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Cleveland History Days to showcase city's rich legacy through June 29th

Cleveland History Days, an annual celebration of the city's rich heritage, will be held Thursday, June 19, through Sunday, June 29, at various locations across Cleveland.

Through 11 days of events, presented by Canalway, explorers are invited to immerse themselves in the captivating stories that shaped the city. The event showcases Cleveland's cultural institutions, historical societies, museums and preservation organizations, which are all working to Cleveland's history alive.

Nearly 50 community partners will come together to offer a diverse array of activities: guided walking tours, lectures, panel discussions, open houses, and special events that delve into Cleveland's industrial heritage, diverse populations, and significant contributions to popular culture.

Canalway is a non-profit that serves as a catalyst for programs and projects within the Ohio & Erie Canalway National Heritage Area, connecting people to place for the prosperity of all.

Local Cleveland History Days programs

The following local events are free but require tickets. Call 813-362-4983.

"Taverns: A Pub Crawl Through History" with author Tom Kaschalk.

Friday, June 20, from 5 to 8 p.m., Polish American Cultural Center, 6501 Lansing Ave., Cleveland 44105

"Taverns: A Pub Crawl Through History" with author Tom Kaschalk

also presented Saturday, June 21, from 4 to 6:30 p.m., Sokol Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave., Cleveland 44217

All invited for a fun evening exploring the rich history of Cleveland's neighborhood taverns. Hear fascinating stories, meet unforgettable characters, and take a pictorial stroll through the city's most iconic bars. Perfect for history buffs, beer lovers and anyone who loves Cleveland's unique culture.

At the Bohemian National Hall event, the bar will be open serving Czech refreshments. Explore the on-site museum, which showcases the rich cultural heritage of Cleveland's Czech communities through artifacts and exhibits that celebrate over a century of local history.

Canal Day at Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Canal Exploration Center

7104 Canal Road, Valley View, 44125

Sunday, June 29, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Call 440-717-3890 for more information.

Experience the sights and sounds of the Canal Era. Meet canal workers, crafts people, and even an "engine" to learn what life was like in the Canal Era. Make a kid's toy, play 19th century games, push a gate on a lock. This family-friendly event is free to all.

Cleveland History Days was created in 2018 by then-executive director Tim Donovan and founder Tom Yablonsky with an initial schedule of 32 program. This year's programs features nearly 80 opportunities to explore aspects of Cleveland's history.

Marker dedication at Elizabeth Baptist

The Equal Justice Initiative's (EJI) Community Remembrance Project will hold a Marker Dedication on Sunday, June 22, at 12:30 p.m., at Elizabeth Baptist Church, 6114 Francis Ave., Cleveland 44127, to commemorate the legacy of John Jordan, who was lynched in Cleveland in 1911.

The marker dedication and celebration will take place following the noon service at Elizabeth Baptist Church. Food trucks will be on site. This project is made possible through the Black Environmental Leaders collaboration with EJI's Community Remembrance Project.

Juneteenth events in Slavic Village

Shelter the People Cleveland and Loretta's Helping Hands will team up to produce two related events to celebrate Juneteenth 2025 along Broadway Avenue this Thursday, June 19.

3-5 p.m. Freedom Walk at Cleveland Central Catholic High School's Stefanski Stadium, 6550 Baxter Ave., Cleveland 44105. Free hot dogs, chips and drinks, giveaways and a Freedom Walk highlighting the meaning of Juneteenth. There will also be music and games, arts and crafts.

5-8 p.m. Barbecue, art, live music, kids activities including a bounce house at 4943 Wendell Ave.

Juneteenth is the traditional commemoration of the end of American slavery. It was declared a National Holiday in 2021. For more details on Slavic Village events, contact Shalonda at 216-623-7959.

Neighborhood Pets seeks donations for its Stuff the Pod! pet food drive

Neighborhood Pets and Resource Center, 3711 & 3717 E. 65 St., in Cleveland's Slavic Village, is holding a Stuff the Pod event June 19-21, to accept donations for its Pet Food Bank which goes to clients of pet owners to help supplement their food supply. The following was posted on its Facebook page:

Help us Stuff the Pod!

We store bags of dry pet food for our Pet Food Bank behind our Resource Center in a storage pod, and we need your help to stuff it full of food!

