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MEMORIAL DAY

MAY 26, 2025

It was a picture perfect weather day for observances of Memorial Day 2025 in the cities and villages throughout The Neighborhood News readership area.

In Garfield Heights, in ceremonies following the parade to Veterans Plaza by the Garfield Heights Civic Center, veterans, residents and officials came to honor those who had made the ultimate sacrifice in the cause of freedom.

Bill Glover of American Legion Post 304 in Garfield Heights, served as Master of Ceremonies at the event, with Samera Brooks singing "The National Anthem." After a welcoming from Mayor Matt Burke, Buffalo Soldiers Carl "Four Wars" Carter, Jermaine "Professor J." Crayton, David "Colonel" Brown and Michael "Gawad" Montigue spoke to those attending.

Flowers were placed at the memorial by Gold Star Mothers Terri Davis and Judy Waters, and Isabella Castillo sang "God Bless America" while Robert Foster, representing Sons of American Legion Post 304, conducted the flag raising.

Thanks go out to the many people who made this such a memorable tribute, including the Memorial Day Committee: P.L.A.V. Post #157, American Legion Post #304, and P.A.V.A. Post #152.

For photos of the Garfield Heights Memorial Day observance, taken by Garfield Heights resident and civic activist Wendy Walters, see Page 5 of this newspaper.

Donna Smith is Cleveland's Ward 12 Senior of the Year

The City of Cleveland celebrated the city's amazing Cleveland seniors during the 35th annual Cleveland Senior Day last Tuesday, May 20, in Cleveland Public Auditorium. This tradition honors our older residents through events and programming and recognizes the positive impact they have made in our community.

Donna Smith, the beloved "Queen of Fleet Avenue" and president of the Slavic Village Gardeners, was awarded the Senior of the Year award for Cleveland's Ward 12. She won the accolade for her years of diligent work maintaining the street planters along Fleet Avenue, as well as for inspiring fellow residents to develop public green spaces throughout the neighborhood.

She is shown (center) with Ward 12 Councilwoman Rebecca Maurer and Mayor Justin Bibb.



Bedford City Council May 19th meeting update

By Ellen Psenicka

Bedford City Council met last Monday, May 19, and took the following action on proposed ordinances and resolutions:

Legislation passed

- An ordinance adjusting the cost of new meters by amending the Streets, Utilities and Public Services Code entitled "Charges for Installation of Meters and Service Connections" for water in the city.

- An ordinance authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract with Sirna Construction, Inc. for the right-of-way repairs at and around 890

Broadway Ave., near Union St., and declaring an emergency.

Portions of the public sidewalks there are damaged and in need of repair. Multiple driveway aprons need to be removed. The city manager and service director recommended Sirna Construction as the lowest and best quote, in the amount of \$35,899, to make the needed repairs and create a greenspace at the site.

On second reading

- Assessing the expense of garbage/refuse collection, recycling and disposal in the city. The finance director has determined that the applicable monthly rate beginning July 1, 2025, is \$20 for a single-family residential unit, \$40 for a two-dwelling residential unit, and \$60 for a three-family residential unit, all a slight increase in the current rates.

- Declaring the necessity to improve street lighting in the city.

- Proceeding with improved lighting for streets in the city.

- Levying special assessments for the improvement of lighting on streets and public places in the city. The levy will be at a rate of \$1.60 per each \$100 of tax valuation for tax year 2025 for lots and lands bounding and abutting said improvements.

On first reading

- Approving and accepting the proposed 2025 tax budget for the period Jan. 1, 2026, to Dec. 31, 2026.

Cuyahoga Valley Genealogical Society to meet June 2; will hear hometown author speak on Cleveland neighborhood taverns throughout history

The Cuyahoga Valley Genealogical Society will meet on Monday, June 2, at 7 p.m., at the Independence Civic Center's Willow Room, 6363 Selig Dr., Independence. Members and the interested public are welcome to attend.

