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FREE

Longtime Newburgh Hts. council person, Dorene Kray, passes away

Dorene Bode Kray, age 75, of Newburgh Heights, passed away Dec. 31, 2025. She is survived by her brilliant children, Richie Kray (Rachel) of Newburgh Heights, and Erin Kray (Kevin Roche) of Cleveland; delightful grandsons, Jack and Sam, who kept her young at heart, and birth daughter Joan Streitferdt Kuhanek (Vince) of Salem. Siblings – Becky Bode of Novelty, Dan Bode (Meg Doerr) of Cleveland, Michael Bode (Mary) of North Royalton, Mary Ann Peffer (Rob) of Mount Pleasant, SC, Patty Bode (Mark Moriarty) of Cleveland, Mary Beth Rezek (Rick) of Shaker Hts., Jayne Bode Pandy of Sandusky, Lori Naples of Liberty Township, many nephews, nieces, great nephews, and great nieces, plus more than 100 cousins. And dearest friends Stacy Provost, B.J. Effinger and Michelle Graora.



Her loving husband of 42 years, Bill Kray, predeceased her, as did parents George L. Bode and Joann Morley Bode, and a baby sister, Mary Sue. Aside from family members, she was a great friend to many, even if they only had a chance to meet her once. She will be missed by many close friends and colleagues.

Dorene received a lifesaving heart transplant (1994) and later through the generosity of her sister, Mary Beth, received a kidney transplant (2004). She promoted the critical need for organ donation through LifeBanc, was the past president of Transplant Recipients International Organization Greater Cleveland and served on the TRIO National's Scholarship Committee for more than 20 years.

Dorene earned three college degrees post-transplant and taught undergraduate classes. She had been serving as an elected member of the Newburgh Heights Village Council, was a former executive committee member and a city leader for the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party and was the charter Secretary of Ohio Democratic Party Disability Caucus. She was a member of American Legion Auxiliary, Post 627.

Previously, she served on numerous city of Bedford committees and commissions, was an active PTA parent serving as Legislative Chair for Council and District and was the founding Secretary/Treasurer of Ohio Chemical Recyclers Association.

She was a voracious reader, had dabbled in crafts of sewing, crochet, and the like, and had shown her photographs in local shows. She was a fierce advocate for whatever cause needed her, and early on dedicated herself to the pursuit of justice for others which continued throughout her life.

The family would like to extend special gratitude to her caregivers at Cadre Hospice, and her nephew Bob Moriarty, for their compassionate and wonderful care, especially during Dorene's final days.

Visitation will be Sunday, Jan. 11, 2026, from 2-5 p.m., at the Fortuna Funeral Home, 7076 Brecksville Rd., Independence, Ohio 44131. Interment Monday, Jan. 12, 2026, at 12:45 p.m., at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, 10175 Rawiga Rd., Seville.

Community Safety Conversation scheduled at Garfield Hts. Civic Center

Cleveland Clinic Marymount Hospital is hosting a Community Safety Conversation from 6 to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 15, at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. Safety information will be shared by the hospital and local law enforcement and a light meal will be offered.

For additional information, contact Meredith Seeley at seeleym@ccf.org.

Slavic Village charting its future

A series of planning initiatives that were launched in Slavic Village last year will come to fruition in the first half of 2026. If all goes well, the plans will set the pace for the historic Cleveland neighborhood well into the next decade. But local leaders stress that all the planning will require sustained input from local residents to achieve its full potential.

Slavic Village Development, with the technical assistance of SmithGroup, is spearheading a masterplan for the entire neighborhood as well as a strategic plan for its own organization. A second phase of community engagement wraps up in mid-January. Public meetings resume in March, and the final plans will be published in June.

The Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, with the help of City Architecture, is producing a Transit Oriented Development plan (TOD) for Broadway Avenue, the neighborhood's main street, that will merge public transit needs with those of five surrounding nodes of activity. Results will be submitted to the city's planning commission for ratification.

Participatory Budgeting Cleveland (PBCLE) is spearheading an unprecedented process of distributing \$100,000 in grant funding, based on projects nominated and chosen by a vote of the people. Their steering committee will begin engaging residents in late winter; winning projects will be announced in the summer.

The Cleveland Public Library will kick off a \$3.5 million dollar renovation of its Fleet Branch in mid-spring. Plans by Biolosky Architects, compiled after last fall's public engagement with library users, show more meeting space inside and outside the Broadway Avenue facility. Fleet branch will be temporarily closed for about a year.

Residents interested in having a voice in all this decision-making should contact SVD's Krystal Sierra at 216-429-1182, ext. 1104.

Property valuation complaint filing open

The Cuyahoga County Board of Revision (BOR) is now accepting complaints from property owners wishing to challenge their property valuations for Tax Year 2025. The BOR will accept complaints from now through March 31, 2026.

