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FISHY FUN AT CANALWAY CENTER



Lots of fishy fun was had last Saturday as kids of all ages turned out with their parents for the Fall Family Fishing Fest at the Cleveland Metroparks' Ohio and Erie Canal Reservation in Cuyahoga Heights. Rainbow trout and catfish were stocked in the canal, exploration stations helped the kids learn new skills and prizes were handed out to anglers ages 15 and younger.

Photo by Cheryl Russell

2 dead, 2 injured outside Sunoco station on Fleet

Last Saturday, Oct. 18, at approximately 1:15 a.m., the Cleveland Division of Police received multiple ShotSpotter alerts for gunshots in the area of the Sunoco gas station, 7025 Fleet Ave., in the Slavic Village neighborhood.

Officers arrived and found four victims suffering from gunshot wounds. Two were pronounced deceased at the scene, while the remaining two were transported to MetroHealth Medical Center for treatment, according to a Facebook post by Ward 12 Councilwoman Rebecca Maurer.

Preliminary information indicates that an altercation occurred between several individuals at this location prior to the shooting, the post continues. Detectives recovered two firearms and are actively reviewing evidence to deter-

mine the circumstances leading up to the incident.

The Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner identified the deceased victims as Bruce Charles Singleton, 46, and Deon Stallings, 37. The victims taken to Metro are a 31-year-old male and a 34-year-old male, according to media reports.

This remains an active and ongoing investigation. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Cleveland Division of Police Homicide Unit.

Councilwoman Maurer posted she called Cleveland police to learn if there were actions they could take against the Sunoco gas station in light of the most recent shootings. The Sunoco station has had several additional incidents of gun violence in recent years.

Fights by juveniles break out at multiple spots Friday throughout Garfield; mutual aid needed for riot control

Out of control juveniles fighting at various locations throughout Garfield Heights last Friday afternoon overwhelmed and outnumbered Garfield police officers, who were forced to call Valley View and Maple Heights police departments to assist with riot control.

At about 3:44 p.m., Garfield Heights police were originally dispatched to the basketball area at the Dan Kostel Recreation Center in reference to a large group of juveniles fighting. One juvenile was reportedly dragged into the wooded walking path near the pool area. While police were en route, a second incident was reported at the Garfield Heights Branch Library, where multiple juveniles were reportedly engaged in a physical altercation with security staff.

Several additional Garfield Heights Police units responded to assist. Despite officers issuing multiple verbal commands for the crowd to disperse, about 50 to 60 juveniles failed to comply and began fighting in the

presence of the officers, who deployed what is commonly known as a pepper ball gun in response to the escalating situation.

Despite these efforts, fights continued to break out across many locations throughout the city, including the Civic Center, basketball courts, Elmwood School and into neighboring city streets. Due to the size and aggression of the crowd, GHPD officers were forced to call for mutual aid from Valley View and Maple Heights police.

Several juveniles were arrested at the various locations in connection with the riots. Between the library and Civic Center, an officer saw one juvenile punching another in the back of the head, and the officer sustained an injury to his right foot during the struggle.

All the juveniles were booked for riot and later released to their guardians. All charges for rioting pending with the Youth Bureau.

Trick or Treat Street Saturday in Bedford

The Bedford Parks & Recreation Department's annual Halloween event, Trick or Treat Street, will be held this Saturday, Oct. 25, at Ellenwood Center, 124 Ellenwood Ave., Bedford.

Children ages infant-12 will trick-or-treat through various stations inside Ellenwood Center. Registered children receive a pumpkin and a Halloween craft to go. Hay rides will be available!

Register for a specific time slot between 10 a.m. and noon at bedfordoh.myrec.com or call 440-735-6570. Registration will not be accepted on the day of the event. Space is limited. There will be special time slots starting at noon for teens and adults with special needs. Non-participating caregivers are welcome to attend and are not required to register. Space is limited.

Fee for the event is \$5 for Bedford resident children ages 0-12, and \$8 for non-resident children. Adult supervision required.

Town Hall at Maple Hts. High School

Ohio State Representatives Darnell Brewer, Terrance Upchurch, Juanita Brent and Eric Synenberg will participate in a Town Hall meeting, presented by P.L.A.N. Ohio, on Thursday, Oct. 30, at 6 p.m., at Maple Heights High School, 1 Mustang Way. Topic of the meeting will be Safe Storage, Gun and Violence Prevention in Ohio.