Tom Kaschalk will present "Cleveland Neighborhood Taverns: A Pub Crawl Through History." Cleveland's neighborhood taverns are more than just places to grab a drink - they are living places of history, filled with stories of immigrants, entrepreneurs and everyday people who built the city. From the frontier saloons of the 1800s to the vibrant, family-run bars of the 20th century, these watering holes were the heart of their communities.

Tom Kaschalk was born and raised on Cleveland's southeast side and shares his passion for the city's rich history as the founder of My Cleveland History.

All are welcome. Coffee and refreshments will be served. For more information contact Cuyahogavalleygensociety@gmail.com

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LIBRARIES PLAN SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Bedford (Bedford Heights/Oakwood Village) Branch Library

Here are some of the **FREE** programs coming up at the Bedford Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, located at 70 Columbus Rd., Bedford, Ohio 44146. For more information, or to register for any program, please call 440-439-4997.

Mobile Pantry - Free, fresh produce distribution. **Wednesday, June 18, 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.

The African American Authors Book Group. In-Person or Virtual — All Adults Welcome. Thursday, June 26, 7 p.m. The African American Authors Book Group meets the last Thursday of the month. June Title: "In A League of Her Own: A Novel," by Kaia Alderson. This historical fiction novel is based on the untold story of Effa Manley, a black businesswoman in the male dominated baseball industry in the 1930-1940s. Currently she is the only woman inducted into the Baseball

Hall of Fame. She co-owned the Newark Eagles baseball franchise in the Negro leagues with her husband, Abe Manley, from 1935 to 1948.

Cleveland Public Library: Fleet Branch

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.

Summer Lunch – Ages 1-18. Every Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cleveland Foodbank's afternoon summer lunch program.

Cleveland Reads – School age. June 10, 12, 17, 18, 24 and 26, 1-3 p.m. Cleveland Reads literacy program invites young readers and thinkers to ignite their imagination and fuel their love for learning. This year the theme is "100% Curious: Question, Explore, Discover." Youth can attend interactive programs at the library based on history over the decades every week and log their reading all summer long for the chance to earn exciting prizes! Please visit clevelandreads.com for more details.

Monthly Movies – School age. Tuesday, June 3, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Youth Book Club – School age. Wednesday, June 4, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Journaling/Mindfulness – School age. Mondays, June 9 & 23, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

The Flow – Adults & Seniors. Thursday, June 12, 1 p.m. Please join CPL's Fine Arts and Special Collection librarians for a beginner's workshop on watercolor techniques

and practices. Art supplies will be provided. Light refreshments will be served.

Banned Book Coffee Chats – Adults. Wednesday, June 18, 12-1 p.m. This month's title acknowledges PRIDE Month with "All Boys Aren't Blue" by George M. Johnson. Limited copies of the book will be available to check out. Coffee will be served.

Preschool Storytime – Ages 3-5. Thursday, June 26, 4-4:30 p.m.

Book to Movie Matinee – Families. Saturday, June 28, 12-2 p.m. This month's book to film will be "The Great Mouse Detective" by Eve Titus and Cathy Hapka. Limited copies of the book will be available to check out. Refreshments will be served.

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

Photoshop Photo Retouching Learn advanced techniques for retouching images in Adobe Photoshop; participants should have some knowledge of Photoshop. Monday, June 2, 1-3 p.m. Registration required.

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: Tuesday, June 10, 6-7 p.m.; Saturday, June 21, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Registration required.


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SATURDAY	AUGUST 2	8 AM - 1 PM

Bedford Council update

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This resolution allows the county auditor to set the property tax rate for next year at the same rate it has been in the past at 21.7 mills.

• Requesting the county auditor to advance taxes from the proceeds of tax levies for the year 2025 collected in 2026.

