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Bush Furnace & Boiler sold to Wyatt Works; owners form alliance as only 'Mom & Pop' shops can

By Ellen Psenicka

A packed house was on hand a couple Fridays ago at the old Seven Roses Restaurant on Fleet Ave., to say good-bye to Mark Bush, longtime owner of Bush Furnace & Boiler, a fixture in the Slavic Village community since 1979. Bush, 67, had been talking about retiring for some time, but wanted to find a reliable company to buy his business so neighborhood residents wouldn't be left in the lurch.

The celebration at Seven Roses was two-fold, as Bush had found the perfect fit to carry on his legacy. Wyatt Works, a family-owned business for over 45 years, which specializes in plumbing, heating, air and electrical work, was opening its doors at 5200 Fleet Ave., home of Bush's old company.

In 1964, Mark's dad, George Bush, had started his furnace career out of his Seven Hills home, having learned the sheet metal trade in the Navy. He moved the business to Fleet Ave. in 1979, when son Mark had bought the building. Mark joined the firm permanently in 1986 and bought the business from his dad in 2007.

Andy Wyatt, founder of Wyatt Works, began his business in 1980, specializing in plumbing work. Over the years he and his wife, Ruth, welcomed three sons to the company, Luke, Joshua and Seth. Andy's sons now own the company, with each of the boys operating Wyatt shops in Wickcliffe, Charlotte, North Carolina, and now its newest venture in Slavic Village.

Mark and Andy were all smiles as they greeted new and old friends at the Seven Roses party, and let old customers know they haven't seen the last of furnaceman Mark Bush yet. Andy Wyatt has included furnace work as part of the Wyatt package now and asked Mark to teach the trade to a new crop of Wyatt employees.

"Mark is a true craftsman," Wyatt said, "and has over 40 years of knowledge in the furnace business to impart to our fledgling apprentices."

Bush will work out of the Fleet Ave. location, training workers and going out on service calls with his trainees, who will learn the ropes the old-school way, with Bush sharing his knowledge of electrical and mechanical systems, reading blueprints, and diagnosing and repairing equipment, along with demonstrating his skill at sheet metal work.

"Kids today can't work with their hands," Bush said, "but we're going to change all that."

Wyatt said that jobs with his firm are "AI proof," and should have particular appeal in this day and age of technology replacing real people in the workplace.



Shown above at the old Seven Roses restaurant in Slavic Village recently for a welcome and retirement party are Mark Bush, longtime owner of Bush Furnace & Boiler, center right, and Andy Wyatt, founder of Wyatt Works, who announced their collaborative efforts in a new venture. They are shown surrounded by new and former employees of both companies.

Photo by Mark Silverberg

Think you might have a future with Wyatt? Well, head over to their shop at 1372 Lloyd Rd., Wickcliffe, OH 44092, any Tuesday at 7 a.m., and you'll be treated to a full, hot breakfast. And if you're lucky, it might be on a morning Ruth is making her famous blueberry pancakes!

After breakfast potential employees will meet the staff and get a tour of the company headquarters and learn what the jobs there entail before interviewing for openings.

Wyatt's main number is 216-302-3400 for inquiries concerning all the services the company offers and employment opportunities.

So, Slavic Villagers, be advised that Mark Bush may have sold his business to Wyatt Works but he hasn't retired. He and the Wyatt brothers are just a phone call away.

Tom Kaschalk to speak to genealogical society group

The Cuyahoga Valley Genealogical Society will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m., at the Independence Civic Center in the Willow Room, 6363 Selig Blvd., Independence. Members and interested public are invited to attend.

"Unlocking Cleveland Stories: A Practical Guide to the Cuyahoga County Archives" will be the topic presented by Tom Kaschalk.

If your family touched Cuyahoga County, the Archives likely holds pieces of their story. In this presentation, Tom will walk through what's available, where to find it, and how to read it like an investigator.