Bring in 50 pounds of dry dog or cat food or more, receive a FREE Neighborhood Pets t-shirt!

Drop off directions: Drop off donations are accepted 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 19-21, 2025. Bring donations to parking lot off Sebert Ave. directly behind the Neighborhood Pets building. Any dry dog or cat food will do! If you can't drop off donations in person, shop our wishlists online and food will be delivered directly to us. Shop on Chewy: <https://bit.ly/47OKP2y>. Shop on Amazon: <https://amzn.to/41FsaEf>.

Donate 50 lbs. of pet food or more - get a discount code for a free Neighborhood Pets t-shirt (sizes/styles subject to availability). If you order online via our wishlists, send a copy of your receipt to us via email at info@neighborhoodpetscle.org.

Since 2016, we've distributed over 167,000 pounds of pet food from our Pet Food Bank. Our clients rely on this service to help supplement their pet food supply, and every donation makes a difference!!

Slavic Villagers prepare policy platform

Faced with new wards and new city council candidates, and determined to preserve the unity of their splintered neighborhood, residents of Slavic Village have started preparing a platform of policy positions that express their wishes on a range of community issues.

The platform will offer ideas for how city hall can help improve the neighborhood's housing, public safety, economic development, youth and elderly initiatives and general neighborhood vitality.

Platform planks are currently being formulated at public meetings, in one-on-one conversations and through social media. When gathered together, they'll offer guidance to candidates about the neighborhood's priorities as they campaign and when they are elected.

Organizers hope to finalize the platform in time for the Slavic Village Council Candidate Forum in midsummer. Any Slavic Villager wishing to contribute ideas is asked to send them to: civitascle@gmail.com



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.

Summer Lunch -Kids ages 18 & younger, 12-1 p.m. Monday through Friday during the summer we collaborate with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank to provide children with free healthy lunches at select branches. The Summer Lunch program is open to all kids ages 18 and younger. The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Family Storytime - All ages with caregiver. Mondays, July 7, 14, 21, 28, 6

p.m. Join us for stories, songs and fingerplays.

Ellenwood Book Discussion - Adults. Wednesday, July 9, 2 p.m. This book discussion is held on the second Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. at Ellenwood Center. Copies of the books are available at both Ellenwood and the Bedford Library a month before the discussion date. July 9: "The Dilemma" by B.A. Paris.

Teen Wellness. Wednesday (DIY Spa), Wednesday, July 9, 6 p.m. Make your own shower steamers, pillow spray, and other aromatherapy crafts while learning about sleep hygiene. **MUST REGISTER.**

Computer Basics - Adults. Friday, July 11, 9:30 a.m. Learn the basics about computing devices, using a mouse and keyboard, and navigating the desktop environment. Computer settings and mobile devices will also be discussed. No prerequisites. **MUST REGISTER.**

Mobile Pantry - Free, fresh produce distribution. Wednesday, July 16, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Cuyahoga County Public Library is collaborating

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Eric Coble play premieres in Slavic Village called ‘First Snow of Summer’



Shown here is a scene from "The First Snow of Summer," playing weekends through June at the Darl Center for the Arts in Slavic Village.

"The First Snow of Summer," a new play written by award-winning playwright Eric Coble and produced by Seat of the Pants Productions, held its world premiere before a sold-out audience at Slavic Village's Darl Center for the Arts last Friday.

It is the tragic-comic story of a Colorado mountain family forced to face its destiny as a natural disaster looms. The play stars Courtney Brown, Samantha Cocco, Jacki Dietz, Fabio Polanco, Juliette Regnier and Neda Spears.

The Darl Center is located at the historic Carnegie Free Library, 5437 Broadway Ave., in the Broadway-East 55th landmark district.

The production continues on weekends through June. Go to eventbrite.com/firstsnowofsummer for tickets.



