderly and handicapped will use the service Monday through Friday (some Saturdays and Sundays as well) for various activities, including transportation to drug stores, doctor's offices, supermarkets, and the airport. The Village of Walton Hills invites comments and proposals from all interested public, private and paratransit operators including taxi operators, for the provision of transportation service to the elderly and disabled with our service area.

Operators who are interested in offering proposals to provide service should contact Nickol Sell at the Village of Walton Hills, 7595 Walton Road, Walton Hills, Ohio 44146, to obtain full details of the type of transportation service that is needed prior to preparing a proposal.

Written comments or proposals must be submitted within 30 days to the agency at the above address with a copy to the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, 1299 Superior Street E, Cleveland, OH 44114; Attention: Leah Telepak re: Section 5310-Public Notice.

The Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 20th, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. at:

Walton Hills Village Hall
Village Hall Council Chambers
7595 Walton Road
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the Future Forum Solution-Seeking Series for County Council District 8 on Thursday, May 15, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the Garfield Heights Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 5409 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights.

Special guest will be Pernel Jones, Jr., County Council representative from District 8. All District 8 residents are invited to join Chairman Dave Brock and guests for a post-election debriefing and Q&A session.

Free meals for kids at Broadway Boys & Girls Club

Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Ohio is participating in the Summer Food Service Program at Club sites in Lorain, Cuyahoga, Erie and Huron counties. Locally, meals will be provided to all eligible children free of charge at the Broadway Club, 6114 Broadway Ave., Cleveland, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. for breakfast, and 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. for lunch, Monday through Friday.

To be eligible to receive free meals, children must be a member of a Club. Membership is free. Meals will be provided on a first come, first served basis.

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T-ball is for any child who will be age 5-7 years old on or before July 1, 2025.

Birth certificates are required for all players at the time of registration. Only a parent or legal guardian can register a child. All residents must bring in 2 current proofs of residency, consisting of 2 current utility bills, bank statement or pay stub showing name & address.

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 will have open hour to accommodate everyone. The season will run from June through July and play on average twice a week.

Remaining open office hours for registration are:
May 13 & 16, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. only
May 19 & 20 – 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 17 – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. only
(May 21 & 22 - late fee will be applied)

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.

Tired of renting? Want to own a home?

Third Federal Savings and Loan, the City of Garfield Heights, and Cleveland Clinic are hosting an informal discussion on Homebuyer Education.

Join us Wednesday, June 11 for a free home buying seminar at the Garfield Heights Library.
6:00 PM-7:30 PM

- ✓ Steps to Homeownership
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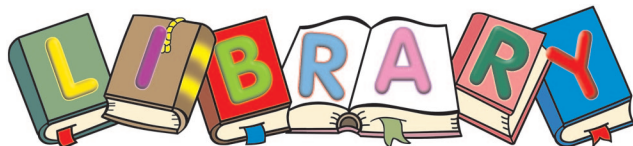
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THESE NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCHES WELCOME YOU

Garfield Heights United Methodist Church
4977 Turney Road
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Worship Sundays at 11:30am
In Church and on Facebook Live
Pastor Andrew Scott

St. Monica Church
13623 Rockside Road
Garfield Heights 216-662-8685
Pastor: Rev. John J. Mullee
Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm
Sunday Mass: 9:00 am and 10:45 am
All Mass times are Live streamed.

The Neighborhood News will publicize your Church Community Event one time at No Charge when your church has a \$12 listing in our Church Directory. Call Mary at 216-441-2141 for more information.



SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Garfield Heights Branch Library

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

ADULT PROGRAMS

Innovation Center Orientation Learn about the equipment and policies of the Innovation Centers throughout Cuyahoga County Public Library. Attending this orientation allows users to utilize the Innovation Centers throughout the library system. For adults 18 years and older. Upcoming sessions: Thursday, May 15, 6-7 p.m.; Saturday, May 31, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Registration required.

Tuesday Evening Book Discussion Join us for our monthly book discussion. This month's title is "Golden Gate" by Amy Chua. Tuesday, May 20, 6-7 p.m.

Photoshop Basics Learn basic photo editing and features in Adobe Photoshop. Thursday, May 22, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Registration required.

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. Tuesday, May 27, 6-8 p.m.