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

A festive Thanksgiving illustration featuring a large orange pumpkin, a turkey wearing a pilgrim hat, and a slice of pumpkin pie with a dollop of whipped cream.

Happy Thanksgiving
NN closed for Thanksgiving

The Neighborhood News will be closed this Thursday, Nov. 27, and Friday, Nov. 28, for the Thanksgiving Day holiday, and will reopen at 9 a.m. Monday, Dec. 1. Normal deadlines will apply. We extend to all our wish for a safe and blessed Thanksgiving Day holiday.

Garfield Heights sells property on Antenucci Blvd. to develop Solar Farm

By Ellen Psenicka

At the regular meeting of Garfield Heights Council Monday night, an agreement was entered into with Vacant Land Development LLC, for the sale of property located adjacent to Infinity Corporate Center Dr., at 10500 Antenucci Blvd., to develop a Solar Farm with Data Center/Battery storage facilities, at a cost of \$280,000.

The buyer and its affiliated company, AK-KK-GG Adventures LLC, envisions a project development in two phases. First will be to conduct a Brownfield Assessment on the land. Second will be the development of a Solar Farm with Battery Storage Facility on their currently owned parcel and the construction of a Data Center and additional solar panels/battery storage on the parcel being sold by the city.

This project has backing and support from Cuyahoga County's Department of Sustainability, as noted in the ordinance. Should the proposed solar project not receive county or regulatory approval, the buyer has a backup plan in place with the State of Ohio for the development of an electric vehicle charging station as well as the Data Center on the site.

Other ordinances passed

The following ordinances were also passed at Monday night's council meeting:

- A new cybersecurity program was adopted in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code.

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Mayor Annette M. Blackwell
City of Maple Heights





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Kids Café—Ages 1-18: Every Monday-Friday, 3:30-4:30
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City of Garfield Heights

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4:30-5:30 p.m.

Used Book Sale – All Ages: Dec. 8 & 10, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Gently used books, DVDs, BluRays, and CDs for adults,
kids, and teens for sale just in time for the holidays.
Proceeds benefit The Cleveland Public Library Founda-
tion which helps to support and expand collections,
services and programs at the library. Come by on the final
day of the sale to fill a library bag for \$10!

Games and Crafts Day – All Ages: Friday, Dec. 12, 3:45-
4:45 p.m. Enjoy a cozy afternoon of crafts and board
games.

Book to Movie Matinee – Family: Saturday, Dec. 13, 12-
2 p.m. This month’s selection is “Scrooge,” an adaptation
of Charles Dickens’ "A Christmas Carol." Limited copies
of the book will be available to check out, and the film will
be shown.

Banned Book Coffee Chats – Adult: Wednesday, Dec.
17, 12-1 p.m. This month’s title will be "The Perks of
Being a Wallflower" by Stephen Chbosky. Limited copies
of the book will be available to check out.

The Drawing Hour – School Age & Teens: Wednesday,
Dec. 17, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Preschool Storytime – Ages 3-5: Thursday, Dec. 18, 4-
4:30 p.m.

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Maple Heights Council news
Mayor Annette Blackwell says state officials 'receptive' to her pleas to get state funds for city's playgrounds

By Ellen Psenicka

In her report to Maple Heights Council at its meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 19, Mayor Annette Blackwell said hope may be on the horizon to get state money to refurbish the city's playgrounds, which she said are outdated and not inclusive for many people with disabilities.

The mayor said she went to Columbus last week to talk to state officials about the city's playground situation and said they seemed to be receptive to funding all or part of the \$550,000 the city needs to get its facilities in shape. Blackwell said money for playgrounds may be forthcoming in the next round of state funding to be announced early next year.

The mayor also encouraged everyone to take part in Shop Small Saturday in Maple Heights, taking place on Saturday, Nov. 29, with videos of local small businesses appearing on the city's social media and incentives and special bargains at area stores.