Interested individuals are invited to participate in a dialogue on gun violence, firearm safety, survivor support and legislative action.

Trick-or-Treat on Fleet is this Saturday!

Ghosts and goblins of all ages will descend on Slavic Village for the seventh year for the popular Trick-or-Treat on Fleet celebration this Saturday, Oct. 25, from noon to 3 p.m. The rain-or-shine event has grown in attendance each year to become one of the most popular Halloween festivals in Cleveland.

The midday stroll is much more than a candy giveaway - although that's a big part of it. It's become a chance for local and citywide organizations to showcase their presence with colorful autumn displays and to invite the public to learn about their work.

New vendors and political leaders are signing up, but there's room on the street for many more. Simply bring some candy and join the fun.

See next week's NN for more Halloween news!

Council OKs interim finance director for Maple Hts.

By Ellen Psenicka

Maple Heights Council met in regular session last Wednesday, Oct. 15, and for the first time it was available for public viewing on a live YouTube streaming channel by going to "Maple Heights City Council." All future council meetings can be viewed by computer, tablet or smartphone on this streaming channel live or anytime after its original airing.

A motion was passed by council to approve Mayor Annette Blackwell's appointment of an interim finance director, Dennis G. Kennedy, to serve for a period of 120 days at a rate of \$60 per hour, with no health insurance benefits, and working 25-30 hours per week beginning Oct. 20.

Mayor Blackwell said Kennedy is retired from the city of University Heights and has agreed to work for the city on this interim basis.

The mayor said the previous finance director left her position on Aug. 11, 2025, a couple weeks before she had planned to leave, and the city has had no finance director since that date, relying on Mayor Blackwell to take up the slack.

The mayor said she has a permanent candidate for finance director in mind and hopes council will approve the person she nominates to fill the position after consideration.

Although that candidate was not named at the meeting, the mayor said he or she has been highly recommended and has worked for the city of Cleveland for 20 years in the administrations of Mayor Frank Jackson and now with Mayor Justin Bibb.

Goes to third reading

Passed for a third reading by council last week was an ordinance to amend a section of the codified ordinances of the city of Maple Heights. The amended ordinance would require council approval for all city funds spent for the refurbishing of city buildings and offices and for purchase of office furniture, decorations and amenities, regardless of the amount of such expense.

A final vote on this ordinance is expected when it goes to a third and final reading at a future meeting.

The mayor, during her report to council, said she wanted to clear up some confusion this proposed bill has created. She said in December of every year council passes a budget for the coming fiscal year for every department in the city. She said in December, 2024, council passed a budget of \$40,000 for furniture and fixtures in city buildings, making the new ordinance they were considering unnecessary, since they control the purse strings already.

"I have never ever spent over the amount council has allocated for furnishings and fixtures," she said, noting the bill was "overkill, to manage me or punish me, I'm not really sure which."

Blackwell said to date her administration has spent just a third (\$17,000) of its budgeted amount and it is already October. "So we're not going to spend the whole \$40,000," she said.

Goes to second reading

Ordinance to approve the editing and inclusion of

certain ordinances as parts of the various component codes of the codified ordinances to approve, adopt, enact and publish new matter in the updated and revised codified ordinances and to repeal ordinances and resolutions where conflicts occur will go to a second reading.

Legislation passed

- A resolution to enter into a contract with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health to provide health services for the city for the years 2026 (\$212,361) and 2027 (\$237,958).
- A resolution asking the Cuyahoga County fiscal officer advance taxes and assessments for fiscal year 2026 from the proceeds of tax levies pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code.
- A resolution authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement with Benedetto Scaglione for the sale of vacant property at 14725 Pease Rd., owned by the city through its Land Reutilization Program, for a purchase price of \$2,000.

It was noted that Scaglione intends to improve the vacant lot by creating parking spaces and constructing additional storage space as well as installing fencing.

Aging in Place program

District 22 State Rep. Darnell Brewer will host a Town Hall discussion of "Aging in Place and Preparing for Aging Gracefully" this Sunday, Oct. 26, at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd., from 2 to 4 p.m. The focus will be on self-directed care, end-of-life doulas, wills and power of attorney, state issues related to senior services and scam awareness.

A Meet and Greet opportunity will be held immediately following the Town Hall meeting from 4 to 6 p.m., at Arthur Treacher's, 12585 Rockside Rd., Garfield Heights.

