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Special presentations made at Bedford Council meeting on Monday night

By Ellen Psenicka

Two presentations were made at the Bedford Council meeting Monday night, the first by J.C. Commander, Jr., athletic director for the Bedford City Schools.

Commander announced that retiring Ward 3 Councilman Vic Fluharty will be among those inducted into the 2026 Bedford High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Commander said the ceremony is scheduled for Feb. 7, 2026, and will be "a great way to bring back this tradition," he said.

Fluharty, Bedford High Class of 1973, was inducted two years ago into the Greater Cleveland Softball Hall of Fame.

Donations were also presented by the city and Bedford Fire Department to the Southeast Clergy Meals on Wheels program, which has been delivering meals to Bedford seniors and disabled residents for almost 50 years. The organization and community is mourning the loss of its longtime director, Dinah Mouat, who passed away on Thanksgiving Day.

City Manager Mike Mallis announced that the city has received a grant of \$167,000 to enhance and upgrade the playground equipment at Greencroft Park. He said the work will begin in the spring.

Mallis also advised that demolition of the building at 97 Northfield Rd., will begin this week and may effect traffic patterns.

Legislation passed

The following action was taken by Bedford Council at its Monday night meeting:

- Passed on third and final reading an ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses of the city during the year 2026.

- Passed under emergency an ordinance authorizing the city manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners. The legislation states that the necessary technical assistance in implementing soil and water conservation measures by the districts under the Memorandum of Understanding constitutes part of Bedford's compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency. The ordinance also allows for a payment by the city of \$1,500 per the stipulations of the contract.

- Passed under emergency an ordinance authorizing the city manager to enter into a Phase II Stormwater Services Agreement with the Cuyahoga Board of Health to provide Phase II stormwater services for the years 2026 and 2027, for the total amount of \$2,520.00 to be paid over two years per the agreement. The payment constitutes \$1,260.00 in 2026 and \$1,260.00 in 2027, under the terms of the contract.

Music therapy & more at M.H. library

A hands-on program designed to teach families how to use music to improve their child's academic, motor, communication and social skills as well as behavior, will be held on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 10 a.m., at the Maple Heights Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 5225 Library Ln., Maple Heights.

This program is designed for families and their children, ages 0-6 years, who have concerns about development. connectingforkids.org/music

Holiday Decorating Contest is on for residences, businesses in Slavic Village

For the 20th year, Slavic Village will honor its best-decorated homes and businesses during the Christmas season. Rules are simple: go all out making your house or building look great in December and the committee will do the rest; no need to apply. Especially remember to keep your lights on during the weeks before and after Christmas, when judges will be touring the streets.

Stolen ambulance crashes at Marymount

Shortly after 10 a.m. Sunday, Garfield Heights Police officers responded to Marymount Hospital to assist Cleveland Clinic Police with an ambulance crash.

Officers learned that a 53-year-old male from Cleveland had stolen a Midwest Medical ambulance from near the Emergency Room and attempted to flee the lot before crashing into a light pole and disabling the vehicle.

He was taken into custody immediately by Cleveland Clinic Police. After being treated for minor injuries, the male was transported to the Garfield Heights jail and held with charges pending.

The ambulance did not have a patient on board, and nobody was hurt during the incident.

Posted by GHPD - Dec. 1, 2025



Hearing set at CLE City Hall on proposed solar development project at landfill

Krystal Sierra, Neighborhood Planning director for Slavic Village Development, announced that SVD will be giving testimony at a Public Utilities Committee hearing this Thursday, Dec. 4, at 10 a.m., at Cleveland City Hall regarding the Harvard Refuse Landfill and the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant that proposed a solar development project at the landfill.

She encourages Slavic Village residents and all those interested to attend this public meeting in-person or watch the live broadcast via TV20 here: <https://www.clevelandohio.gov/city-hall/office-mayor/tv20>

Instructions for attending in-person:

Please park in Willard Garage - there are entrances on E. 9th St. and Lakeside Ave. Please note that most of the first level is reserved, so you'll likely need to go to the lower levels to find a spot.

