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Fleet Music Fest, Feast this Saturday

Live music and late summer fun return to Slavic Village this weekend. The 2nd annual Fleet Music Fest is set for this Saturday, Aug. 23, from 1 to 8 p.m., and will showcase 12 bands in many styles including jazz, rock, soul, hip hop, blues and more.

The street will be closed to traffic from E. 65 St. to E. 55 St. throughout the event. Sidewalks will be lined with vendor's tents, resource tables and food trucks.

Fleet Music Fest is produced by the Community Yahoos, with the support of Slavic Village Development. All residents and friends of Slavic Village are welcome.

From 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., on Fleet Ave. at E. 57 St., Slavic Village Development will produce the Village Feast, a free midday dinner for event visitors.

All are welcome to attend and enjoy all the activities Saturday along Fleet Ave.

“Taste of Turney” Street Festival kicks off Saturday in Garfield Hts.

The "Taste of Turney" Street Festival will be held this Saturday, Aug. 23, in Garfield Heights along Turney Road, from Runnymede to Garfield Blvd., from noon to 7 p.m., featuring street food booths, food trucks, live bands, street dance performances, games, prizes and much more!

With two stages of entertainment, there will be fun for everyone at Saturday's festival.

Stage 1 will feature a Drumline Parade at noon, GHHS Student & Faculty Recognition at 12:15 p.m., Robert "Line Dance King" Johnson at 1 p.m., MC Smooth & Phenomenal Ballroom Dancers at 1:45 p.m., Vaughn Music 2:30 p.m., Mattie Blue at 3:30 p.m., Carlo Jones & the Plus Band at 5:30 p.m., and DJ JU spinning tunes from 12 to 7 p.m.

Stage 2 will be highlighted by Raven Rae at 2 p.m., Zumba by KI at 3 p.m., Jinari Kemet & the Blackjackets at 4:30 p.m., and DJ Sissy Bunn spinning tunes from 1 to 4 p.m.

Come one, come all - admission is free!

Early in-person voting, vote-by-mail for Sept. 9th primary election now open in Cuyahoga County

The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections reminds voters that Early In-Person Voting and Vote-by-Mail have opened for the Sept. 9, 2025 Primary Election.

New Early In-Person Voting Location: The Board of Elections has moved to 1803 Superior Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44114. The new location offers free parking and easy access to public transportation.

Vote-by-Mail ballot applications are available online at www.boe.cuyahogacounty.gov or by calling 216-443-VOTE (8683), and at all public libraries.

Vote-by-Mail applications must be received by the Board of Elections on or before 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2.

There are seven Cleveland wards that have primary elections for Cleveland City Council seats that are part of the Sept. 9, Primary Election: Ward 1, Ward 3, Ward 5, Ward 7, Ward 8, Ward 9, and Ward 12.

There are mayoral primaries in Cleveland Heights, East Cleveland and Garfield Heights. Maple Heights has a District 7 City Council contest and there is mayoral recall question on the Cleveland Heights Ballot.

Two taken into custody in investigation of shooting death in Maple Heights

Two males were taken into custody last week for investigation into the shooting death of 28-year-old Timothy Kappenhagen. While loading his car with groceries in the parking lot of Giant Eagle, 5321 Warrensville Center Rd., Maple Heights, Kappenhagen was shot in the chest Saturday, Aug. 8, about 1:40 p.m., and died from his injuries the next day at MetroHealth Medical Center, according to Maple Heights police.

MHPD learned Kappenhagen had been shopping at Giant Eagle and was putting groceries into his car when a suspect approached the victim and the two began to struggle with each other. Police said it appears the suspect shot Kappenhagen, then fled in the victim's car, which was recovered by law enforcement a short while later.

A vehicle of interest was developed in the investigation and was located by RTA Police in the early morning hours of Monday, Aug. 11. The vehicle was occupied by two males who were taken into custody for further investigation along with the vehicle they were found in. They have not been charged yet. Additional updates will follow as more information becomes available.