REIMAGINING TURNEY ROAD

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING & PRESENTATION

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27th AT 5:30 PM

GARFIELD HEIGHTS CIVIC CENTER

5407 TURNEY ROAD

Join fellow residents, businesses, and community leaders for an evening of conversation as we showcase the study's findings and discuss next steps for implementation.

The presentation will begin at 5:30 pm, followed by a short question and answer period. We hope to see you there!

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ZONING CODE UPDATE

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Should you have any inquiries regarding the zoning code update during the final adoption phase of the project, please note that there are still several opportunities for input during the upcoming Planning Commission and City Council meetings. Be advised that only these two entities will be authorized to submit revisions to the zoning code draft from this point forward.

MEETING DETAILS!

DATE:

City Council Meetings: 7:00 PM

October 14, 2025

October 27, 2025

November 10, 2025

November 24, 2025

Planning Commission Meetings: 6:00 PM**

October 15, 2025 – (7PM)

November 5, 2025 – (6PM)

November 19, 2025 – (6PM)

** Note all Planning Commission meeting beginning on November 5th with be held at 6PM

LOCATION:

Garfield Heights Civic Center

Council / Caucus Chambers (Located on lower level)

5407 Turney Road

Garfield Heights Council meeting update: Oct. 14th

By Ellen Psenicka

Garfield Heights Council met on Tuesday, Oct. 14, because of Monday's Columbus Day holiday and passed the following legislation:

•To apply for and accept funding through the Public Entities of Ohio Grant Program for the purchase of items to improve workplace safety. Qualified expenses may include playground safety material, safety signage, safety cones or other hazard warning items, automatic external defibrillators (AEDs), fire extinguishers, warning sirens, reflective materials, firefighter training, security cameras, driver training, fleet management assistance and police training. Grant funds are capped at \$1000.

•To adopt an ADA Grievance Policy and designating an Americans With Disabilities Act coordinator for the city of Garfield Heights. The regulations implementing Title II of the ADA require public entities which employ 50 or more persons to designate an ADA coordinator, and to adopt and publish grievance procedures providing for the prompt and equitable resolution of complaints. The legislation designates the chief of staff or other employee designated by the chief of staff or mayor to serve as the city's ADA coordinator. Their contact information will be published on the city's website and made available as required by the ADA.

•To enter into an agreement with the city engineers, OHM Advisors, for the Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Sewer Separation Project and authorizing city vouchers issued to OHM Advisors in an amount not to exceed \$304,840.

The purpose of this project is to eliminate residential basement flooding and property damage, reduce flows to the district's infrastructure for treatment by removing storm water from the currently combined sewer system, improve water quality in area waterways, and reduce and eliminate property damage to both public infrastructure and private property.

•To amend appropriations for current expenditures for the city of Garfield Heights, during the fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 2025.

•To approve and accept the fact-finding report and recommendations issued by Margaret Nancy Johnson in Case No. 2024-Med-09-1018 between the city and the International Association of Firefighters, Local 340 regarding rights of Local 340, overtime and call-in pay, salary, vacations, sick leave, uniform allowance, insurance, line of duty injury, compensation at retirement, resignation and death, station cleaning and maintenance and squad pay.

In submitting her recommendations, Johnson noted that "an effort has been made to balance the interests of both parties, recognizing the need of the City for fiscal restraint while endeavoring to address matters of concern to the Union."

•To join the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) for the purpose of cooperative purchasing. Ohio's Cooperative Purchasing Act permits municipalities to participate in contracts completed by public agencies for the purchase of supplies, services and

equipment without requiring the municipality to competitively bid the contract. NASPO is a nonprofit association that creates national cooperative purchasing opportunities for local governments by providing all of its members access to their competitively bid contracts for various supplies, services and equipment.

The next meeting of Garfield Heights Council will be Monday, Oct. 27, at 7 p.m.

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Parks & Recreation Dept. - ice rink page





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Join Mayor Matt Burke and guest speakers, Varsity Football Coach Mac Stephens, and Varsity Basketball Coach Sonny Johnson for a conversation on youth development.