Once you get into City Hall, you'll go through security. The officers will request your ID and ask why you're there (city council hearing), and you'll go through the metal detectors. They can direct you to the elevators if you're not sure where they are.

The hearing will be held on the second floor in the Mercedes Cotner Committee Room, Room 217 (right across the hall from Council Chambers).

Contact Sierra by phone or email with any questions: 216-429-1182, ext. 1104; krystals@slavicvillage.org

Christmas in Cleveland talk Dec. 11th

Local author and historian Alan Dutka will give a colorful presentation on the history of Christmas in Cleveland on Thursday, Dec. 11, at the Slavic Village Historical Society, 6804 Lansing Ave. It will be based on his book "Christmas In Cleveland," and will cover everything from the early French explorers to Mr. Jingeling.

The talk is part of Cleveland History Hours, the Society's new fall-winter program designed to offer a fresh take on our city's past. The series will continue in 2026 with talks on Vaudeville and Dr Martin Luther King Jr.

Events are free and open to all residents and friends of Greater Cleveland. Light refreshments will be served. Secure parking can be accessed from Worley Ave.; street parking on Lansing Ave. Because seating at the museum is limited, preregistration is encouraged at www.slavicvillagehistory.org

CLE City Council passes agreement with Haslams to move Browns to Brook Park

Cleveland City Council met for its regular in-person meeting Monday and passed Mayor Justin Bibb's agreement with the Haslams on the future of the Cleveland Browns.

Council approved the terms and conditions in the Settlement Term Sheet the administration negotiated regarding the relocation of the Cleveland Browns to the city of Brook Park and the demolition of Huntington Bank Field.

The deal includes the Haslam Sport Group (HSG) donating \$25 million to the city by Dec. 1, 2025 (or a later date once all approvals are secured) to advance lakefront development.

HSG will raze the current Huntington Bank Field in downtown Cleveland to a pad-ready state at the Browns' expense, beginning promptly upon termination of the parties' lease agreement.

HSG will cover the cost of demolition and site work if it exceeds the estimated \$30M cost. Work is subject to community benefits ordinance. HSG will invest \$50M, plus cover stadium demolition costs and \$20M in community benefits for projects throughout the city. The \$70M funding commitment does not change, even if demolition and pad-prep costs change.

Two main arteries to get renovated

Council authorized the city to apply for and accept Issue 1 Funds as well as funds from other entities for the renovation of E. 55 St., from Superior to St. Clair Ave., and St. Clair from E. 55 to E. 72, approximately 1.1 miles. The improvements include pavement rehabilitation, new sidewalks, curbs, ADA compliant curb ramps and landings, new driveway aprons, roadway drainage, new water main, traffic signals and streetscape. This will be an ODOT administered construction project. The project cost is \$8.5 million. The funding sources include: \$680,000 from ODOT Urban Paving Funds; \$4.42 million from Issue 1 grants; \$600,000 from Public Utilities, and \$2.8 million from Cleveland Road and Bridge Bonds. Construction is to begin in 2026.

Creates a Department of Development

Council approved the renaming of the Department of Economic Development to the Department of Development and the establishment of the Office of Land Strategy and Asset Redevelopment (LSAR). The Department of Development will serve as the city's single front door for development, bringing together commercial and residential development, incentives, land management, business retention and attraction, small business support, and neighborhood corridor revitalization efforts under one coordinated structure. A number of positions from Community Development are moving over to the newly named department. This reorganization is designed to make it easier to do business in Cleveland while fostering catalytic growth across the city.

Helping Northeast Ohio land movies

Council approved providing a \$350,000 grant to help fund the operating expenses of the Greater Cleveland Film Commission. The organization's mission is directed at attracting movie production and production-related businesses, jobs and capital to Cleveland and Northeast Ohio.

Metroparks to manage North Coast Inner Harbor and Marina

Council authorized the city to amend the existing 99-year lease with the Cleveland Metroparks to add city-owned North Coast Inner Harbor and Marina for operations, management and maintenance.