Persons of interest are currently still being sought in the investigation. Anyone with information related to this case is urged to contact the Maple Heights Detective Bureau: 216-587-9624 or Detectives@mhpd-ohio.com.

Information can also be supplied to Crime Stoppers at its Hotline, 216-252-7463; submit a tip online at WebTips; or text message anonymously to: Text TIP657 plus your message to CRIMES (274637).

Celebrity sighting at Forty Niner Diner

Our roving reporter Tony Brancatelli has an exclusive for NN readers this week. Tony reports that he and Earl Pike were minding their own business having breakfast at Bob and Sheri's Forty Niner Diner Monday on North Broadway, when in walks a film commission crew with Bill Garvey, president of the Greater Cleveland Film Commission, and famous actor Christopher Meloni, best known for his TV role as Detective Elliot Stabler in "Law and Order."

They were scouting locations and visiting various sites in the area. The Broadway Slavic Village neighborhood has become a very popular location for the film industry with its many historic buildings, landmarks and community vibe, said Tony.



Pictured with actor Christopher Meloni, at left, are Forty Niner staff members Diana Bolt, Becky Mullins, Margie Gavin and David Lawyer. Photo by Tony Brancatelli

Fundraising Spaghetti Dinner to be held Saturday at American Legion Post 309

American Legion Post 309, 15521 Broadway Ave., Maple Heights, will hold a Fundraising Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, Aug. 23, serving from 3-7 p.m.; open to the public; dine-in or carryout. Donation is \$13.

On the menu will be spaghetti & meatballs, sausage, salad, roll and dessert. A Chinese Auction will also be held. Call the Post for advance orders, 216-662-7768.

Your garden questions answered free by Ohio State-trained Master Gardener Volunteers of Cuyahoga County

By Cynthia Beall

I know that gardeners these days have their cell phones, not to mention computers and magazines or books for reference when they have questions about tomatoes or insects. But having a conversation in real time with a Master Gardener might be a welcome way to get the information you need. Free and reliable answers to garden questions are only a phone call away.

Volunteer Master Gardeners in Cuyahoga County are trained through Ohio State University to give you the most up-to-date, research-based answers.

Questions about hydrangeas are very popular, especially now that they are showing off their large, beautiful flowers around the city. Most asked: Why didn't my hydrangea bloom? Sometimes it is because the type of plant you have will only bloom on old wood, and pruning in the fall cuts off next year's blooms. Newer varieties bloom on both old and new wood, so pruning in the fall will not bother them. On old wood bloomers, next year's buds form right after this year's bloom, so look for them as early as July. The buds form just down the stem from the bloom.

Another popular question is how to turn the bloom from pink to blue. This is possible on some kinds of hydrangeas but not all. Tree-like hydrangeas will not change their "stripes." Adding an acidifier like sulfur to the soil can change the blooms from pink to blue on many other varieties.

Japanese beetles are upon us. What to do? Try to kill the first to arrive – just squish it between your thumb and finger - because this prevents the first comers from alerting their friends. Shaking them into a bucket of soapy water is effective also. If you want to treat your lawn to kill the larvae, you must do it when they are most vulnerable. This is when they are young and actively feeding, typically starting in mid-July. Consult the OhioLine fact sheet for detailed instructions.

Putting out a trap that attracts Japanese beetles is not a good idea; you may attract all of the beetles in your neighborhood to your house!

If you have questions for the Master Gardener Volunteers, please call 216-429-8200, ext. 1, and leave your name, phone number and your question. We will get back to you promptly.

St. Therese Church to host annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, Sept. 14

All past and present parishioners and friends of St. Therese Church in Garfield Heights are invited to its annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, Sept. 14, at Klima's Gardens on E. 71 St., in Cuyahoga Heights.

This year's theme is a Corn Fest and included with the ticket price of \$10 is lunch offering a hamburger, bratwurst and ear of corn, a bag of corn chips and choice of soda or water! An ice cream truck will be on site from 2:30-4 p.m., and cones will be available for purchase. There will also be basket raffles, Plinko, Sideboard raffles, and the parish raffle with a grand prize of \$1500!