OCTOBER 23, 2025 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Road

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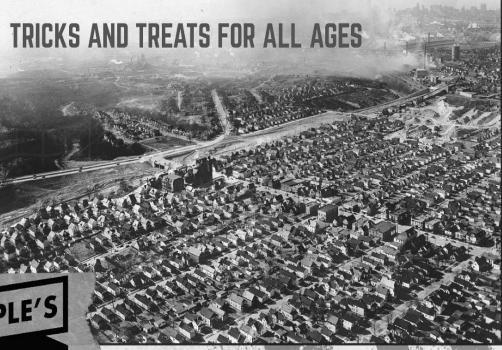
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American Legion Post 309, 15521 Broadway Ave., Maple Heights, will hold an Oktoberfest Dinner today, Oct. 22, serving from 3-6 p.m., and open to the public.

Dinners include pork, sauerkraut with spaetzel, red-skinned potatoes, salad and dessert. Donation \$13, dine-in or carryout. Call the post with your advance orders, 216-662-7768.

G.H. Ward 7 Block Watch

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch, sponsored by Councilwoman Jenn Newrones, will meet Thursday, Oct. 30, at 7 p.m., in the cafeteria of St. Benedict School, 13633 Rockside Rd.

Nonperishable items or cash donations to help the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry with the approaching holidays would be appreciated. All are welcome. For more information contact Gail, 216-662-9213.

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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

October 23: Meditation and Mindfulness in Nature Series - Cultivating Non-striving and Acceptance. The benefits of mindfulness and meditation are well studied, and we know that living mindfully and meditating can

help you feel more relaxed, reduce the effects of stress, decrease anxiety and improve focus. In our final class, we'll explore the act of non-striving, focusing on being rather than doing. We'll also explore how acceptance is related to mindfulness, seeing things as they actually are in the present moment. As part of this session, we'll try a body scan meditation, so wear clothes that will allow you to lie on the ground.

Bring a folding chair, towel or yoga mat for your comfort as we sit and walk on the grass. Also, you may want to bring a journal, pen and water bottle. (Series meets Oct. 9 and 23). 6–7:30 p.m. CanalWay Center. Ages 16-17 years and adults. Fee: \$12 per class. Terrain: paved and natural surfaces; 0.5 miles. Register online. Maximum 18 people.

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October 25: Preschoolers in the Park - Bats. Stop by CanalWay Center to learn about Ohio's only flying mammal, the bat. We will read a story and learn about this nocturnal animal. Plus, you'll get to make a bat-themed craft to take home. 10:30–11:30 a.m. Ages 3–8 years w/ adult.

October 26: Family Bike Ride to the Eagle's Nest. Join a naturalist at CanalWay Center for a guided bike ride to the bald eagle nest in the Ohio and Erie Canal Reservation. We will ride north and discuss landmarks along the way so you can find the nest again on your own. Make sure to bring your bike and a helmet! 1-2:30 p.m. Terrain: paved, one hill, 3 miles.

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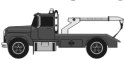
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Community Police Reports

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Garfield Heights

Motor Vehicle Theft

On Oct. 9, shortly before 11 p.m., an officer responded

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A. Delores Robinson-Woods proposes to replace an existing fence located at 260 Columbus St., Bedford, OH 44146

The proposed replacement is 6ft tall. The requires the fence be 6ft from the neighboring property.

Variance #1. The proposed fence is less than 6ft from the neighboring house.

Per 1953.03(d)(2) Must be located at least a distance equal to its height from an adjacent building which is used in whole or in part as a place of human habitation.

Variance #2. The proposed fence is 6” from the edge of the driveway.

Per 1953.03(d)(3) Must maintain minimum two-foot (2 ft.) distance from adjacent paved driveways or access roads.

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to a home in the 5200 block of E. 133 St., for a report of a stolen vehicle. The owner said he was out of town from Sept. 27, 2025, until Oct. 8, 2025, and when he returned he saw that his Chevy Malibu had been stolen. When the car was entered into LEADS, the Independence PD contacted GHPD and said they had the car towed after finding it involved in an accident on I-77. There was no driver on scene at the accident when police arrived.

Trespassing

On Oct. 11, at 6:37 p.m., an off-duty officer advised Garfield Heights Police units about a disturbance in the parking lot of Pizza Hut, 5526 Turney Rd., stating that a black sports vehicle was driving recklessly and ran over a parking block. The driver got out of the vehicle, kicked it, got back in and quickly parked on the curb in front of Pizza Hut and went inside. Upon police arrival the suspect was getting back in his Kia Stinger. The officer approached the car and ordered the suspect to get out of the vehicle. Around this time multiple Pizza Hut employees came out and stated that the suspect had been inside causing a disturbance, throwing pepperoni and slamming cooking equipment. The driver was detained and questioned, saying that he came to Pizza Hut to get free food because he previously worked there, but was denied, which angered him. The Pizza Hut manager stated that the suspect had come in looking for another employee.

