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Last year about this time during the filming of "Superman" in Cleveland, The Neighborhood News ran a story about the film crew shooting a scene for the movie at the ever-popular Red Chimney restaurant in Slavic Village.

Well, Red Chimney made the cut and a scene in the just-released "Superman" movie shows Nathan Fillion (Green Lantern) eating a bowl of cereal at the counter at the Red Chimney while watching news of a worldwide conflict on television.

Shannon Landscaping decided to add to the fun by offering a \$50 gift card to Cinemark where the movie is playing in a free drawing to be held at Red Chimney on Wednesday, July 23.

To enter, just fill out the coupon below and bring it to Red Chimney, 6501 Fleet Ave., Cleveland, before 7 p.m., next Wednesday. And don't forget to try the food while you're there. Forget the cereal - kielbasa, cabbage rolls, pierogi, city chicken and all their classic favorites would have even Superman coming back for more!

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Deadline to enter: Wed., July 23, 2025 at 7pm

Iron Ward season returns

Slavic Village's Iron Ward Summer Music Series returned in July for its 20th year, offering live music in a variety of styles, performed on stage under the cool breezes of Dan Kane Park at E. 65 St. and Kenyon Ave.

Concerts take place on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. Rain date is Tuesday at the same time. Call 216-469-4806 if in doubt about weather.

An added bonus for attendees is free ice cream if the thermometer tops 85°.

Schedule for next few weeks:

July 21: Frank Jones Jazz

July 28: Cleveland Public Theatre's Student Theatre Enrichment Program (at St Stanislaus Church)

Aug. 4: Parker King Blues Trio

Aug. 11: Bethany Joy plays Indie and Jazz

Iron Ward is a free program for all residents and friends of Slavic Village. It is produced with the support of the East 63rd Block Club and other private donors.

Garfield Heights Council places moratorium on new alcohol-related businesses; raises age to buy tobacco products from 18 to 21

By Ellen Psenicka

Garfield Heights Council met Monday night and passed legislation to prohibit new bars, taverns or similar alcohol-oriented establishments from obtaining permits, licenses and certificates to do business in the city for a period of 180 days from the effective date of this ordinance, unless extended or terminated earlier by ordinance of council.

This moratorium shall apply to any such business not already holding a valid occupancy permit or business license as of the effective date of this ordinance.

According to the ordinance, the city has recently experienced an increase in public safety concerns related to late night disturbances, incidents of violence and strain on police resources associated with establishments serving alcohol.

During the moratorium, the city wishes to review its zoning code, licensing practices and public safety strategies in relation to alcohol-serving establishments and study and potentially amend relevant codes and regulations to ensure that such businesses are consistent with the health, safety and welfare of the community.

Council also updated Chapter 765 of the city's Codified Ordinances to raise the age at which a person is permitted to purchase tobacco, cigarettes or vaping products from 18 years to 21 years. Council found it necessary to revise Chapter 765 to reflect changes in state law, expand licensing oversight and further restrict youth access to tobacco products.

Polish Picnic on Lansing!

The Polish American Cultural Center JPIL, 6501 Lansing Ave., Cleveland, is bringing the Polish community and its friends together for one big event - a Polish Picnic! - on Saturday, July 19, from noon to 10 p.m. Free admission; held rain or shine.

Enjoy homemade Polish food, beer and specialized drinks, Activity Zone for kids, Polish-themed raffle baskets and cash prize raffles, live music for dancing by the Tom Katrenich Orchestra, Polish Museum walk-throughs and lots more! All are invited; need not be Polish to have a great time.

No N.N. issue July 30th

The Neighborhood News will take its annual summer vacation this month and will not publish a July 30th issue. This advance notice is being given so anyone with news items or advertising can plan accordingly for our July 23rd issue next week. Our next issue after next week's will be on Wednesday, Aug. 6, with normal deadlines.