In 2013, the city and Metroparks entered into a Lease for City-owned lakefront lands under which Metroparks is responsible for all operations, management, maintenance and programming. Metroparks wishes to take over operations, management and maintenance of the North Coast Inner Harbor and Marina, which has been leased to Oasis, a private marina operator. Oasis does not wish to continue leasing the property. The Seventh Amendment to the Lakefront Lease will add the North Coast Inner Harbor and Marina, with the Metroparks assuming operations, management and maintenance of the property.

Holiday Blowout Used Book Sale at Fleet branch library in Slavic Village

The Fleet branch of the Cleveland Public Library, 7224 Broadway Ave., Cleveland, is having a Holiday Blowout Sale of gently used books, DVDs, BluRays and CDs for adults, kids and teens at prices that will make everyone smile.

The sale will be held on Monday, Dec. 8, and Wednesday, Dec. 10, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. And they are also offering free gift wrapping!!

Proceeds benefit The Cleveland Public Library Foundation which helps to support and expand collections, services and programs at your library.

"This is a great opportunity to get great deals on books, DVDs, CDs and gifts for the holidays or for your own collection," said Slavic Village supporter Tony Brancatelli. "The Fleet library is a gem in our neighborhood and they are sharing their collections with the Slavic Village community."



Pictured above getting ready for the Fleet library's big Used Book Sale next week is Branch Manager Magnolia Peters, at right, and Cecil Pulley, public service associate, at left.



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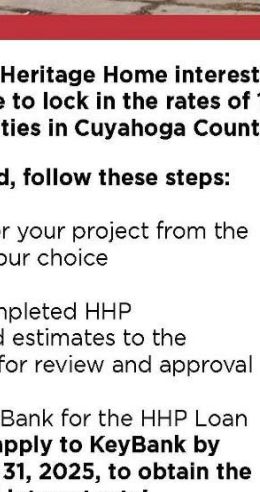
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Applications, eligibility information, and program parameters can be found on our website www.heritagehomeprogram.org.

Turkey winners announced

Due to the generosity of 39 local merchants and city leaders, a total of 41 Thanksgiving Turkeys were given away in the annual Neighborhood News Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway. The names of participating merchants or city leaders and turkey winners are listed below:

Winners of this year's Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway Contest are: **#1 Roofing**, Doris Eizember of E. 74 St.; **3 Girls Pizza**, Steven Rhoda of Harvard Ave.; **Ace Hardware**, 5680 Turney Rd., Karen Sever of Aurora; **Arrow Realty**, 4975 Turney Rd., Carolyn Dabney of Wheeler Ave.; **Mayor Jack Bacci**, **Village of Cuyahoga Heights**, Charles DiMarco of Cumberland Dr.; **Broadway Scrap Metals**, 8202 Broadway Ave., Ken Forestall of E. 54 St.; **Browns Tavern**, 5211 Harvard Ave., Gail Motyka of Harvard Ave.; **Mayor Matt Burke**, **City of Garfield Heights**, Patty Blubaugh of Egbert Rd.; **Czech Catholic Union/CCU Life**, 5349 Dolloff Rd., Mike Smothers of Krakow Ave.

Dave's Supermarket, 7422 Harvard Ave., Rebecca Key of E. 82 St.; **Dave's Supermarket**, 4948 Turney Rd., Nancy Harp of Andover Blvd.; **Dependable Electric**, Jacci Sturgeon of Ottawa Rd.; **Mayor Trevor Elkins**, **Village of Newburgh Heights**, Kim Sanducci of Rockwood Rd.; **Executive Targeting & Consulting LLC**, Patricia Sfero of Empire Rd.; **First Federal Lakewood**, 12648 Rockside Rd., Bernie Sliva of Plymouth Ave.; **Fisher Auto Parts**, 5727 Turney Rd., Daniel Konicki of Shady Oak; **Garfield Heights Democratic Party**, Darlene Malicki of Murray Rd.; **Gas USA**, 7020 Harvard Ave., Alysse Nelson of E. 57 St.; **Harry's Steakhouse**, 5664 Brecksville Rd., Eileen Wisniewski of Mill Rd.