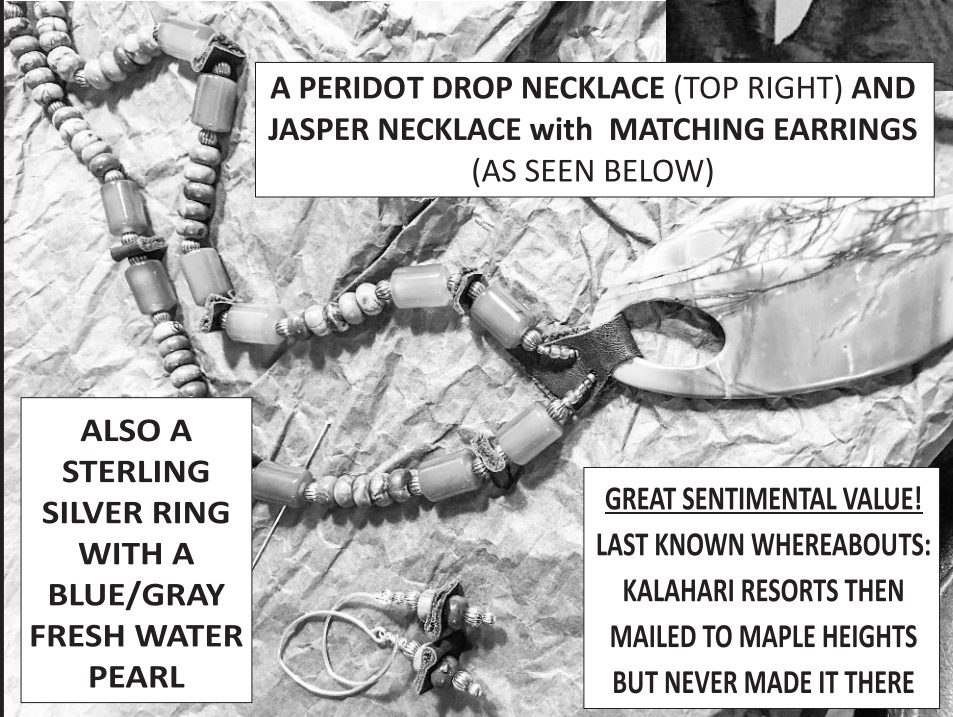
It was also announced at the meeting that fees for all exterior residential permits for owner-occupied single family dwellings will once again be waived during the month of June, although permits still have to be issued by the city.

As is the usual custom, there will be only one meeting of Bedford Council during the summer months: June 2, July 7 and August 4.

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Community police reports

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

Garfield Heights

Theft

On May 20, at 1:27 p.m., officers were dispatched to Aldi, 12782 Rockside Rd., for a report of a shoplifter who left the store without paying for two jugs of Gain laundry detergent. He was last seen walking east towards Turney Rd. An officer spotted a man matching the suspect's description walking east on Milo Rd., near E. 140 St. He was stopped by the officer and was shown to have two outstanding arrest warrants, one with Garfield Heights PD and one with Cleveland PD. He was put in handcuffs and while the officer escorted him to his police cruiser the suspect pulled away and attempted to flee. The officer took him to the ground and he was then taken to city jail. He did not have the laundry detergent, valued at \$31.88, on him when arrested. He told police he left the two jugs of detergent outside the store on the north side of the building near a garbage can. Police could not locate the Gain. City camera footage showed the suspect walk across Turney Rd. with the Gain, then enter a black pickup truck which drove south on Turney Rd. The suspect was charged with theft and resisting arrest. Also held for warrant with Garfield Heights Municipal Court.

Weapon Offense

On May 22, at about 10:37 a.m., an officer was working as the Garfield Heights High School resource officer when he was alerted from school security and principal that a male student possibly had a firearm in his bookbag. The school security officer said the student came into school and placed his bookbag on a metal detector imaging scanner which gave an alert to an object that appeared to look like a firearm. On the scanner photo can be seen the outline of a firearm and bullets stacked up where the magazine well is. The security officer notified the principal who took the bookbag and brought it to the resource officer. The resource officer placed the student suspect in handcuffs while the principal looked inside the bookbag. School policy allows that all persons and property are subject to search. The principal observed a semi-automatic handgun in plain view in the main pocket of the bookbag. There were 11 rounds in the magazine but no round in the chamber. The student was arrested for illegal conveyance or possession of a deadly weapon in a school safety zone and taken to Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Center. Court paperwork was dropped off to his mother.