TEENS

Teens Create: Craft & Cake This is a two-part program. In part one, teens will design a mug in the Innovation Center. In part two, teens will make a mug cake in their mugs. Thursday, May 15, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Registration required.

Teen Tuesday Meet up with friends and enjoy trying a new activity each month. Tuesday, May 20, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

CHILDREN and FAMILIES

Spring Fling Preschool Prom Children ages birth - 6 years, with a caregiver, can join us for music, movement and fun! Dance with your little one, take photos, and wear your best fancy clothes! Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Registration required.

La Hora del Cuento: Spanish Language Storytime Participate in this Spanish storytime with rhymes, songs, games, movement, puppets and stories in Spanish. The lead artist helps with translations in English. Monday, May 19, 6-6:30 p.m.

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.

Ellenwood Book Discussion -Adults. Wednesday, May 14, 2 p.m. Attend our monthly book discussion held at the Ellenwood Community Center, 124 Ellenwood Ave., Bedford. Copies of the book will be available at the Bedford Branch and at the Ellenwood Center one month before the date of the discussion. May 14: "The Supremes at Earl's All-You-Can-Eat" by Edward Kelsey Moore.

Black Barbie: Documentary Screening and Discussion -Adults. Monday, May 19, 6 p.m. Tracing the origin of the first Black Barbie doll to the filmmaker's

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The bid documents, specifications and drawings may be examined without charge online at www.cvelimited.plancycle.com. To become a Registered Bidder, documents, specifications and drawings must be purchased at either www.cvelimited.plancycle.com, SE Blueprint at 2035 Hamilton Avenue Cleveland, OH 44114 or SE Blueprint at 520 South Main Street, Suite 2411 Akron, OH 44311 at the cost of \$100.00 + tax and delivery which includes bid registration, one hard copy set of the bid package and one complete set of pdf files. Additional sets of bid documents can also be ordered online at www.cvelimited.plancycle.com or by emailing seblue@seblueprint.com, calling 216-241-2250 or visiting an SE Blueprint location.

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Each Proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. Each bidder must submit evidence of its experiences on projects of similar size and complexity.

Bids will be opened and read at the time and place stated above. Those who submitted Proposals or their representatives are invited to attend.

The Asphalt and Concrete Repairs Maple Heights Senior Center Accessibility Project Phase 1 is partially funded by the Cuyahoga County Department of Development Block Grant Program. A bidder/contractor will be deemed committed to the Department of Labor's goals and timetables for the Cleveland, Ohio area as specified in the Notice of Requirements for Affirmative Action to ensure Equal Employment Opportunity Executive Order 11246 by submitting a properly signed bid. Each bidder must ensure that all employees and applicants for the employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability or veteran status.

A copy of the Bid Specification package for the Asphalt and Concrete Repairs Maple Heights Senior Center Accessibility Project Phase 1 will be available for review by all potential bidders at the offices of the Cuyahoga County Department of Development located at 2079 East Ninth Street., 7th floor office 7-303, Cleveland, Ohio 44115.

Small Business Enterprises (SBE's) are encouraged to participate on this project. The goal for SBE participation is 35% of total contract award for this project.

A Pre-bid Conference for the Asphalt and Concrete Repairs Maple Heights Senior Center Accessibility Project Phase 1 will be held at 1:00 P.M. local time on the 22nd day of May, 2025 in the 1st Floor Meeting Room at the Maple Heights Senior Center, 15901 Libby Road, Maple Heights, Ohio 44137 for all interested parties. Information will be disseminated concerning proper completion of bid package documents.

The right is reserved to accept any bidder, to reject any or all bids, and to waive informalities should it be deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Maple Heights to do so.

Bids are to be submitted in accordance with the plans and specifications on file in the office of the Purchasing Agent. Sealed bids must be marked, **"ASPHALT AND CONCRETE REPAIRS MAPLE HEIGHTS SENIOR CENTER ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT PHASE 1"**

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Mobile Pantry -Free, fresh produce distribution. Wednesday, May 21, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Cuyahoga County Public Library is collaborating with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank to distribute free, fresh produce to those in need. First come, first-served basis, adults of any age, zip code, income level. Each vehicle can have up to 4 "families" (such as if single seniors are riding together). Vehicles are preferred over walk-ups for safety reasons.