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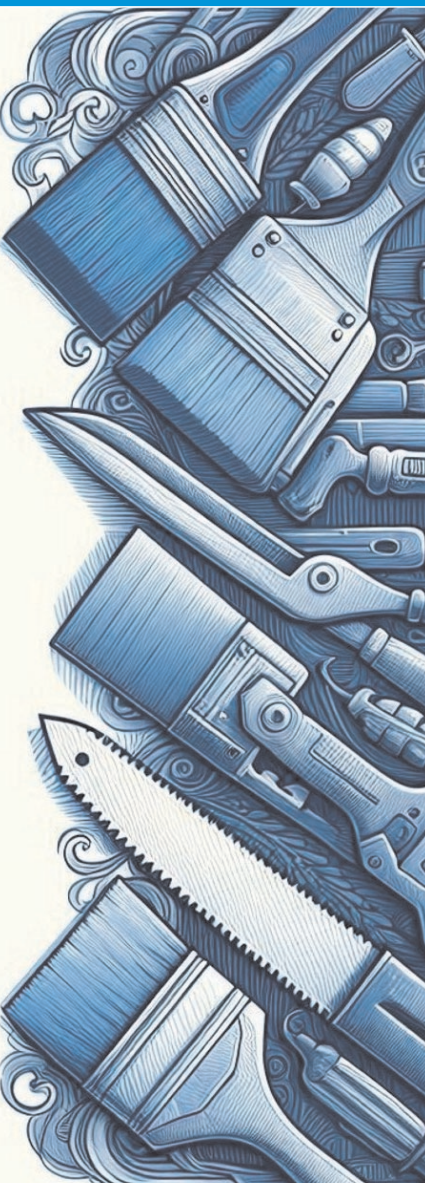
Program Guidelines (include but not limited to the following)

- 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.
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- 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.
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Economic Development

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Ohio to receive up to \$198 million of \$7.4 billion from Purdue settlement for its part in opioid epidemic

Attorney General Dave Yost announced Monday that the attorneys general of 49 states, the District of Columbia and five U.S. territories have signed on to a \$7.4 billion settlement with Purdue Pharma and its owners, the Sackler family.

Now that the state sign-on period has concluded, local governments nationwide will be asked to join the settlement, which is subject to the approval of a federal bankruptcy judge.

"This is another major step toward accountability and recovery," Yost said. "The money won't undo the damage, but it will help communities in Ohio and elsewhere continue to address and overcome the unspeakable harm."

Under the Sacklers' ownership, Purdue Pharma manufactured and aggressively marketed opioid products for decades, contributing to the largest drug crisis in American history. The settlement ends the Sackler family's control of Purdue and bars them from selling opioids in the United States.

Communities nationwide will receive settlement funds over the next 15 years to support addiction treatment and prevention as well as recovery services. In Ohio, the state and local governments will receive up to \$198 million from the agreement.

As with previous opioid settlements, the resolution of claims by state and local governments is contingent on bankruptcy court approval. A hearing on the matter is scheduled in the coming days. Subject to that final approval in bankruptcy court, the funds will be distributed according to the established OneOhio plan: 55% to the OneOhio Recovery Foundation, 30% to local governments and 15% to the state.

This settlement marks the latest in a string of settlements that Yost and his staff have brokered to help fund opioid recovery in Ohio. Their previous work includes:

- \$808 million settlement with opioid distributors Cardinal Health, McKesson and AmerisourceBergen.
- \$185 million settlement with Johnson & Johnson and Janssen Pharmaceuticals Inc.
- \$24.7 million settlement with McKinsey & Co.

- \$114 million settlement with Walmart.
- \$679 million settlement with drug makers Teva and Allergan and pharmacies CVS and Walgreens.

Joining AG Yost in securing this settlement were the attorneys general of D.C. and every state except Oklahoma as well as the attorneys general of American Samoa, the District of Columbia, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Multiple gunshots in M.H.

On Monday, June 16, around 4:15 a.m., the Maple Heights Police Department received a call of a broken window at a car lot in the 14800 block of Broadway Ave. Officers responded and found the front window to the building had been broken. The owner of the business was contacted. While officers were waiting for the owner to arrive, a black Dodge Durango was observed driving southbound on Broadway Ave., at a slow rate of speed. The occupants of the Dodge Durango then began firing multiple rounds from the vehicle as it continued southbound on Broadway Ave.

The officer that was in the parking lot notified other Maple Heights officers as the Durango sped away. MHPD officers were unable to locate the vehicle. At this time there is no indication that the shots that were fired struck anything and there were no reported injuries. Maple Heights detectives responded to process the scene. The suspect vehicle was identified and was reported stolen by another police agency earlier in the evening. This case

remains under investigation.