The celebration begins at noon with an outdoor Mass, followed by lunch served from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Music will be played from 1:30-4:30 p.m., in the pavilion with TS Entertainment spinning your favorite tunes!

Advance sale tickets are \$10 each and are available after Masses this weekend and next and at the parish office during regular business hours. Tickets are advance sale only — none are available at the gate. Contact St. Therese Church at 216-581-2852 for more information.



Campaign Kick-off for Avery Johnson

President of Council, Garfield Heights



Thursday, August 21, 2025, 6:30 PM
Miss O's Café, 12672 Rockside Rd.,
Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125



Friends and Supporters are invited.

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7 ROOF REPLACEMENTS PROJECT



**Application Period Extended &
Income Maximums Increased**

Application Submission Period: Aug. 11 thru Sept. 10, 2025

**Drawings for New Roof Winners to be Held Monday, September 22, 2025,
6:00 PM at the Civic Center**

Program Guidelines (include but not limited to the following):

- Applications to be picked up and submitted in the City's Economic Development Dept. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 AM—3:00 PM only throughout the application submission period.
- **RECIPIENTS OF THE HOME REPAIR GRANT FUNDS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THIS PROGRAM.**
- Property taxes must be current.
- Proof of Homestead Exemption tax credit required.
- Property must be the owner's primary residence for a minimum of one year at time of application.
- Applicant must provide proof of roof replacement need.
- Grant funds cannot be used to address open/current Point-of-Sale violations.
- Applicant must provide proof of current homeowner's insurance policy on property at time of application.
- A homeowner contribution of 1% of the total project cost is required.
- Full Program Guidelines are available at www.garfieldhts.org—Economic Development, Building Dept. & Community web pages.

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



1: \$34,800	5: \$53,700
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LEARN TO SKATE LESSONS

AGES 3-ADULT - COED

Classes held on Wednesdays beginning Sept. 24 from 5:30-6:30 p.m., and also held on Saturday mornings, 10:15-11:15 a.m., beginning Sept. 27. Skate rental is included with all lessons at no additional charge.

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ID Card – Residents - \$20 – one-time annual fee

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Lessons – Residents - \$60 per 5-week session

Non-Residents - \$85 per 5-week session

IN-HOUSE HOCKEY AGES 3 & UP - COED

This In-House beginner hockey program is held on Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m. Also 5-week sessions - with session 1 starting on Saturday, Sept. 27. If you decide to sign up your child, equipment is available with a returnable cash deposit. See office for details.

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Residents - \$100 for 6-week session

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GIRLS HOCKEY IN GARFIELD AGES 19 & UNDER

19U Girls In-House (no travel) and 12U/14U Independent travel team

The In-House for 19 & under is for any girl wanting to have fun and learn the sport of ice hockey. Practices average 2 to 3 times a week and run from September through February.

The 12U/14U is for girls who are serious and want to compete with other local coed teams and also have fun! We are the only non-competitive girls team in N.E. Ohio!

All details & individual flyers are on the website – www.garfieldhts.org – Parks & Recreation Department. Or call 216-475-7272 during open office hours & press 0.

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Gym rededication at St. John Lutheran Church in G.H.

St. John Lutheran Church, 11333 Granger Rd., Garfield Heights, will celebrate the rededication of its gymnasium with an Open House - Rededication on Sunday, Aug. 24, from 2 to 4 p.m.

With new lights in 2024 and a new gym floor this summer, St. John's is ready to reach out to the people of the community. Already having a successful basketball program for the community's youth, hopes are to add more activities for both youth and adults.

There will also be a blessing on all students and teachers,



This new gym floor and lighting at St. John's are being celebrated this Sunday, from 2 to 4 p.m.