Traffic Offense-Fleeing

On May 21, while stopped at the stop sign on Grand Division and Warner Rd., a patrol officer observed a red

Hyundai sedan bearing Washington plates with two male passengers inside traveling south on Warner Rd., then turning around and going back to Warner Rd. north-bound where they just came from. After running the Hyundai's registration, the vehicle came back as stolen. The patrol officer continued to follow the Hyundai north on Warner Rd. into Cleveland. The vehicle made several turns before it made a right turn onto Ella Ave., going the wrong way on the one-way street. The officer initiated a traffic stop as a safety precaution. The Hyundai failed to comply and started to flee as it turned from Ella onto Turney Rd., going south into Maple Heights. The patrol officer continued to pursue the vehicle until it turned around in the cul-de-sac on Valley Ranch and almost hit the patrol car as it continued to flee. At this time the pursuit was terminated.

A short time after the pursuit was terminated, another patrol officer was touring the area and found the stolen Hyundai parked in front of a house on Thraves with a damaged steering column and a broken ignition. The officer found some masks and gloves in the center console and an Ohio license plate in the glove box, which appeared in LEADS as stolen as well. Both the vehicle and license plate located in the glove box were confirmed stolen out of Cleveland. No further information on the two suspects. Report forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

Breaking & Entering

On May 23, an Eastwood Blvd. resident came to the station to report a breaking and entering of her garage. She told an officer that between May 22, at 9:15 p.m., and May 23, at 7:30 a.m., someone went into her garage and stole a patio furniture set, a new bedroom set in boxes from Rent A Center and a red lawn mower. She believes she may have left her garage door open. She was advised to contact her insurance company.

Juvenile/Obstructing

On May 23, at 2:47 p.m., officers were dispatched to Turney Town Shopping Center for a report of 50 juveniles fighting in the parking lot. When police arrived they saw the juveniles were yelling at each other and getting into aggressive stances close to one another's faces. Officers repeatedly activated their emergency sirens and lights and used loud speakers to order everyone to disperse, but juveniles barely responded to police commands and some

completely ignored them. One black male juvenile was observed by dispatch to possibly be handling a weapon. Officers approached him and he began to run at full sprint through the parking lot but was cut off by one of the officers. He was secured in handcuffs and was checked for weapons with negative results. The remaining officers tracked down two other juveniles in the area that he may have passed off a suspected weapon to but no weapons were found on them and they were released. Police transported the suspect juvenile to GHPD jail where he was booked and released to his mother, who explained that her son was just released from Juvenile Detention and served six months from a homicide-related incident that took place in Cleveland. Report to be forwarded to the Juvenile Detective Bureau for obstructing officer business charges.

Call Crime Stoppers with anonymous tips

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Frank Wagner attends annual Party with Marty event

Garfield Heights Democratic City Leader Frank J. Wagner and family attended the 29th annual Party with Marty, hosted by Cuyahoga County Councilman Martin Sweeney, on Thursday, May 22, at the Aviator Event Center, formerly known as the 100th Bomber Group on Brookpark Rd.

The event was well attended with over 300 guests which included County Executive Chris Ronayne, County Democratic Chairman David Brock, fellow county council members, numerous judges, area mayors and business leaders from throughout the



City Leader Frank Wagner & Martin Sweeney

area. Wagner was accompanied by his wife, Kathy, daughters Amber and April, grandsons Jason and Johnny, and granddaughter Alyanna.

“I was really proud to be there representing the city of Garfield Heights and supporting my good friend Marty Sweeney, as he has said time and again, “It’s all about good government and helping people.”



All programs are free unless marked otherwise. For questions or to register for programs, please visit clevelandmetroparks.com or call CanalWay Center at 216-206-1000.