Anyone with information related to this case is urged to contact the Maple Heights Detective Bureau: 216-587-9624 or Detectives@mhp-d-ohio.com. Information can also be supplied to Crime Stoppers anonymously by texting: Text TIP657 plus your message to: CRIMES (274637).

Get motivated program at Garfield Heights Library!

Sick of lacking self-love? Need a confidence boost? Come check out the Motivational Madness event on Monday, June 30, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., at the Garfield Heights Branch Library's Room B, 5409 Turney Rd.

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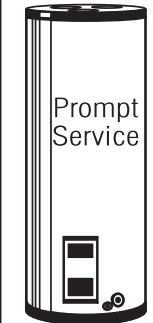
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Bids will be opened and read at the time and place stated above. Those who submitted Proposals or their representatives are invited to attend.

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.

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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, "**SUMMIT JAMES RESURFACING PROJECT**".

Tinita Tillman
Finance Director
City of Maple Heights

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June 18, 2025

ADULTS

Oleg Kruglyakov - Balalaika Virtuoso from Siberia. Registration required. Join us for a fun musical performance by Oleg Kruglyakov on his balalaika. Wednesday, July 2, 7 p.m.

Stamped Book Stacks Craft. Registration required. Come craft with us and create a personalized decoration you'll love. Saturday, July 12, 2 p.m.

Wednesday Night Book Discussion. No registration required. Please join us for a casual and lively book discussion of "The Secret Garden" by Frances Hodgson Burnett. The books will be available approximately one month before the discussion date. Wednesday, July 16, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday Afternoon Book Discussion. No registration required. Please join us for a casual and lively book discussion of "The Secret Garden" by Frances Hodgson Burnett. The books will be available approximately one month before the discussion date. Thursday, July 17, 2:15 p.m.

Scam Squad Presents SCAMO. Registration required. Learn how to protect yourself from common scams through this fun bingo-style game. Tuesday, July 29, 7 p.m.

TEENS

VolunTeens. Registration required. Volunteer at the library, earn service hours. We will work on a project benefitting the library or for a need in the community. Tuesday, July 22, 7 p.m.

Teen Screen Printing 2-day Workshop: Day 1. Registration required. Learn the creative process of screen printing. 2-day workshop. Bring your own plain T-shirts or use a tote bag that we provide. July 30th creating the stencil and July 31st printing day. Wednesday, July 30, 2 p.m.

INVITATION FOR BIDS
LEGAL NOTICE

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ROAD PROGRAM

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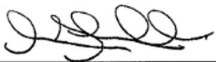
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The price of material and labor bid for shall be separately stated.

Copies of the Specifications, Instructions to Bidders, Forms of Proposals and other contract documents are on file at the office of the Clerk of the City of Bedford. These documents may only be obtained through the office of GPD Group by emailing [Maggie Bartlett mbartlett@gpdgroup.com](mailto:Maggie.Bartlett@gpdgroup.com) and requesting a digital copy. Digital documents will be provided free of charge. Questions or inquiries should be directed to GPD Group at (216) 353-7849. **No questions will be answered after 1 p.m. on June 30, 2025.**

The bid check or bid bond, as the case may be, will be held as a guarantee that, if the bid proposal is accepted, a contract will be entered into between the bidder and the City of Bedford, and the performance of such contract secured by said check or bond, and in default thereof said check or bond, and the amount represented thereby, shall be forfeited to the City of Bedford as liquidated damages.

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Michael S. Mallis, City Manager
City of Bedford, Ohio

NN: June 18, 2025
June 25, 2025

City of Garfield Heights’
major projects continue to
be recognized by county

The city of Garfield Heights is pleased to share that highlights from the Turney Road Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Corridor Study were presented at the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission’s Inaugural TOD Summit on June 11th.

The Economic Development Team and Mayor Matt Burke attended the invitation-only event that took place in the Halle Building Conference Center at Playhouse Square. This new event provided a platform for communities and regional entities to share information with developers, foundations, community leaders, CDCs, and regional partners about programs and opportunities for future development.

“Being asked to participate in this first-of-its-kind summit is an honor and further reinforces our Economic Development Team’s commitment to regional collaboration to move the city forward,” said Mayor Burke.