Before selling or otherwise distributing any tobacco product to another person, the legislation also states, the person selling or distributing the tobacco product must verify the age of any person who appears to be under 30 years of age with a valid ID.

The ordinance also spells out strict guidelines for obtaining a permit to sell tobacco products in the city and penalties for those found in violation of the regulations required to operate as a tobacco vendor.

A separate ordinance was passed by council to amend and update Chapter 531 of the city's Codified Ordinances regarding the distribution and sale of cigarettes, cigar and tobacco from vending machines and reflecting the new age restriction from 18 to 21.

Speed bumps coming

In his report to council, Mayor Matt Burke said the city has purchased 20 speed bumps from Innoplast on Transportation Blvd., in Garfield Heights, and brought a sample of a speed bump and an Innoplast representative who explained the technology behind the device.

Burke said the idea is to slow down speeders, and if it works the city will be ordering more of the speed bumps once the pilot program is assessed. The mayor said Police Chief Mark Kaye submitted a list of streets that need the most attention and those will be the streets where the speed bumps will be installed.

Other legislation passed

• Updating the salaries of the Garfield Heights Police Department for 2025 in accordance with the city charter which provides that the rate of compensation for members of the police and fire division of the Department of Public Safety shall be no less than the average that is paid to the members of the police and fire divisions in suburban cities with a population of 10,000 or more whose boundary lines are contiguous to the city of Cleveland.

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Christmas in July at Garfield pool!!

Christmas in July will be held this Saturday, July 19, at the Dan Kostel Rec Center pool, 5411 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights, from 2 to 8 p.m. Resident admission \$7; nonresidents \$10; children 4 and under and seniors 65+ are free.

Come join the fun with balloon twisting, Christmas music with Ken Dillon voice overs, line dancing on the pool deck, and of course, Santa coming in on his surfboard with his big bag of surprises for the little ones!!!

Check the web page www.garfieldhts.org for details or call us at 216-475-7272 during open office hours.



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Girls Hockey in Garfield Heights

We are now taking registrations for the 2025-26 season for our Girls Hockey program. New this year is an In-House program for girls 19 and under. We will also have our Independent Bulldog Team for 12U/14U - Both with plenty of ice time during the season.

Sign up during the summer and bring a towel for swimming at our Pool and spend the day with us – no charge!! See our web page for more details at www.garfieldhts.org under Parks & Recreation Department.

Not sure if your daughter would like to play Hockey? We will have a free Try before you Buy Session on Saturday, September 20, at 11:15 a.m.

See details for this and all our Ice Skating programs for the Season.

We offer **In-house Hockey for ages 3 & up on Saturdays and Learn to Skate on Wednesdays and Saturdays.** Details coming soon!

CONTACT INFORMATION: **Coach Lindsay – ghgirlshockey@gmail.com**
216-475-7272 – Rec Center **tes.dirosa17@gmail.com**

Harvard Grove Cemetery History Walk

On Saturday, July 19, join Glenn Sobola, president of the Slavic Village Historical Society, on a one hour walk through Harvard Grove Cemetery highlighting its rich history. The farmer whose land was purchased for the cemetery is buried there as well as Newburgh's first settler and other notable Newburghers. Meet at 2 p.m. at the cemetery entrance, 6100 Lansing Ave.

Afterwards, visit the Polish American Cultural Center JPHI, 6501 Lansing Ave., for its annual Polish Picnic, where you can learn more about Cleveland's diverse history and enjoy homemade Polish food, drinks, music and more.

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Heritage Home Program Informational Presentation

**If your home is 50 -years old or older,
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Visit the Program's website at
www.heritagehomeprogram.org for more information.



SE Cleveland Kiwanis Club donates to Haven Home's Walk/Run event

The Kiwanis Club of South East Cleveland is one of the many sponsors for The Haven Home's annual fundraiser, "The Walk Home," a 5k run or 1-mile walk in Garfield Park Reservation to support its transitional housing program dedicated to pregnant women and pregnant women with children under the age of 5.