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- ROBERT JOHNSON - LINE DANCE KING - 1:00 PM
- MC SMOOTH & PHENOMENAL BALLROOM DANCERS - 1:45 PM
- VAUGHN MUSIC - 2:30 PM
- MATTIE BLUE - 3:30 PM
- DJ JU SPINNING 12:00 - 7:00 PM

STAGE 2

- RAVEN RAE - 2:00 PM
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Local educator, children's book author named to OSU's Buckeyes Under 40 Class of 2025

The Ohio State University Black Alumni Society has named HerBrina Shepherd, a respected educator, children's book author, and community leader to its prestigious Buckeyes Under 40 Class of 2025, honoring Black alumni who have made significant contributions to their professions and communities.

Shepherd serves as a transfer specialist at Cuyahoga Community College's Metropolitan Campus, where she helps students successfully navigate the pathway from community college to four-year universities. In addition, she is vice president of the Maple Heights City Schools Board of Education.

A proud Ohio State alumna with a Bachelor's degree in Communication, Shepherd is also the author of several children's books that celebrate Black joy, heritage and self-confidence. Through her literacy advocacy work and her company, Just Bloom, she has brought author visits, reading programs and educational resources to schools, libraries and community groups across the region.

"I am deeply honored to be recognized among such inspiring leaders," Shepherd said. "This award is not just about my journey — it's about every student and community member who has shaped me. I'm committed to ensuring that every child sees themselves as the hero of their own story."

As part of her recognition, Shepherd is participating in a fundraising campaign to support scholarships for Black students and alumni at Ohio State. Her goal is to raise \$1,500 by October 5, 2025. The team that raises the most funds will have a scholarship created in their name.

Community members can support the campaign at: <https://www.zeffy.com/enCA/fundraising/herbrina-shepherd>

The Buckeyes Under 40 honorees will be celebrated during Homecoming Weekend 2025, October 2–5, with events including the Scholarship & Awards Gala, an honorees panel discussion with students, the Homecoming Parade and the Legacy Brunch.



HerBrina Shepherd

S.V. Open House to discuss Broadway transit options

Residents of the Broadway-Slavic Village and Lee-Miles neighborhoods are invited to participate in a Community Open House on Saturday, Aug. 23, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., at E. 57 St. and Fleet Ave., in partnership with the Slavic Village Feast and the Fleet Music Festival, to explore ideas for a transit-oriented community along Broadway Ave.

The Slavic Village Feast is a community cookout where the Broadway Transit Oriented Development Corridor project will be discussed. It seeks to create a plan for equitable transit-oriented development along the Broadway Avenue Corridor in anticipation of future Bus Rapid

Transit. The Community Open House is an opportunity to share experiences and ideas, and help create the transit community you want to see on Broadway Ave.

Ward 7 Block Watch meets

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch, sponsored by Councilwoman Jenn Newrones, will meet Thursday, Aug. 28, at 7 p.m., at St. Monica's outdoor pavilion off Rockside Rd. Nonperishable items for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry would be appreciated. All are welcome. For more information call Gail, 216-662-9213.

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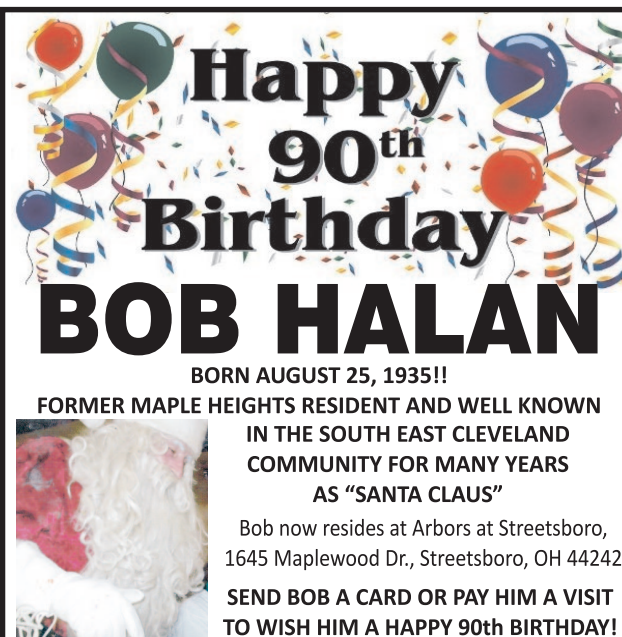
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Letters to the Editor

Maple Hts. residents deserve better

The residents of Maple Heights deserve a better City Council.