All complaints must be received by the BOR by 11:59 p.m. on March 31, or bear a United States Postal Service postmark of March 31, 2026 or earlier. The BOR will reject all complaints bearing non-USPS postmarks that the BOR receives after March 31, 2026.

There are several ways to file a complaint:

Filing online is FREE and EASY! Skip the hassle of postage, parking and standing in line. Complaints can be filed online using a valid email address, which bypasses the requirement for a notary.

Print a hard copy of the Complaint Form, which requires notarization. Contact the Board of Revision at 216-443-7195 to request a Complaint Form be mailed or pick up one from the BOR's office located at 2079 E. 9 St., second floor, Cleveland.

When filing a valuation complaint, property owners must provide an opinion of value and documents to support their claim, which can include, but is not limited to:

- A complete appraisal report from the last calendar year
- Dated photographs of the property showing existing conditions
- Certified estimates from a contractor for repairs
- Purchase agreement with closing statement
- New construction costs certified by a builder (hard and soft costs)

Property owners do not need to submit evidence at the time of filing the complaint. Evidence can be submitted up to seven business days before the scheduled hearing.

The BOR conducts hearings in-person, by Zoom and by phone. Its office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, visit online, email BOR staff at BORinfo@cuyahogacounty.gov, or call 216-443-7195.



All programs are free unless marked otherwise. For questions or to register for programs, please visit clevelandmetroparks.com or call CanalWay Center at 216-206-1000.

Bedford Reservation

January 16: Preschoolers: Hike with Me. Bundle up and bring your preschooler out to a hidden waterfall just outside of downtown Bedford. This location features an old train viaduct and an old mill run to explore, along with a beautiful waterfall which, depending on the weather, may have produced frost on the trees. Please dress for the weather; the path may be slippery. 10-11 a.m. Viaduct Falls parking lot. Age: 2-6 years w/adult. Terrain: paved, hill, less than 1 mile.

CanalWay Center – Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation

January 2-19: Mystery 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 individuals and must include one adult participant. The experience lasts approximately one hour. Call to reserve a time; limited walk-up registration may be available. Established groups who would benefit from an adapted version of the Mystery Room are invited to call at least 3 days in advance to register. Groups requesting an adapted Mystery Room will receive a social story and other communication in advance. 216-206-1000 to register or if you would like more information. 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. CanalWay Center. Ages: 7 years – adult. Fee: \$15 per group of 2-6 individuals.

January 4-25: Animals in the Snow Hide and Seek. Young children will love this fun chance to get outside and explore the wintery gardens around CanalWay Center. Several animal friends have decided to play hide-and-seek, and it's your job to spot them all. Stop at the front desk to get started. 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CanalWay Center.

January 10: Great Lakes Cargo Ships. Cleveland is a port city and ships are vital to our economy. Since before William Gordon (of Gordon Park and Gordon Square Arts District fame) orchestrated the first shipment of iron ore from Lake Superior to Cleveland, the city has received raw materials by bulk cargo ship. Historical Interpreter Doug Kusak uses maps, pictures and videos in this 2-hour indoor presentation to help you understand how these behemoths of transportation work and where you can go to see them in action. 2-4 p.m. CanalWay Center.

January 16: Hot Chocolate & A Talk: Winter Gardening. Come inside and warm up with a nice cup of hot chocolate as a naturalist reveals fascinating curiosities and findings in nature. This month we will learn what we can do – and should avoid – to keep our yards and gardens bird-and-wildlife friendly throughout winter and be ahead-of-the-game when spring finally arrives. 7-8 p.m. CanalWay Center. Adults. Registration required: 40 people.

January 18: 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 the 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 nest is visible. 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. CanalWay Center. Terrain: paved, hills, icy conditions possible, 3 miles.

January 18: Make a Recycled Banner Bag. Create a large and sturdy bag out of a recycled banner. You'll get to choose from several designs and then learn how to grommet as you assemble your own bag. This is a fun activity to enjoy with a friend. 12:30 – 2 p.m. CanalWay Center. Age: 12 years through adult. Fee: \$8. Register online. Total of 8 people.

January 24: Preschoolers in the Park - Snow. Bring your family to CanalWay to celebrate the snow! This morning we will go outside and enjoy the winter weather. While outside we will discuss what animals we might see and go for a hike in search of evidence and tracks. If there is enough snow, we will spend some time building and playing in it. Please dress for the weather. 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Age: 3-8 years w/adult. Terrain: paved, natural surface, snow covered, hills, up to 1 mile.


January 25: 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 the 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 nest is visible. 1-3 p.m. CanalWay Center. Terrain: paved, hills, icy conditions possible, 3 miles.

January 31: 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 the Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation home. 10 a.m. – noon. CanalWay Center. Terrain: paved, hills, icy conditions possible, 3 miles.