The Walk/Run will be held on Saturday, Aug. 16, at 8:30 a.m., at the Garfield Reservation of the Cleveland Metroparks, 11350 Broadway Ave., Garfield Heights.

To participate in the event, register at The Haven Home's website: thehavenhome.org/our-events/

"We encourage other sponsors to step up as well as residents and supporters to participate in this Walk/Run," said SE Kiwanis President Tony Brancatelli. "Garfield Park Reservation has been restored and the opportunity to see the amazing amenities and transformation of this Metropark is certainly a bonus."



The Haven Home Executive Director Cindy Rios, at left, greets SE Kiwanis Club President Tony Brancatelli at the organization's headquarters in the Francis Ave. area of Slavic Village last week. Brancatelli was there to drop off a Kiwanis check in support of "The Walk Home" fundraiser at Garfield Reservation next month.

Concerned Veterans to hold Town Hall meeting at Garfield Hts. Library

The Concerned Veterans of Northeast Ohio will present a Town Hall meeting for all community veterans and their families on Saturday, July 19, from noon to 3 p.m., at the Garfield Heights Branch Library, 5409 Turney Rd.

Learn about the latest updates on benefits, eligibility and applications processes, and connect with service providers and participate in a veteran's discussion and Q&A session with them.

The Concerned Veterans of Northeast Ohio is a group of disabled veterans who formed this group because they are concerned about their fellow veterans, who were not getting their fair share of VA benefits. Because of the Pact Act, there have been 23 or more illnesses/conditions added to the list of veterans benefits.

The CVONO hosts Town Hall meetings in Cuyahoga County and surrounding areas for veterans and their families to answer questions and assist them in getting the benefits that they deserve.

They work with and sit at the table with various veterans organizations throughout the city of Cleveland and the state of Ohio to advise and assist veterans and their families on how to file for benefits and appeals.

For more information, call 216-200-8829; email: cvono2023@gmail.com or visit the website: www.concernedveteransoh.org

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Garfield Heights Council places moratorium on new alcohol-related businesses

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- Extending the current moratorium on licenses, permits and certificates that would enable the cultivation, processing, distribution or sale of adult use cannabis in the city for a period not to exceed six months.
 - Doing all things necessary to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or local transportation improvement programs to secure funding for the I-480 Sanitary Sewer Crossing Project.
 - Directing the city engineer to provide engineering construction services, in an amount not to exceed \$145,000, for the Multi-Street Reconstruction Phase 9-Part A, and authorizing payment for this project, to be funded through the city of Garfield Heights, Cleveland Water Department and an Ohio Public Works Commission Funding Program.
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 - Directing the city engineer to provide engineering construction services, in an amount not to exceed \$53,000, for the McCracken Road Repairs Phase 2 Project, and authorizing payment of costs through funding by the Cuyahoga County 50/50 Grant and the city of Garfield Heights.
 - Doing all things necessary to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or local transportation improvement program to secure funding for the Maplerow and E. 126 St. Sewer Separation Project.
 - Adopting the most current edition of the Residential Code of Ohio to ensure that all residential construction in the city meets modern safety, design and energy-efficiency standards.
 - Adopting the International Property Maintenance Code to aid in the enforcement of nuisance abatement, tenant habitability and neighborhood stabilization efforts.
 - Authorizing the sale and disposal of municipally owned property no longer needed for municipal purposes, including vehicles and equipment from the police, fire and service departments.
 - Urging the Ohio General Assembly to release cannabis excise tax funds to municipalities that host adult-use cannabis dispensaries, of which the city of Garfield Heights is one.