Mayor Stan Koci, **City of Bedford**, L. Davis of E. 88 St.; **Krusinski's Janka Pierogi**, 6300 Heisley Ave., Frank Greczanik of E. 63 St.; **Matrix III Income Tax Service**, 5258 Transportation Blvd., Leon Jarosz of Carol Dr.; **Maw's Sauce**, Bill Choma of North Ave.; **PNC Bank**, 7101 Broadway Ave., Janet Desouza of Kazimier Ave.; **R & K Sausage and Catering**, 7700 Harvard Ave., Carol Rezac of Drake Rd.; **Rad Air Complete Car Care**, 5266 Turney Rd., Jonathan Bertei of E. 104 St.; **RE/MAX Haven Realty, Inc.**, Alan Zmija of Beverly Dr.; **Ricco's Garfield Beauty Salon**, 8809 Garfield Blvd., Karen Morchak of Bancroft Ave.

Rust Belt Automotive & Diesel, 4173 E. 71 St., Jennelle Shephard of Carol Dr.; **Mayor Phil Stevens**, **City of Bedford Heights**, Jenn Soplovich of Turney Rd.; **Targeting Solutions Limited**, Debbie Sequin of W. 134 St.; **The Neighborhood News**, 8613 Garfield Blvd., JoAnne Tetlak of Cleveland; **Turney Town Sunoco**, 4935 Turney Rd., Russ Otto of Turney Rd.; **Unique Tax and Accounting, Inc.**, Carl Skala of Harlan Dr.

Vic's Floral, 6304 Fleet Ave., Ron Terrill of Beman Ave.; **WeldonPC.com**, 5829 Turney Rd., Barbara Toth of Erwin St., Yvette Prorock of Plymouth Ave. and Jeffrey Lappert of Chestnut Rd.; **Woodward Convenient**, 5661 Turney Rd., Alana Wise of Garfield Hts.; **Zak Super Center**, 22777 Rockside Rd., Richard Goodyear of Aurora Rd.; **Shannon Landscaping & Snowplowing**, Eyrika Engerman of E. 104 St.



Cleveland Public Library: Fleet Branch

Fleet Campus, 7224 Broadway Ave., Cleveland, is hosting some wonderful FREE programs this month for youth, adults and families. For more information or to register for any programs, please call 216-623-6962.

No-Snow Snowman – All Ages: Friday, Dec. 19, 3:45-4:45 p.m. Make-and-take a clay snowman craft.

Frosty Festivities at Fleet – School Age: Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2-4 p.m. Join us for a festive holiday celebration with crafts, games and an ugly sweater contest.

Noon Years' Eve – School Age: Tuesday, Dec. 30, 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Join us for festive activities related to the New Year as we count down to "Noon" Years' Eve.

Free CityMusic concert at Saint Stanislaus Church

The CityMusic Cleveland Orchestra will perform a concert of works by Mozart, Haydn and Stravinsky on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m., at the Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus, 3649 E. 65 St., in Cleveland's Slavic Village. All are invited to this free performance.



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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.

Call 216-475-7272 if you need more information.



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Alan Dutka - Thurs, Dec 11th at 7pm

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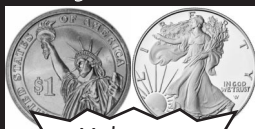
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Bedford Reservation

December 14: A Walk Back in Time. Join Naturalist Pam Taylor as we travel back in time to learn the history of Viaduct Park, a place that once was the heartbeat of Bedford. This will be a slow-paced hike, but there is a hill that we will travel down and back up. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Meet at Willis Picnic Area. Terrain: paved trail, hill, slippery surfaces, possible ice, up to 1 mile.

CanalWay Center – Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation

December 1-31: Mystery Escape Room. Bring your friends and family to follow clues, complete puzzles and resolve problems to solve this year's mystery. Non-scary challenges are appropriate for adults and children aged 7 and older. Recommended group size is 2-6 and must include one adult participant. The experience lasts approximately one hour. Call to reserve a time; limited walk-up registration may be available. 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. CanalWay Center. Ages: 7 years–adult. Fee: \$15 per group of 2–6.