Legislation passed

By a vote of 5-2, an ordinance was passed amending a section of the city's codified ordinances which would require council approval for all city funds spent for the refurbishing of city buildings and offices and for the purchase of office furniture, decorations and amenities, regardless of the amount of such expense. The former section specified only amounts over \$5,000 would require council approval.
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PHILLIP STEVENS
Mayor/Safety Director



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PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Maple Heights is accepting applications to fill one (1) vacancy on Council for District 4 which will occur on December 31, 2025.

Applications are available at the Clerk's Office at City Hall or can be requested via email by contacting Clerk of Council Sonia Beaman at sbeaman@mapleheightsohio.gov. Applications will be accepted at City Hall or by email to Clerk Beaman until December 1, 2025 at 12:00PM.

The vacancy for the District 4 Council position is for an unexpired term that expires on December 31, 2027. The person appointed to fill the one unexpired term shall hold office until December 31, 2027 and may run for election in November 2027 for a full term for the period January 1, 2028 until December 31, 2031.

Applicants must have been a resident and qualified elector of District 4 of the City for at least two (2) continuous years before the day of his or her appointment, and not hold any other elected public office. Criminal background checks will be conducted. A convicted felon may not hold elected office.

City Council meets at 6:30PM on the first and third Wednesdays of the month and special meetings as needed. In addition Council Committees usually meet at least once a month.

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List of Meetings for December 2025

Monday, December 1, 2025	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 2, 2025	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 10, 2025	Southeast Area Law Enforcement (SEALE) Board of Trustees Meeting (if needed) Work Session - 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting - 12:00 p.m.
Monday, December 15, 2025	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 16, 2025	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 23, 2025	Board of Zoning Appeals (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

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

All Meetings will be held at Bedford City Hall, 165 Center Road, Bedford, Ohio 44146. For agendas and minutes please go to www.bedfordoh.gov or call Tracy M. Simons, Clerk of Council, at 440-735-6510.

Tracy M. Simons
Clerk of Council

NN: 11-26-25

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This ordinance was placed for reconsideration at this meeting having been passed at a previous meeting and objected to by Mayor Annette Blackwell as unnecessary. After being passed again by the same 5-2 vote, Blackwell noted, "We will continue to work with what we have."

A resolution was also passed to approve, adopt, enact and publish new matter in updated codified ordinances to align them with state law and to repeal ordinances and

resolutions in conflict with state law.

Multiple ordinances were introduced on first reading and will be considered for second and third readings at future council meetings.

St. Monica Craft Fair

All are invited to the St. Monica Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 29, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at St. Benedict School, 13633 Rockside Rd., Garfield Heights.

Kick off your holiday shopping with unique gifts, handmade treasures and a wonderful variety of local crafters and vendors. Plus — Santa will be stopping by to spread a little Christmas cheer! Admission is \$1 per adult.

Interested in being a vendor? A limited number of spaces are still available. Email stmonicarespectlife@gmail.com with questions.

Toys still being collected in G.H. for Toys for Tots

The U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots Teddy Bear Toss during the Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy Hockey game was a huge success, reports Mary Nichols, Garfield Heights Recreation Coordinator for the city's Parks & Recreation Department.

Toys can still be dropped off at the Dan Kostel Rec Center, 5411 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights, until Friday, Dec. 12. Boxes will be at the rec center in the lobby — please drop off toys during open office hours.

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Garfield Hts. sells property

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The city of Garfield Heights is required to adopt and maintain a cybersecurity program designed to safeguard city data, information technology systems and related resources, and to ensure confidentiality, availability and integrity of such systems.

•The mayor was authorized and directed to purchase one Road Rescue Squad from Penn Care, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$370,525,00.

•The city's moratorium on licenses, permits and certificates that would allow the establishment of smoke and vape businesses in Garfield Heights was extended by an additional six months.