Mason Jar Luminaries -Adults. Saturday, May 24, 2 p.m. Transform ordinary Mason jars into beautiful luminaries using stencils and faux etched glass paint! We'll provide all the materials and instructions to create a unique handmade piece. **MUST REGISTER**

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African American Authors Book Group -In-Person or Virtual. All Adults Are Welcome on Thursday, May 29, 7 p.m. The African American Authors Book Group meets the last Thursday of the month. May Title: "Swift River" by Essie Chambers. When a Black teenage girl receives a letter from a relative she's never met, key elements of her father's life are uncovered, and she is introduced to two generations of African American Newberry women, whose lives span the 20th century and reveal a much larger picture of prejudice and abandonment, of love and devotion. As pieces of their shared past become clearer, she gains a sense of her place in the world and in her family. But how will what she's learned of the past change her future? This novel comes in many formats: regular print, book on CD, eBook and as an eAudio book.

Preschool Prom -Preschoolers and their families. Saturday, May 31, 2 p.m. Join us for a fun event with crafts, snacks and music. Dressing up is encouraged! Don't forget to sign up for Summer Reading. **MUST REGISTER**

Family Storytime - All ages with caregiver. Mondays, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 6 p.m. Join us for stories, songs and fingerplays.

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Last month Bishop Edward Malesic, head of the Cleveland Catholic Diocese, issued a decree declaring that the parish of Our Lady of Hope, 400 Center Rd., Bedford, would be merged in an "extinctive union" with the parish of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, 340 Union St., Bedford, meaning that OLH "is extinguished and subsumed into St. Mary Parish."

In the decree the bishop said that a thorough study of the condition of OLH parish had been instituted in 2023 by the pastor, Rev. Joseph Seebauer, who is also pastor at St. Mary's, and it was found that OLH parish had "experienced a significant decline in Mass attendance and celebration of the sacraments, has limited resources and is operating at a yearly financial deficit," and concluding "there is no longer a need for two distinct parishes in close geographical proximity."

The closing Mass at Our Lady of Hope will be on Saturday, May 31, 2025, with Bishop Edward Malesic as the main celebrant. Fr. Seebauer and Associate Fr. Dennis

Mrosso and other priests who have served OLH will also concelebrate the final Mass. There will be light refreshments served in the Social Hall immediately following the Mass. Any graduates of Pius X School who want to tour the school upstairs are welcome to do so.

Welcoming Masses at St. Mary

On Saturday, May 17, there will be a welcoming Mass at Saint Mary at 4 p.m., where parishioners from OLH can ask to have their parish registration transferred to Saint Mary. A second welcoming Mass at Saint Mary will be held on Sunday, May 18, 10 a.m.. Again, parishioners from OLH can transfer their parish registrations to Saint Mary as well as sign up for parish ministries or organizations after both Masses.

Cleveland Public Library - Fleet Branch programs

Fleet Campus, 7224 Broadway Ave., Cleveland, is hosting some wonderful FREE programs this month for youth, adults and families. For more information or to register for any programs, please call 216-623-6962.

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

Sand Art Craft - School Age. Monday, May 19, 3-4 p.m.

Banned Book Coffee Chats - Adults. Wednesday, May 21, noon-1 p.m. This month's title will be "The Color Purple" by Alice Walker. Limited copies of the book will be available to check out.

Fix-It CLE - Saturday, May 24, 2 p.m. Have a broken item or piece of clothing that needs repair? Come to a free workshop where coaches teach and assist you with repairs.

Used Book Sale - May 27, 28 and 31, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Please come browse through our large selection of Books, DVD's and Music CDs. Cash only. On the last day, fill up a bag of materials for \$10 each. NO LIMIT!

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- one (1) open position to complete the unexpired term ending **May 31, 2026**
- one (1) open position for the term expiring **May 31, 2030**

The Planning and Zoning Commission consists of five (5) qualified electors of the City not holding any other official position in the Municipality, who have resided in the City not less than two (2) years prior to appointment, and who shall retain such residency during their appointed term.

Completed application forms are to be submitted only to the **Clerk of Council Office**, Maple Heights City Hall, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio, 44137 or via e-mail to lcicirella@mapleheightsohio.com. **The deadline for submission of said applications will be 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 19, 2025.** For further information, call the Clerk's office at (216) 587-9000.

Leonette Cicirella Johnson
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City of Maple Heights

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