December 5: Hike in Search of Eagles. It's common for eagles to be seen along the Cuyahoga River during this time of year. Join a naturalist for a walk through the valley in search of these magnificent birds. 9:30–11:30 a.m. CanalWay Center. Terrain: paved surface, 2.5 miles.

December 5: Eagle Watching Cart Tours. Join a naturalist in a vehicle on a ride along the Ohio and Erie Canal in search of bald eagles. Eagles gather here at this time of year, and it may be possible to see several. Reserve your spot by phone or in person beginning at 9:30 a.m. on this day. 1–2 p.m. and 3–4 p.m. CanalWay Center. 216-206-1000.

December 6: Eagle Weekend. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. CanalWay Center. For a week or two each year eagles gather on the Cuyahoga River in the Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation. Join us to celebrate this amazing animal and its appearance here. You can learn from a naturalist, meet a live eagle, play a game, see a nest, make a craft, and more. This is a great day for nature lovers of all ages. Activities are free. Snacks are available for sale.

December 7: Kids Love Eagles. Young children will love learning more about bald eagles with a naturalist. Let's hear a story, try out some eagle skills, make a little craft and go on a short hike. 11 a.m.-noon, CanalWay Center. Ages: 3–6 years w/adult. Terrain: paved trail, 0.5 miles.

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December 10: Water Over Land, Water Over Water. Explore some unusual features of the Ohio & Erie Canal with a naturalist, including an aqueduct and an old canal lock. Along the way we'll admire a secluded wildlife corridor that quietly passes through an industrialized area. Keep an eye out for winter birds and signs of wildlife that take advantage of this narrow ribbon of greenspace. 1–2 p.m. Meet at OECR Aqueduct Trailhead. Terrain: Paved, some hills, icy conditions possible, 1.5 miles.

December 11: Coffeehouse Trivia Night - Gone but Not Forgotten. Join us after hours at CanalWay Center for our monthly cozy trivia night! Enjoy coffee, tea, hot chocolate and snacks as we test your knowledge of Ohio's wildlife. Come solo or bring some friends—everyone is welcome. This month we'll talk about Ohio's extinct and extirpated species. Please bring a fully charged mobile device to participate. 6:30–8 p.m. CanalWay Center. Ages: 18 years & over.

December 14: Weekend Hike to the Eagle's Nest. Join a naturalist for a guided hike to an active bald eagle nest while we look for birds, beavers and other wildlife that call

Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation home. On the way, we will compare observations of animal activity throughout the winter. This hike is offered several times each month when the eagle's nest is visible. 1—3 p.m. CanalWay Center. Terrain: paved, hills, icy conditions possible, 3 miles.

December 15: Hike the Mountain Bike Trail. Historical Interpreter Doug Kusak leads you over hill and dale and mountain bike trail. It's a mini exploration of recreation built upon a river valley wall, and alternative uses for a landfill. 2–4 p.m. CanalWay Center. Terrain: natural surface, several hills, 3 miles.

December 23: Winter-break Family Fun Day. Stop by CanalWay Center today with the kids to discover fun activities and learn about the nature of winter nights. The fun doesn't end at noon – stay later to meet a live owl and watch a movie! **10 a.m.-noon:** Enjoy activities, gathering around a campfire, making crafts and taking a short hike. **12:15–12:45 p.m.:** Join us as we learn about and meet two nocturnal animals - an owl and a flying squirrel. **1–3 p.m.:** Bring a comfy blanket to sit on and join us for a kid's movie on this wonderful winter afternoon. Popcorn and hot cocoa will be provided. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Hike terrain: paved surface, 0.5 mile. Register by calling 216-206-1000.

Garfield Park Reservation

December 13: Explore Garfield Park's New Pond & Trails. Cleveland Metroparks has restored the iconic and historic boating pond in Garfield Park Reservation along with bridges and foot trails featuring unique stonework. Join a naturalist for a guided tour of new facilities, a restored stream, and more. We will also hike to a hidden waterfall that few people know about! 1–2:30 p.m. Meet in front of Garfield Park Program Center. Terrain: natural and paved surfaces, hills, icy conditions possible, 2 miles.