- Opposing House Bill 335 and urging the Ohio General Assembly to reject legislation that eliminates inside millage and transfers local budgetary authority to county budget commissions.
 - Directing the mayor to apply for and accept Community Development Block Grant funds and enter into an agreement with the Cuyahoga County Department of Development to continue infrastructure improvement projects and implement the Parks Master Plan. CDBG funding is administered through the Cuyahoga County Department of Development and the city is eligible to apply for up to \$150,000.
 - Adopting the budget for the city of Garfield Heights for the fiscal year beginning Jan. 1, 2026, and submitting it to the Cuyahoga County Budget Commission.
- The next regularly scheduled meeting of Garfield Heights Council will be held on Monday, Aug. 11, at 7 p.m.



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.

Bedford Reservation

- July 26: Preschoolers in the Park.** Join a naturalist for a morning exploring in the park. We will travel through the forest above Tinkers Creek and investigate the habitat and who lives there. 10:30–11:30 a.m. Meet at Egbert Trail Head. Ages 2–6 years w/ adult. Terrain: natural trails, hills, 1 mile.
- July 27: Before the Heat of the Day.** Join Naturalist Carly Martin to enjoy an early walk through the fields and around wetlands. We’ll be curious about insects, plants and all the life that abounds at this former golf course. 8:30–10 a.m. Meet at Astorhurst Trail Head. Terrain: natural surface trail, 1.5 miles.

CanalWay Center – Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation

- July 20: Bird Hike Along the Canal.** Join Naturalist Justin Willard for a morning bird hike along the Ohio and Erie Canal. As we reach the middle of summer, we should be seeing birds on nests and fledglings moving through the trees. Meet at CanalWay Center. 9:30–11:30 a.m. Terrain: paved, one hill, 1.5 miles.
- July 26: Drop-By - Reptile Rave.** Come by CanalWay Center to visit and learn about our resident reptiles. Reptiles play an important role in our ecosystem for rodent and small mammal population control. Reptiles have many unique features you will be able to see up close. We will have ambassador reptiles out to meet and a craft to participate in. Noon–2 p.m. CanalWay Center.
- July 26: Out in the Parks - Moth Catching and Night Walking.** LGBTQ+ people, allies and friends are invited to join our naturalist staff to survey and identify moths and other nighttime pollinators after sunset in the CanalWay Center pollinator garden. There will also be an optional 1-mile hike to hear singing insects and look for nocturnal wildlife along the canal and river. Moth catching is through the use of a blacklight against a screen and is dependent on suitable weather conditions. 8–10 p.m. CanalWay Center. Terrain: paved, crushed gravel, slight incline, 1 mile.

Garfield Park Reservation

- July 25: Preschoolers - Hike with Me.** Bring your preschooler out to Garfield Park Reservation to explore. We will adventure around the new pond area and then through the middle of the park. This is a great place to enjoy a short walk in nature with your family. We will meet just over the bridge in front of the Garfield Park Program Center. 10–11 a.m. Ages 2–6 years w/ adult. Terrain: paved and natural trails, hills, about 1 mile.

Red Cross blood donor opportunities

Independence

- 7/25/2025: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Independence Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library, 6361 Selig Blvd.
- 7/28/2025: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Dr.

Maple Heights

- 7/30/2025: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Maple Heights Library, 5225 Library Ln.

Valley View

- 7/17/2025: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Teamsters Local 507, 5425 Warner Rd., Unit 7
- For additional locations or to register to give blood, visit redcrossblood.org

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Medicaid providers indicted on fraud charges

In indictments filed last week by the office of Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost, nine Medicaid providers, two from Maple Heights, are accused of stealing a combined \$1.2 million from the government health-care program for the needy.

Eight home-health aides and one mental-health specialist face varying felony charges of Medicaid fraud and theft for allegedly billing Medicaid for services they did not provide. Two of the defendants alone account for more than \$1 million of the alleged fraud.

The Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, an arm of Yost's office, investigated the cases and secured the indictments in Franklin County Common Pleas Court.

"Medicaid fraud is both a crime and a moral offense," Yost said. "It steals from the vulnerable and undermines our values as a society."