I contend that our city is at a crossroads. We have the opportunity to continue the improvement and growth that has taken place under the current administration or allow our city to fail under the control of a very negative segment of City Council. The following are some of my observations from the last few years that you need to know!

A segment of the Maple Heights City Council over the last few years has been systematically trying to take over City Council completely and now are trying to control the day-to-day operations of the city! Here are a few examples:

They have made numerous changes to the 220 Rules of Council which govern City Council. They have diluted the authority of the Council President by removing many of the duties and responsibilities from the Council President and appointing them to City Council. The latest being a change to the council reporting order at meetings moving the president's report from last to first. It was stated that they did not like what the president said and that he had the last word.

Another example is the newly formed Government Affairs Committee and other committees that have requested extensive amounts of information from administrators in an unreasonable amount of time. This blurs the line of the Executive and Legislative branches of government.

You may ask yourself how were they able to do these things? This was done by having a majority of council members influenced and controlled by negative members who want to disrupt the advancements made by the current administration. I know because I was recruited to become a part of it.

Another major issue is how common courtesy and respect have gone by the wayside. Here are some examples:

Mouthing a profanity from their council seat to a resident at a council meeting is totally unacceptable yet it happened.

While claiming support for the mayor to her face and to residents, one ran against her and another served as their campaign manager.

They also wanted to limit the time of the Mayor's Report.

A council member aggressively approached the mayor after a council meeting and a resident had to step in-between them for the safety of the mayor.

A police officer had to step in-between a council member as they aggressively approached another and then claimed to feel threatened by the other.

Council members had to be escorted multiple times to their cars after council meetings to keep from being intimidated and harassed by other council members.

After being appointed to serve on City Council committees according to Council rules, some council members refused to serve with other council members.

This kind of unprofessional behavior has no place on our City Council and it has to be stopped! We, the residents of Maple Heights, deserve better. We should demand better. We can do better by voting them out of office on November 4.

One recently said if you don't like me, vote me out. Let's give this council member what they want.

Sincerely,
Ron Jackson, Council President



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Community police reports

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

Garfield Heights

Traffic Offense-OVI

On Aug. 10, at about 3 a.m., police were dispatched to a home in the 5300 block of E. 132 St., for a report of a U-Haul that struck a residence and was now fleeing east on Granger Rd. at a high rate of speed. Police were able to stop the vehicle on Granger Rd. and Beech Ave. in Maple Hts. The U-Haul had fresh damage to the front of the car. The female driver had red glassy eyes, was sensitive to the police flashlight and had slurred speech. While questioning the driver, the officer could smell an odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from her breath. The driver stated she had just come from the 4eleven Lounge in Bedford after celebrating her birthday, and she didn't know how she struck a house. She stated that her purse and cell phone were stolen at the bar. After using a phone tracker app, she borrowed her friend's U-Haul and drove to an address on E. 132 St. where her phone had pinged. The police officer asked her to perform a series of sobriety tests. Due to the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle being appreciably impaired, she was placed under arrest for OVI and transported to the GHPD jail. The owner of the residence knows the driver and believes she struck her house on purpose. The driver was issued a traffic citation for OVI, failure to control, DUS, and hit skip.

Felonious Assault

On Aug. 10, at 4:03 a.m., an officer was dispatched to University Hospitals for a follow-up investigation regarding an incident earlier that morning in the parking lot of Aries Restaurant and Lounge, 4619 Warner Rd. Police were eventually able to speak with the two victims, and the officer was able to determine that the two had a long history of tension with another female, and that morning a verbal altercation broke out involving the three women. It was reported that during the altercation the suspect was in her vehicle which was parked in the Aries lot with the engine off. At one point the suspect started the car, placed it in reverse, backed up and hit the other two women, causing them to fall to the ground. One of them was able to get up, suffering only a minor abrasion to her left wrist. The other victim was still on the ground when the suspect pulled forward and ran her over intentionally with the vehicle. The suspect then backed up running over the victim two more times before fleeing north on Warner Rd. The extent of this victim's injuries are not known. The officer left witness statements for both parties to complete.