CANALWAY CENTER - OHIO & ERIE CANAL RESERVATION

June 1-30: Hunt of the Month - Lightning Bugs. Do you ever spend your summer enjoying lightning bugs in your neighborhood? Come to CanalWay Center this

month and hunt for 20 hidden lightning bugs in our center to brighten your day. 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

June 1: Canal Days. Construction on the Ohio and Erie Canal began in 1825. Come join us as we celebrate the 200th anniversary of that undertaking. Displays, activities and crafts will help share the story of the many types of workers who created our canal. Take a cart tour to Lock 40 and the Mill Creek Aquaduct. There will also be music, theatrical presentations, refreshments and more. All events take place along the towpath behind CanalWay Center. Shuttles will be available for those who need a little help up or down the hill to the canal. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Terrain: paved, grass, inclines.

June 7: Senses in the Woods Hike. Join a naturalist to hike the woods of the Ohio and Erie Canal Reservation. We will take a mountain biking and hiking trail through the north woods of the park to immerse ourselves in nature and utilize our five senses. The upcoming summer weather will have the forest full of different things to see, hear, smell, touch and taste. 2-4 p.m. CanalWay Center. Terrain: natural surfaces, some change in elevation, 2.5 miles.

GARFIELD PARK RESERVATION

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE BUDGET HEARING

A budget hearing for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026 will be held at 6:30 p.m. on June 2, 2025 in the Council Chambers of the Bedford City Hall, 165 Center Road, Bedford, Ohio. The residents of the City of Bedford are invited to provide written and oral comments and ask questions concerning the entire budget for the 2026 calendar year. This tax budget had a first reading on May 19, 2025 and will have a final reading by council on July 7, 2025. Meetings will be held at Council Chambers, 165 Center Rd. Bedford, OH 44146. Senior citizens and people with disabilities are encouraged to participate.

General Fund	21,212,485
Community Development	10,000
State Highway Improvement	92,000
Indigent Drivers, Alcohol Treatment Fund	70,000
SEAL Narcotics Task Force Fund	0
Enforcement & Education Fund	0
Street Lighting Fund	558,099
Street Construction, Main & Repair Fund	953,655
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	0
Motor Vehicle Fund	92,000
Fire Equipment Improvement	365,000
Grants Fund	52,607
Fire Medic Levy Fund	4,089,457
Municipal Court Improvement Fund	122,165
Indigent Interlock and Alcohol Monitoring Fund	20,000
Safety Force Levy Fund	3,786,724
BMC Legal Resource Fund	30,017
Refuse Fee Assessment Fund	1,081,179
G.O. Bond Retirement Account	1,056,997
TCCP TIF Fund	0
Bedford Muni Court Clerk of Court Computer Fund	84,500
Bedford Municipal Court Computer Fund	75,000
Capital Improvement Fund	582,000
Blaine Avenue Campus Redevelopment Fund	0
Water Fund	3,653,427
Waste Water Fund	2,433,524
Health Insurance Res. Fund	3,772,670
Police Pension Fund	730,726
Fire Pension Fund	717,610
First Suburbs Consortium	66,252
SEALE Narcotics Unforfeited Fund	0
Cemetery Trust	0
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	45,708,094

TAX BUDGET 2025 for Collection in 2026

The City of Bedford Tax Budget is available for public inspection by calling the office of the Director of Finance, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you have any questions, call (440) 232-1600.

Jennifer Howland - Director of Finance

N.N.: 5-28-25

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF BEDFORD

Cuyahoga County Competitive Municipal Grant Program

The City of Bedford is eligible to apply for funding from Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Community Development Supplemental Grant (CDSG) funds administered by Cuyahoga County through the Department of Development. Funds can be used for a variety of housing, economic development and community improvement projects. Residents are invited to attend a public meeting to voice their opinions on local development needs, or to submit opinions in writing to City Manager, 165 Center Road, Bedford, Ohio 44146. The Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, June 12th, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. at 165 Center Road, Bedford, Ohio 44146.

For further information, please contact 440-232-1600.