The Team showcased several TOD study properties at the event, including just north of the retail district intersection at Turney Road and Garfield Boulevard with more than two acres available for redevelopment. In combination with the updated zoning code, this area could feature a variety of current and future land uses, including neighborhood retail, residential, and mixed-use.

“Having participated in the County Planning Commission’s introductory TOD meetings and information sessions from their inception back in November 2022 through last Wednesday’s 2025 summit, I see the significance of the Turney Road Project (the county’s first pilot TOD Corridor Study) as a literal example of ‘A Gateway to Opportunity’ to attract new businesses and investment in the city,” said Janice Tubbs, assistant director of Economic Development.

John Lippus, Economic Development specialist, expressed his enthusiasm for the event: “The TOD Summit is a fantastic opportunity for Garfield Heights to showcase our vision for sustainable and community-focused development. We are excited to share our plans and collaborate with regional partners to bring these projects to life.”

The TOD Study report is being finalized. Once completed, the date and time of the Public Open House to share the findings/ results will be announced. For more information about Garfield Heights’ Turney Road Transit-Oriented Development Study Project, contact Assistant Director of Economic Development Janice Tubbs at 216-475-1100, ext. 2437 or visit <https://www.garfieldhts.org/327/Turney-Road-Transit-Oriented-Development>

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF BEDFORD HEIGHTS

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMPETITIVE MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Bedford Heights is eligible to apply for funding from Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 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 the address below.

Date/Time: Tuesday, June 24th at 1:00pm
Site Location/Address: Council Chambers-5661 Perkins Rd., Bedford Heights

For further information, contact Mr. David Bell - The Director of Economic & Community Development at (440) 786-3240; Email: davidb@bedfordheights.gov

Any person who wishes to attend and requires special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please contact the Department of Economic & Community Development no later than 72 hours prior to the public meeting.

City of Bedford Heights
David Bell - davidb@bedfordheights.gov
Director of Economic & Community Development
5661 Perkins Road
Bedford Heights, OH 44146

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Community police reports

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

Garfield Heights

Theft-Bicycle

On June 6, at 5:30 p.m., an officer took a theft report at the GHPD lobby where the complainant said her orange mongoose bike was taken from the library, 5409 Turney Rd., the day before. She explained that on June 5, she got to the library around 5:30 p.m., and parked her bike in front of the main entrance. The bicycle was not locked/secured. About an hour later she said it had been stolen. She does not wish to pursue charges; she just wants her bike back. The officer said he would follow up with the library and see if he could obtain any suspect information to help recover her bike. The officer talked to the library manager, who said the library did have footage of the crime which an officer could look at but it could not be turned over to GHPD without a warrant. An officer will follow up with the library.

Shots Fired

On June 9, at 10:28 p.m., GHPD units arrived in the area of E. 136 St. and Cranwood Dr., for a report of several shots fired from a vehicle and then taking off towards South Parkway Dr. Police spoke with the complainant living at a home in the 13600 block of Cranwood Dr., to gather information while other units tried to locate the suspect vehicle. None of the occupants of the home were injured. Witnesses said the suspect vehicle had been parked at St. Timothy's Apartments initially. At the same time there was a tall black man walking near the intersection of E. 136 St. and Cranwood Dr., and the suspect vehicle drove towards him and someone inside fired several rounds at him. He jumped in some nearby bushes and was seen limping away heading north on E. 136 St. While an officer was still on scene, a witness pointed out that the suspect vehicle had just made a westbound turn onto Cranwood Dr. A single black male was driving. The officer ordered the driver to stop, but he fled the area with the officer in pursuit. The suspect pulled into a driveway of a home in the 4200 block of E. 137 St. The suspect was argumentative with the officer and he and other family members on the porch of the house created a disturbance. The officer was holding his firearm at a modified low ready trying to gain some sort of compliance from the involved parties. Other units arrived and it was determined by the suspect's statement that there was a firearm in the vehicle. The suspect was placed in handcuffs. Family members were advocating for the suspect's innocence in the matter, offering to show officers text communication between the suspect and his family. The officer called in to his superior about the update of the situation and he was ordered to advise the suspect of the traffic

infractions and release him. Police were not able to locate any victims of the gunfire.