Animal Cruelty

On Aug. 12, at 4 p.m., an officer was dispatched to a

home in the 5600 block of Andover Blvd., for a report of puppies left in a cage with no water and covered in feces. Two other officers also responded to assist. Police arrived and saw two pit bull puppies in separate crates in the backyard, each having a bowl in them covered in feces but no water in them. It was noted that it was 88 degrees at the time of the call. Each dog was covered in feces and their fur stained with urine. Their nails were overgrown and their paws were also stained. The smell was overwhelming when you got near the dogs. The backyard was completely overgrown and covered in trash. Police advised dispatch to notify the building department. The animal warden arrived to take the dogs to the Garfield Heights kennel for safekeeping. As the warden was loading the puppies into his truck a male arrived at the home and admitted to police they were his dogs. Dogs were bathed and fed at the kennel and given water and were taken to the vet the next morning for checkup. Report forwarded to the city prosecutor for review of charges.

Menacing

On Aug. 14, at 2:08 p.m., a GHPD officer spoke with a lieutenant in the Ohio State Patrol regarding menacing from a home in the 8300 block of Garfield Blvd. The OSP officer said he works at the State Fusion Center which monitors social media accounts for any potential threats. He said a male was making threats to an unknown party on a social media platform. The suspect stated, "I'm a murderer," and said to the unknown user multiple times that they were going to kill them. The OSP officer sent GHPD the FBI report of the information they received regarding the suspect. Two GHPD officers were sent to the Garfield Blvd. address but there was no answer at the door. It was noted that it appears to be a two-family home.

Animal Complaint

Two officers were dispatched to the area of the 13700 block of Cranwood Dr., on Aug. 14, at 4:32 p.m., for a report of a tortoise that was dumped off there by a gold vehicle that then sped off. Police secured the tortoise in their cruiser. The owner was called and was unaware that his tortoise had escaped his yard again. Officers waited until he arrived home to return the tortoise. The enclosure gate was open and did not have a latch. Officers had been dispatched to the area on Aug. 11, for a report of a tortoise stuck under a vehicle parked on the street. An officer had freed it from under the tire of the vehicle, but since no one had called about a missing tortoise, it was let free to roam. Later that evening its owner had called GHPD to report his African Spurred Tortoise missing. On Aug. 12, officers were advised that a tortoise was found in the 13600 block of Cranwood Dr., and returned it to its home. Police advised the owner's wife that the tortoise's enclosure was not secure and there was no latch to the gate, making it easy for the tortoise to escape. It was noted in the report that there was garbage and tires in the backyard of the enclosure and no signs of proper food or water, other than grass and weeds. An officer began calling tortoise rescues and spoke with a person from Captive Born Reptiles near Columbus, who advised that often tortoises are killed in the city due to being hit by cars or killed by animals, mostly by dogs. He said that if needed, the tortoise could be placed in his care. Report forwarded to the prosecutor and animal warden.

Local Library News

Maple Heights Branch Library

Here are a few of the **FREE** programs being offered at the Maple Heights Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, located at 5225 Library Lane, Maple Hts. For more information or to register, please call 216-475-5000, or visit: cuyahogalibrary.org/events.

Self-Care Summer, Grades 6-12, Thursday, Aug. 21, 4-5 p.m. Explore self-care tips and activities geared toward teens.

Family Kitchen: Roasted Summer Veggies. Families, Saturday, Aug. 23, 3-4 p.m. Easy roasted veggie quinoa highlights the bounty of summer gardens, complemented by thyme and tarragon, our featured spices for June and August, respectively.

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