NN: 5-28-25

CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO

List of Meetings for June 2025

Monday, June 2, 2025	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 3, 2025	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 11, 2025	Southeast Area Law Enforcement (SEALE) Board of Trustees Meeting (if needed) Work Session - 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting - 12:00 p.m.
Monday, June 16, 2025	Council Summer Session - No meeting
Tuesday, June 17, 2025	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 24, 2025	Board of Zoning Appeals (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

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

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

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PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on **Monday, June 9, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.**, before the **Maple Heights Planning and Zoning Commission** in the Maple Heights City Hall Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio, to consider the following application:

2025-PZ-11 An application from Jewell Ervin requesting Approval of a Variance from the requirements of Sect. 1298.19(E)(2)(a)(2) of the MH Codified Ordinances to install an eight (8) foot tall fence on property located in a Residential Single Family-Medium Density (RSF-M) Zoning District at 5821 East Glenn Drive, Maple Heights, Ohio, 44137.

All Applicant(s) and/or their representatives are required to attend this meeting. Members of the public are invited to attend, but will only be allowed to speak during the Public Hearing portion of the meeting.

The application(s) and all supporting materials are available for review during normal business hours in the Maple Heights Building Department, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

Leonette Cicirella Johnson
Clerk of Council/PZC Secretary
City of Maple Heights

The Neighborhood News
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Memorial Day 2025 in Garfield Heights



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Cleveland City Council issues statement regarding
Greater Cleveland Partnership's support for a
suburban Browns Stadium in Brookpark, Ohio

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Cleveland City Council last week issued the following statement:

"The statement from the Greater Cleveland Partnership supporting the Browns Football Team's reckless taxpayer bankrolled facility in suburban Brookpark is disappointing, but not surprising.

"The first decisive statement from GCP about the team's location comes at a time when the organization has seemingly forgotten the "C" in its name. This statement was predictable, as the owner of the Browns — who is set to make large sums of money from this deal — sits on GCP's Board of Directors. The organization's disregard for the negative impact on local small businesses, the city core, existing public investment, and the taxpayer dollars of all Ohioans is disturbing.

"We are at a moment in history with unprecedented investment in world-class public green space and waterfront development in our city core, unparalleled collaboration amongst sectors to push for economic and population growth, and many community stakeholders working hard to ensure the well-being of our city. GCP has largely been absent from that work.

"Council President Blaine A. Griffin (Ward 6) stated, 'The potential relocation of the Browns from our city's central business district represents more than just the loss of a football team; it threatens the economic vitality of our downtown, the businesses that rely on game-day traffic, and the very fabric of our community. The move pits city against city, damaging the trust and collaborative spirit many leaders claim they want for our region. Working-class and middle-class people will struggle to enjoy a game day experience, and there is very little public benefit. We firmly believe a solution exists that benefits both the team and the city, ensuring the Browns remain an integral part of Cleveland's future.'

"Majority Leader Kerry McCormack (Ward 3), council representative for much of downtown, including Huntington Bank Stadium, stated, 'It is the worst-kept secret in town that GCP's leadership is disinterested in the work of revitalizing our region's core. There should be a change of leadership at this increasingly irrelevant organization or an acknowledgment that they are here to represent the interests of only the ultra-wealthy. Clevelanders deserve a chamber of commerce with a backbone that champions the urban core.'

Majority Whip Jasmin Santana (Ward 14) shared, 'The Cleveland Browns are an integral part of our city, and we recognize the potential for a stadium to contribute to our economy and civic pride. However, it is equally important that we ensure any decisions made serve the best interests of all Cleveland residents, not just a select few.'

"For the greater economic development and protection of the region, Cleveland City Council strongly urges the GCP executive committee to reconsider its position and engage in a more comprehensive dialogue that prioritizes collaboration and the collective well-being of our region. We are focused on exploring all viable options that keep the Browns in Cleveland, revitalizing our lakefront, and maximizing the return on investment for our taxpayers. We are committed to working with all stakeholders to achieve a resolution that strengthens our city and secures a bright future for the Cleveland Browns."

Bedford

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Garfield Heights

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Garfield Heights Ward 7
Block Watch meets May 29

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