Also passed was a resolution authorizing the city to adopt the results and findings of the completed 2025 Transit-Oriented Development Study. The study found that with supportive policies and development, combined with the updated Zoning Code, this corridor has the potential to become a regional asset and transit-friendly "Downtown" for the city of Garfield Heights.

An ordinance on third and final reading for a new Planning and Zoning Code to be adopted for the city of Garfield Heights, was postponed for a vote until council's Dec. 8, 2025 meeting.

Scam Squad warns of Corrections Center phone scam

The Cuyahoga County Scam Squad and Sheriff's Department are warning residents about a new scam in which criminals pose as deputies and contact the families of newly booked individuals. The scammers ask family members to pay for ankle monitors so their loved ones can be released from custody.

Residents are advised that deputies will NEVER call citizens to ask for payments of any kind. In addition, jury duty related scams continue to be reported. In these scams, imposters posing as deputies may email fake summons to scare people into paying a "bond" or other fee.

•Do not pass on unverified messages from people who claim to be deputies or other members of law enforcement.

•Remember that members of law enforcement will NEVER call people to ask for money, fees or fines.

To check the status of a Cuyahoga Corrections Center resident, contact the Sheriff's Department at 216-443-6000.

To ask about a suspicious call or report a scam, contact the Cuyahoga County Scam Squad at 216-443-7226. Learn more about scams at cuyahogacounty.gov/scamsquad.



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Mayor Gregory P. Kurtz

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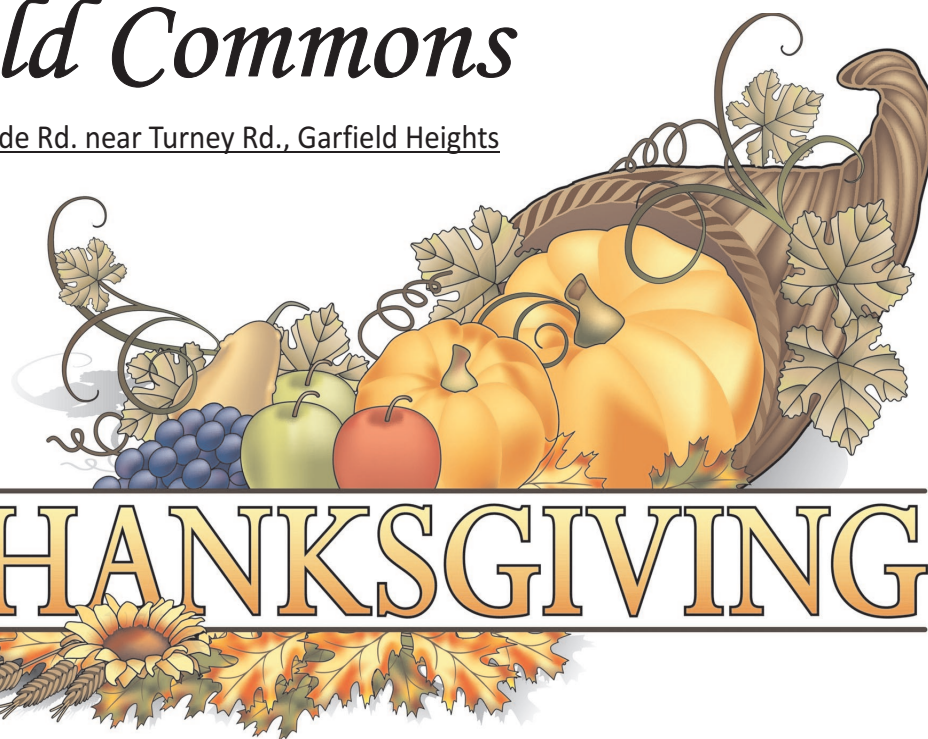
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Holiday Lighting Ceremonies

Cleveland

Cleveland's main holiday lighting ceremony is WinterLand at Public Square, which is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 29. The day features a full schedule of events including live entertainment, food trucks, and ice skating, culminating in the tree lighting around 6 p.m., followed by fireworks.