The suspect was placed under arrest and taken to the Garfield Heights Jail to be booked. He also received a criminal summons for disorderly conduct, criminal trespassing, a traffic citation for driving under suspension, and a reckless driving on private property citation.

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Garfield Park Reservation

October 22: Garfield Park Walking Club. Join our new Wednesday walking club as a naturalist leads you on an exploration of the many scenic and tranquil pathways and trails of Garfield Park. Joining the club is easy and free - just show up in your favorite walking shoes, bring a water bottle, and be ready to meet new people! 10–11 a.m. Garfield Park Pond (outside of Program Center). Terrain: paved, gravel some hills, 1–2 miles.

October 23: Adaptive Outdoor Recreation Open House. Learn about current and upcoming adaptive and inclusive outdoor recreation opportunities for people with disabilities that are available at Cleveland Metroparks. The program starts with adaptive equipment demos and ends with a presentation by Cleveland Metroparks and MetroHealth. 5-7 p.m. Garfield Park Program Center. Ages 8 & over.

October 29: Backcountry Skills Series - Knots to Know. Join us as we practice the knots that make hiking, backpacking, climbing and boating a breeze. 6-8:30 p.m. Garfield Park Program Center. Ages 8 & over. Fee: \$5. Register online.

Offsite

October 31: Ghost Ravine Walk - Morgana Run. Morgana Run was once a tributary to the Cuyahoga River with a ravine that was almost 70 feet deep. Today the stream is gone because of urban development, but portions of the ravine it carved over thousands of years remain, hidden within the urban fabric of the city. A naturalist will lead you down into the ghost ravine of Morgana Run, which is being brought back to life through the creation of a nature preserve and trail that will eventually be connected to Cleveland Metroparks. 3–4:30 p.m. Offsite - Morgana Bluffs Nature Preserve, 5935 Ackley Rd., Cleveland, OH 44105.



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.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Innovation Center Hands on Help Need help with a project in the Innovation Center? Bring your ideas and materials and staff will be available to help you get started. This program is open to users who have already completed an Innovation Center Orientation. Thursday, Oct. 30, 6-8 p.m.

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Facts About Issue 48

Will NOT increase taxes

Please Read Below to Learn More Factual Information

- GHCS levies are subject to the Rollback and Homestead Credit programs through the State, meaning taxpayers only pay 87.5% of the total levy collection cost. ANY new levy will be taxed at the full 100% collection rate, meaning an increased cost JUST TO COLLECT the same amount you currently pay. **12.5% of your current cost subsidized by the state will be lost permanently if this issue is not renewed.**
- What Happens If ISSUE 48 is NOT passed...**
 - A loss of \$5.3 million in revenue.
 - All extracurriculars would immediately become pay-to-play or pay-to-participate.
 - Various educational programs and resources would be eliminated.
 - Significant staffing cuts at the outset.
 - 40-50 positions total.
 - 2 years without collections would look at even more staffing cuts to everything deemed non-essential.
 - The potential closing of building(s) in our district.
- The levy will not increase taxes.** This ballot issue represents a renewal of two levies that have been continuously approved by the voters since 1986 and 1992, respectively.
- ISSUE 48 will include a \$2.5 million emergency tax issue that was originally passed by the voters in 1986 and a \$2.85 million emergency issue that was originally passed by the voters in 1992, and subsequently have been approved for renewal every five years since then.
- The renewal would be for a term of 10 years. The extended renewal period has been proposed to address the long-term financial security of the district for many years to come in the future.
- Funds generated by our RENEWAL ISSUE will be used for the same items since the levies were first introduced. Primarily, the funds would continue to be used for core educational programming, textbooks, building safety and security, technology, science equipment, and operations.
- If the levy fails, the district would face a \$5.35 million shortfall, which would require the district to consider available cost-cutting measures to account for the shortfall, including staffing and programming cuts.

Contact school district officials where a comprehensive list of financial resources are available.

The information being provided is merely factual. District personnel are not allowed to advocate for or against the passage of the levy issue during times they are being compensated by the district.