December 14: Welcome Winter Luminary Hike. As the nights grow longer we can find sparkle in wonderful places in our parks. Tonight join us to walk around the pond beginning at the Garfield Park Program Center as the accessible trail is lit with almost 100 luminaries. A naturalist will be there to greet you and keep a fire burning to warm your hands. Begin your walk anytime between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m., and enjoy the trail at your own pace or with a led group. 5:30–7 p.m. Meet at Garfield Park Program Center. Terrain: paved ADA accessible trail, possibly some ice, 0.5 mile.

The Neighborhood News

2025 Holiday Schedule

DECEMBER 10 - HOLIDAY GIVEAWAY

DECEMBER 17 - CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

DECEMBER 24 - NO ISSUE THIS WEEK

DECEMBER 31 - NEW YEAR GREETINGS

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GARFIELD HEIGHTS LIGHTS UP FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Garfield Heights Civic Center was abuzz with activity inside and out last Sunday evening, as the Holiday Lighting Ceremony took place on the steps of the Center, and plenty of holiday activities inside with Christmas tunes from the St. Monica Church Choir, and

lots of things to keep the kids busy, from crafts to face painting, treats and photos with Santa.

Also during the festivities, Mayor Matt Burke was sworn into office by Council President Avery Johnson, and the Halloween Lighting Contest winners

were announced and presented with trophies, certificates and prize money.

Shown below are photo highlights of the many events which took place to kick off the holidays in Garfield Heights.

Thanks for the photos go to Wendy Walters, the city of Garfield Heights and resident Debbie Ballachino.



SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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.

Kids Cafe. Kids ages 18 & younger. Every Monday through Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Kids ages 18 and under can get a free meal provided by the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, while supplies last.

Tai Chi for Beginners. Tuesdays, Dec. 9, 16, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Practice Tai Chi with certified instructor, Sandra Frazer, in this 3-part series. All fitness levels welcome!

Saturdoodle, Grades 6-12. Saturday, Dec. 6, 3-4 p.m. Need a break from the chaos of the week? Come hang out at Saturdoodle, a drop-in coloring and drawing space just for teens.

How to Prepare a Chicken, Tuesday, Dec. 9, 6:30-8 p.m. This class is hands-on and will involve handling and cutting raw poultry. Attendees will leave with prepped raw chicken, ready for storage or cooking. Presented by Jeremy Umansky, James Beard Foundation recognized chef, co-founder of Larder delicatessen in Ohio City, and author of Koji Alchemy: rediscovering the magic of mold based fermentation.

Music Therapy & More. Ages 0-6 years (and their parents/caregivers). Saturday, Dec. 13, 10-10:30 a.m. A music program for families and their children (ages 0-6) with concerns in an area of development. Join us for a hands-on program designed to teach families how to use music to improve skills.

HORROR IN THE HEIGHTS WINNERS

1st Place

Matthew Hunter
13409 Orme

2nd Place

John Nutter, Jr.
9907 Park Hts.

3rd Place

Mark and Kim Butcher
10306 Grace Ave.

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Brandon & Kelly Murray
4949 Henry

Ward 2

Damien Kruzel
10812 Langton

Ward 3

Darlene Colbert
8006 Garfield Blvd.

Ward 4

Debbi Harper
4874 E. 88th

Ward 5

David & Monica Kosakowski
5231 E. 115th

Ward 6

Mr. Moore
12117 Oakpark

Ward 7

Tony Perez
12112 Havana

Cuyahoga County expands eligibility resources to help seniors struggling with property tax bills

Help is on the way for Cuyahoga County homeowners struggling to keep up with property taxes. The Cuyahoga County Treasurer's Office has expanded the eligibility criteria for the Taxpayer Assistance Program to provide up to \$10,000 in one-time, direct assistance to qualified county taxpayers aged 67 or older, with an income of \$70,000 or less and an active delinquency. Previously the program was limited to residents aged 70 and older. Recipients will also receive financial counseling.