Garfield Heights

The Garfield Heights Holiday Lighting Celebration will be held on Sunday, Nov. 30, with festivities beginning inside the Garfield Heights Civic Center at 5 p.m., with holiday tunes from the St. Monica Church Choir, kids' crafts, treats, face painting, photos with Santa and the Adopt-A-Senior-For-Christmas program.

At 6 p.m., events are moved outside with a welcome and introduction of dignitaries by Mayor Matt Burke, invocation by Councilman and Pastor Mark Smith and lighting of the holiday display by the mayor and Santa, followed by Christmas carols led by the Garfield Heights Girl Scouts.

Independence

The city of Independence held its annual holiday “Square Lighting” ceremony on Friday, Nov. 21, which marked the official start of the holiday season. The event on Independence Square featured thousands of lights, live performances, and Santa’s Village at the Uptown Market.

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Maple Heights

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Bedford

The city of Bedford’s annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Bedford Commons will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 26, at 6 p.m. sharp. This year there will be an ice-carving demonstration from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., on the square before the tree lighting.

The Bedford Firefighters Local 1683 will again be providing refreshments, and Santa Claus will be stopping down to celebrate the beginning of the holiday season. Hope to see you there!

Bedford Heights

Bedford Heights will hold its Holiday Lighting Ceremony on Thursday, Dec. 4, from 6 to 7 p.m., at City Hall, 5661 Perkins Rd., lower level, front entrance. Refreshments will be served outside. Come celebrate the season!

Community Police Reports

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

Garfield Heights

Theft

On Nov. 14, officers spoke with a man regarding a stolen wallet. The victim stated that on Nov. 11, between 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., while coaching basketball at St. Benedict School, someone stole his wallet. The victim had a black cloth wallet containing cash, an Ohio driver’s license, a credit card, medical card and personal items.

Animal Cruelty

On Nov. 23, about noon, an officer responded to Henry St. Apartments, for a report of an injured pitbull that had been abandoned in a stairwell outside the apartment complex. The officer found the dog curled up in a corner of the stairwell. He had no collar, and had scratches and open wounds all over its emaciated body. The dog was shivering and lethargic and unable to stand on its own, so the officer carried it to his cruiser.

The officer concluded the dog needed immediate medical attention and drove it to the VCA Animal Hospital on Richmond Rd., which is an emergency vet clinic. Veterinary staff pointed out multiple healed over scars on the dog's head, which indicated it was used in dog fighting. No suspects as to the dog's owner were located at the time of the report, which was forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

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Word Basics Learn the basics of Microsoft Word, including how to enter and format text, how to copy and paste, save and print. Friday, Dec. 5, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Registration required.

Innovation Center Orientation Learn about the equipment and policies of the Innovation Centers throughout Cuyahoga County Public Library. Attending this orientation allows users to utilize the Innovation Centers throughout the library system. For adults 18 years and older. Upcoming sessions: Monday, Dec. 8, 6-7 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 20, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Registration required.

TEENS

Teens Innovate Teens can come explore STEAM activities, new technologies and make cool things in the library's Innovation Center. Tuesday, Dec. 9, 3-4 p.m.

Teen Tuesday Meet up with friends and enjoy trying a new activity each month! Tuesday, Dec. 16, 3-4 p.m.

CHILDREN and FAMILIES

Families Innovate: Gingerbread Houses Families with children ages 0-5 can join us to decorate laser cut gingerbread houses and meet with a special holiday friend! Monday, Dec. 1, 6-8 p.m. Registration required.

Spanish Storytime Children of all ages, with their caregiver, can join for rhymes, songs, puppets, stories and more in Spanish. This storytime is offered in Spanish, but the lead artist helps with transitions in English. Monday, Dec. 8, 4-4:30 p.m.

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