Maple Heights residents indicted:

Achana Brown, 47, of Maple Heights, allegedly billed for in-home services when the recipient was hospitalized or incarcerated, causing a \$4,735 loss for Medicaid.

In providing care to a relative, Desiree Reid, 53, of Maple Heights, billed Medicaid for an average of 20 hours of services per day between January 2019 and March 2025. Surveillance footage spanning 18 days showed Reid approach the service recipient's residence only twice – and never went inside. Using flight records, investigators also determined that Reid billed for 93 days that she was traveling in Florida, Missouri, Nevada, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and the Dominican Republic. The loss to Medicaid totaled \$366,950.

Ohio's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, which operates within the Health Care Fraud Section, collaborates with federal, state and local partners to root out Medicaid fraud and protect vulnerable adults from harm. The unit investigates and prosecutes health-care providers who defraud the state Medicaid program and enforces the state's Patient Abuse and Neglect Law.

Indictments are criminal allegations. Defendants are presumed innocent unless proved guilty in a court of law.

A Night to Ignite Futures: The Jones Road Family Development Annual Gala

Do you remember the vibrant spirit of Slavic Village, the laughter echoing through its streets, the dreams held in the hearts of its youngest residents? If your heart beats for the prosperity of our beloved community, then there's a powerful way to make those dreams a reality.

For two decades, Jones Road Family Ministries has been a beacon of hope, nurturing the potential of our youth through its transformative summer program, Literacy Through the Arts! This free, six-week program for inner city youth melds reading skills with music, dance, sports and more to open young minds to the power of their own creativity. All thanks to the unwavering dedication of this incredible organization.

This isn't just about charity; it's about investing in the very soul of Slavic Village. It's about empowering the next generation to become the leaders, innovators, and dreamers who will carry our community forward.

We invite you to be a part of something truly special. Join us for our Annual Gala, a night where passion meets purpose, and every contribution makes a tangible difference.

Event Details

When: Friday, August 1st. **Doors Open:** 5:30 p.m. **Dinner:** 6:15 p.m., catered by Sirna's. **Where:** Cleveland Central Catholic High School's Ironman Center, 6550 Baxter Ave, Cleveland, OH 44105.

Be a Force for Good

Whether you choose to **donate** and fuel the fire of change or **purchase a ticket** (at just \$15 which includes dinner) and experience firsthand the incredible work we do, your support is vital. Come, witness the impact, and become a part of the movement that's building a brighter, bolder future for Slavic Village.

Tickets: Secure your spot and ignite a future by scanning the QR code at right or call us directly at 216-906-0708.

Sponsor the Evening: Silver Level: \$250.00 (1/4 Page Ad), Gold Level: \$500.00 (1/2 Page Ad), Platinum Level: \$1000.00 (Full Page Ad), Dinner Sponsor: \$2500.00

Join us. Let's make prosperity not just a dream, but a living, breathing reality for every child in Slavic Village.



Friends sought for Garfield Hts. library

We're looking for a few good Friends! What do the Friends of the Garfield Heights Branch Library do? They volunteer their time and energy to raise funds in support of Library programming, special events and activities that are not supported by tax funds.

Interested in joining? Please contact Tony Furino, branch manager, at 216-475-8178 or afurino@cuyahogalibrary.org.

Death Notices

BERNIE WALTERS

Bernie Walters, age 75, born in Cleveland, Ohio on July 6, 1949, died February 13, 2025.

Beloved son of the late Helen Walter. Dear brother of Adele Goga (Ed) (both deceased), and Maryann Stratton (Tom). Loving uncle to Debbie Goga (deceased), Doreen Ayers (Jim), Diane Rostek (Mike), Linda Stratton and Thomas Stratton. Dear great uncle.



Bernie served in the US Navy from 1969 to 1971 on the US Kennedy during the Vietnam War.

Bernie was a longtime resident of Newburgh Heights and a retiree of The Illuminating Co. At one time he was canteen manager for Lincoln Post 13. He then went on to manage the canteen at the Ampol Hall on the near west side of Cleveland.