Identity Theft

On June 9, an officer took a report over the phone from a woman who said that on June 5, between 2:45 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., someone used her Ohio SNAP card information to make two transactions at a Sam's Club in Bentonville, Arkansas in the amount of \$611.25. The officer advised the woman to contact the State of Ohio and advise them of the incident.

Animal Complaint

On June 10, at 8:11 p.m., an office arrived at a home in the 4600 block of E. 85 St., for a report of a brown pitbull lying in a pile of garbage. The dog was emaciated and possibly not breathing. Officers found the dog lying on a tarp in the backyard of the residence in an unlivable conditions. The dog had no visible water or food in the area and was covered by flies. Eventually the dog opened its eyes but seemed to have little strength to lift its head. The dog had a visible rib cage, spine and hip bones consistent with the dog being malnourished for a significant amount of time. The animal warden was called so the dog could get proper medical attention. The homeowner arrived home while officers were waiting for the animal warden. The homeowner said he had left for work at about 2 p.m., and had fed the dog before he left and also put food outside for him. He said the pitbull was his brother's but police could not locate him from the information they were given. The animal warden took the dog to the VCA Animal Clinic in Warrensville Heights where the dog could be treated. Upon checking priors for the homeowner, it was discovered he had a conviction for aggravated robbery which would prohibit him from possessing a firearm. While on scene, he was found to have possession of a firearm, so additional charges of having weapons under disability were added to the report which was forwarded to the Detective Bureau for review.

Public Intoxication

On June 10, at about 5:35 p.m., an officer responded to the area of The Wash House Laundromat in Turney Town Plaza regarding a male lying in the bushes and soliciting passersby for work. The officer located the male in the bushes and observed he showed signs of intoxication. There was a major language barrier between the man and

the officer, but by utilizing his Apple translate app, the officer was able to communicate with him. When the officer spoke with this same man earlier in the day, he appeared to be nervous talking with the police. He declined a ride to a homeless shelter and immediately wanted to leave. When asked now if he was nervous previously because he was in the country illegally, he replied "Yes." He also admitted to drinking. He was subsequently placed under arrest for intoxication, put in handcuffs and transported to GHPD jail without issue.

While enroute to the jail, the officer contacted Border Patrol where an agent confirmed they did not have a record of him at any border crossings. The agent contacted GHPD via fax to place a detainer on the man so he could be transferred into their custody.

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2025 ELLENWOOD AVENUE PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS

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A pre-bid meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 25th at 2:00 pm. The meeting will be virtual (Microsoft Teams) and can be joined via the following:

Meeting ID: 284 046 798 296 5
Passcode: oD93yV27
Dial in by phone
+1 234-901-2473,412476691# United States, Akron
Find a local number
Phone conference ID: 412 476 691#

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PUBLIC NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

The City of Bedford Heights is seeking proposals from qualified firms to provide professional consulting for Master Planning Services in support of the implementation of improvements to the City's October 2011 Comprehensive Master Plan Update.

The City invites responses to this RFP from firms that have the requisite, demonstrable competence and experience in providing comprehensive professional planning services to municipalities. Interested parties may obtain the full RFP document by visiting www.bedfordheights.gov

A pre-qualification conference will be held on **Monday, June 30, 2025, at 10:30am**. At that time, interested parties may ask questions pertaining to this Request for Proposal ("RFP"). Those planning to attend the pre-qualification conference must register by **Monday, June 23, 2025**, by e-mail to davidb@bedfordheights.gov. When registering, it will be necessary to provide the names and contact information of all attendees. It is also advantageous to provide e-mail addresses for all attendees, although it is not required. Consultants are encouraged to attend the pre-qualification conference although attendance is not mandatory.

Each consultant shall submit seven (7) complete Statements, consisting of one (1) unbound original, five (5) identical bound copies and one (1) digital copy, USB flash drive, in either Microsoft Word (.doc/.docx) or Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) format, to the City no later than 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on Friday, August 1, 2025.

Submission deadline is Friday, August 1st by 4:00pm, no proposal responses shall be accepted after 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time unless such date and/or time is extended pursuant to a written addendum issued by the City.

Sealed responses may be mailed to the address below and must be identified on the outside of the envelope(s) as: Statement of Qualifications - Professional Planning Services.