"This program helps our seniors stay in the homes they have worked so hard for," said Cuyahoga County Executive Chris Ronayne. "By assisting homeowners in avoiding foreclosure, we strengthen families, neighborhoods and the entire county. Expanding the Taxpayer Assistance Program will ensure more residents can access the support they need, especially in difficult times."

This year the Taxpayer Assistance Program awarded nearly \$1 million to help 150 senior homeowners resolve their property tax delinquency and create a financial plan for sustainability.

"We know homeowners face real challenges, and too often they don't know where to turn for help. That's why we decided to expand the Taxpayer Assistance Program," said Cuyahoga County Treasurer Brad Cromes. "By broadening eligibility we can give more taxpayers a fair chance to get back on track and stay rooted in their communities."

The Taxpayer Assistance Program is now accepting inquiries for the 2026 tax year, which covers 2025 tax payments. Interested applicants must complete an eligibility form on the Treasurer's website or in-person at the Treasurer's Office.

How to qualify

To qualify for direct assistance, resident must:

- Maintain a primary residence in Cuyahoga County with an active certified tax delinquency
- Be the primary or joint owner
- Be aged 67 years or greater
- Have a household income of less than \$70,000 per year
- Establish a delinquent tax payment contract for any remaining delinquency
- Participate in the Easy Pay installment payment program for future taxes
- Participate in housing counseling services, including a counseling session, completion of a budget and demonstration of on-going ability to pay

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How funding can be used

- Pay certified delinquent property taxes
- Pay late property taxes
- Pay current property taxes
- Pay foreclosure fees and court costs related to a pre-existing foreclosure
- To satisfy pre-existing tax lien certificates

For more information, contact the Treasurer's Office at 216-443-7400 (Option 1) or email TAP@cuyahogacounty.gov.

Community police reports

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

Garfield Heights

Breaking and Entering

On Nov. 13, at 2:35 a.m., officers were dispatched to the One Stop Convenience Shop, 5002 Turney Rd., for reports of a front-glass break alarm. When officers cleared the store for any suspects, they observed a cement rock in the middle of the floor beneath the broken window. Officers were unable to determine if any items were stolen at that time. GHPD dispatch reviewed city cameras and observed two individuals running eastbound toward Vernon Ave. around the time of the call. The suspects appeared to be wearing dark-colored jackets, dark-colored jeans, and carrying bags. Officers toured the area for the suspects but were unable to locate them. Photos were taken of the window damage and the suspects and forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

Note: The same incident, around the same time and at the same store, occurred on Oct. 27, 2025.

Animal Complaint

On Nov. 19, at 5:44 p.m., police were dispatched to the 8300 block of Garfield Blvd., on a call from a North Randall police officer who said he shot at a loose dog. He said that at about 5:40 p.m., he was walking east on Garfield Blvd., near the 8400 block, when a large pitbull ran towards him in an aggressive manner. The officer said he tried to back away, but the dog charged toward him and tried to attack him. Fearing for his safety, the officer unholstered his North Randall Police Department-issued service pistol and shot one round at the dog. The dog then fled across the street. He spoke with the dog's owner, who lives in the 8300 block of Garfield Blvd. He apologized and secured the dog in his home. The dog's owner admitted to GHPD that the dog had accidentally broken out of his home and charged at the complainant. His dog was not injured during the incident. The dog's owner was issued a misdemeanor summons for animals at large.

Disturbance

On Nov. 22, at 10:06 p.m., GHPD units were requested to assist an auxiliary police officer at the Knights of Columbus Party Center, 10806 Granger Rd., for a male who was highly intoxicated and attempting to fight people and police. When GHPD arrived the auxiliary officer on scene told them the male had been threatening to fight him and cause him physical harm. The man's family members managed to get him into a pickup truck and while inside he continued to make threats to officers. He got out of the vehicle and continued to be verbally aggressive to police and got into a fighting stance. He pushed two of the officers, who then used a body lock take-down to get him to the ground. He was placed in handcuffs, put in a police cruiser and taken to city jail, where he was booked without further incident. Report forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

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