Interment services will be held on Friday, July 18, 2025 at 11:15 a.m. at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, 10175 Rawiga Rd., Rittman, Ohio 44270.

NO N.N. ISSUE JULY 30th

The Neighborhood News
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The deadline for the July 23 edition
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Community police reports

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Garfield Heights

Animal Cruelty

On July 5, at 6:20 p.m., officers were dispatched to Giant Eagle on Transportation Blvd., for a report of a dog locked in a vehicle with windows up. Officers located the vehicle with a small Yorkie-type dog inside. The window of the car was cracked less than half an inch with absolutely no air flow or circulation, with the outside temperature 90 degrees. The dog was visibly distressed from the hot conditions, and was panting nonstop and trying to reach the crack in the window but couldn't reach it due to its size. Police decided for the dog's safety to break out one of the car's windows, grabbed the dog and put it in the police cruiser in the air conditioning. After several minutes the dog's condition improved. One Giant Eagle patron told officers he had seen the dog in the car when he went into the store and again when he came out about 45 minutes later. Officers located the dog's owner inside Giant Eagle with a full shopping cart. She told police she had only been in the store for 10 minutes. If that was true the temperature inside her car would be at least 110 degrees. If it was longer as witnesses stated, the inside of the car would have been over 130 degrees. She was given a citation for animal cruelty and given her dog back.

Suspicious Person

On July 4, at 7:09 p.m., a police officer responded to McDonald's, 5240 Turney Rd., for a suspicious person report. The complainant was the night manager, who around 7 p.m. observed a black female and a black male dressed in black, wearing black masks walk in and start walking around the restaurant looking for a specific employee. After searching the bathroom, the front counter and other areas in the store the female got on her cell phone and started talking to someone about that employee not being at work. While they were walking around the night manager observed the male subject holding a gun inside of his waistband on the right-hand side of his pants. He didn't pull it out nor didn't make threats with the gun. The unknown subjects didn't say anything to anyone and finally walked out the front door. The

manager called the police and locked the restaurant down. He was advised to call police back if the unknown subjects returned looking for the employee. The suspects were not located by police.

Theft-Shoplifting

On July 9, at 2:22 p.m., police responded to Giant Eagle, 5744 Transportation Blvd., for a shoplifting in progress. Store security had detained a female who was seen hiding merchandise in her purse and trying to leave the store. A security officer was running after a white male, bald, wearing an orange backpack, behind the store. Security told police the male suspect ran down a hill behind Giant Eagle and other officers tried to locate him. Police at the store talked to the female suspect and she admitted to trying to take several packages of steaks, valued at \$75.83, out of the store without paying for them.

Another security officer told police that he had been following the male suspect when he entered the store with the orange backpack. He said the male put several packs of steaks and other meat products in his backpack and in a shopping cart. When he passed all points of sale in the store the security guard tried to stop him and the suspect left the cart and took off. The steaks and ribs left in the cart were valued at \$73.49. The meat in the backpack was not recovered. Police found the male suspect walking along a path in a field north of Giant Eagle near the I-480 overpass. He was taken into custody without incident and did not have any Giant Eagle merchandise on him. The

female suspect told officers the male suspect had driven her to Giant Eagle in her son's car. Due to her level of cooperation she was issued a summons for theft in lieu of arrest and released on scene. She was forbidden to enter Giant Eagle forever. The male suspect was held in custody for theft.

CCC Car Wash fundraiser

The Class of 2026 from Cleveland Central Catholic High School will hold a Car Wash fundraiser on Tuesday, July 22, from 12 to 6 p.m., at the Stefanski Field parking lot off Broadway and Baxter Ave., Cleveland. Rain date will be Thursday, July 24. Donations accepted: \$10 car, \$15 SUV/truck, \$5 tire shine.

All are invited to help raise funds for Cleveland Central Catholic High School, c/o the Class of 2026.



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