City of Bedford Heights
David Bell - davidb@bedfordheights.gov
Director of Economic & Community Development
5661 Perkins Road
Bedford Heights, OH 44146

The Neighborhood News: 6-18-25

Buyers beware when purchasing used vehicle, says Legal Aid Society of CLE

By Tonya Sams

Buying a car is a big purchase and consumers should be extremely mindful when it comes to buying a used car. The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland has some advice on what consumers should think about before heading to the nearest used car dealership.

The first thing that should be considered is the consumer’s budget.

“You can do some research ahead of time for the cars that are available,” said Bilal Mozaffar, a staff attorney in the Economic Justice Practice Group at Legal Aid. “You can also ask beforehand what the out the door price is before heading to the dealership.”

It’s also important to learn about the dealership’s reputation by searching the Ohio Attorney General’s Consumer Complaint database and the Better Business Bureau to learn if any consumer complaints are pending against them. Google and social media platforms are also helpful tools for customer complaints or reviews.

Rather than getting financing at the dealership, consumers should consider getting a more affordable loan from their bank or credit union.

Used car buyers should always test drive the car and take it to a mechanic to have it checked out before purchasing it.

“If you get any pushback from the dealership, just be assertive and let them know that not allowing a mechanic to look at the car is nonnegotiable,” said Bilal.

Consumers should also bring someone with them to the dealership to watch the transaction and be sure to review the buyer’s guide, which should be visible on the car.

Used car buyers should be aware that they are not guaranteed the same legal protections as those purchasing new cars.

“The Lemon Law doesn’t apply to most used cars, so you need to know the history of the vehicle and what’s covered,” said Kristen Nawrocki, a paralegal in the Economic Justice Practice Group at Legal Aid. “If you’re purchasing the vehicle 'as is,' there’s no warranty. The moment you sign the contract, drive off the lot and something breaks, you are fully responsible for all repairs or issues that arise. The seller or dealer is not obligated to fix anything or offer a refund.”

Dealerships do offer add-ons such as warranties, service contracts and Guaranteed Asset Protection, also known as GAP coverage, but these are not always beneficial to the buyer.

“The main thing to know is that you don’t have to be pressured by the dealership to purchase these add-ons,” said Bilal. “Oftentimes you could get them from your regular automobile insurance company and they are a lot cheaper.”

If you need assistance with a consumer issue, call Legal Aid at 888-817-3777, or complete an online intake at laslev.org/apply. You can also attend a Legal Aid Brief Advice Clinic. For a full list of dates and times visit: laslev.org and click the "Events" tab. *(Tonya Sams is a Development and Communications manager at The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland.)*

Ward 7 Block Watch meeting, cookout

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch meeting and cookout, sponsored by Councilwoman Jenn Newrones, will take place on Thursday, June 26, at 7 p.m., at St. Monica Church's pavilion off Rockside Rd. All are welcome. Contact Gail at 216-662-9213 if you are planning to attend.

Health Fair at Stafford Park in M.H.

A SCIIT Health Fair for children and adults, sponsored by the Alliance for Family Hope in conjunction with National Black Family Cancer Awareness Week, will be held on Saturday, June 21, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Stafford Park, 5398 Mayville Ave., Maple Heights.

Cancer informational resources will be available, as well as games and prizes, Family Medical History forms, line dancing, Zumba, on-site blood pressure screenings, free summer reading books, medical resources for the uninsured and underinsured, healthy snacks and much more. Prayers offered upon request.

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A copy of the Bid Specification package for the **Door Replacement Maple Heights Senior Center Accessibility Project Phase 2** 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 **Door Replacement Maple Heights Senior Center Accessibility Project Phase 2** will be held at **2:00 P.M.** local time on the **20th day of June, 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, **DOOR REPLACEMENT MAPLE HEIGHTS SENIOR CENTER ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT PHASE 2**.

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\$5,000 REWARD!

FOR THE RETURN OF MY JEWELRY SEEN HERE

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A PERIDOT DROP NECKLACE (TOP RIGHT) AND JASPER NECKLACE with MATCHING EARRINGS (AS SEEN BELOW)



ALSO A STERLING SILVER RING WITH A BLUE/GRAY FRESH WATER PEARL

GREAT SENTIMENTAL VALUE!
LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS:
KALAHARI RESORTS THEN MAILED TO MAPLE HEIGHTS BUT NEVER MADE IT THERE