Garfield Park Reservation

January 15: Mindfulness Hike and Hot Cocoa. Engage your senses with a relaxing hike through beautiful Garfield Park Reservation while incorporating basic mindfulness techniques. Reward yourself with a cup of hot cocoa by the fireplace afterwards. This inclusive experience is open to individuals of all abilities; mobility devices available upon request. 4-5 p.m. Garfield Park Program Center. Registration required.

January 21: 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, hills, icy conditions possible, 1-2 miles.



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LEGAL NOTICE

Vacant Council Position - Term Expiring 12/31/2027

Letters of interest with resumes and references are being taken for and to fill the vacant Village Council position. Said Council position is for a term ending 12/31/2027.

Qualifications: Interested individuals must reside in the Village of Newburgh Heights for at least one (1) year prior to the date of appointment to Village Council which is anticipated to be 1/16/2026, be a registered voter, not hold other employment which prohibits service as an elected/appointed official, not have been convicted of any felony offense or have any interest in any contract with the Village. Interested individuals must agree to a criminal background check.

The annual compensation of said Council position is seven thousand two hundred dollars. (\$7,200)

Procedures for submitting a Letter of Interest with Resume are as follows: Place in a sealed envelope marked "Council Position" addressed to Trevor K. Elkins, Mayor, c/o Village of Newburgh Heights, 3801 Harvard Avenue, Newburgh Heights, OH 44105.

Letters will only be received via US Postal service or hand delivered to the Mayor's Office, Village Hall, 3801 Harvard Avenue, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9am and 4pm. All qualifying letters of interest must be received by Wednesday, January 14th, 2026 at 4pm EST. All submissions that do not include both a letter of interest and a resume (which must include a valid mailing address and contact phone number) will automatically be disqualified. All submissions received must have the Village's official Date Received stamped on the envelope to certify compliance with the submission deadline.

Interviews will be conducted in an executive session at a Special Council Meeting to be held on Friday, January 16th, 2026, at 6pm EST at which time Village Council has the authority to select a candidate to fill the vacancy. Qualifying, interested individuals failing to attend the interview will automatically be disqualified from consideration.

By order of the Council of the Village of Newburgh Heights, Ohio.

Cathleen Nagorski
Fiscal Officer

The Neighborhood News, January 7, 2026



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ICE SKATING TRY BEFORE YOU BUY

Come to the Dan Kostel Recreation Center, 5411 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights, for a FREE ice skating session on Wednesday, Jan. 7, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. This is for Learn to Skate ages 3 to adult and for our In-house beginner hockey program ages 3 to 14. Coaches will be on hand for both programs if you have any questions, etc. Wear comfortable clothing, a bike helmet if you have one; gloves and socks must be worn; rental skates will be provided. A parent or legal guardian must accompany child to fill out waiver before participating. If you or your child are interested, registration for sessions 3 & 4 will be taking place in the office this day, or by the deadline of Jan. 10, during our open office hours.

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Session #3 - Classes are held on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., January 14, and also held on Saturday mornings from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m., beginning Jan. 17, with deadline to register by Jan. 10 without a late fee.. Skate rental is included with all lessons at no additional charge.

5-week Session Fees:

ID Card – Residents - \$20 – onetime annual fee

ID Card – Non-Residents - \$50 – onetime annual fee

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 #3 starting Jan 17. If you decide to sign up your child, equipment is available with a returnable cash deposit; see office for details.

Fees:

ID Card – Residents - \$20 - onetime annual fee

ID Card – Non-Residents - \$50 – onetime annual fee

Residents - \$100 – for 6-week session

Non-Residents - \$150 - for 6-week session

Children must be accompanied by an adult to sign waiver. Socks must be worn for our rental skates. Dress comfortably and come try this great sport of ice skating for either figure skating or beginner hockey program.

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

Mayor Bibb announces new senior staff appointments

Cleveland Mayor Justin Bibb yesterday announced leadership appointments within the Mayor’s Office, naming Ryan Puento as Chief of Staff and Jessica Trivisonno as Deputy Chief of Staff and Chief Strategy Officer. Both appointments will take effect following their swearing-in on Jan. 20, 2026. The announcements follow the resignation of Chief of Staff Bradford Davy.

“Bradford Davy has been an instrumental leader during a pivotal period for our city,” said Mayor Bibb. “His steady hand, strategic counsel, and deep commitment to Cleveland helped move our administration forward, and I am grateful for his service.”

Davy will continue serving the administration as Senior Advisor through March 2026, supporting a defined transition period focused on winding down major initiatives and transferring responsibilities .

“Serving as Chief of Staff has been the sincerest honor,” Davy said. “I am deeply proud of the work this team has done for Cleveland and confident in the city’s future under Mayor Bibb’s leadership. Ryan and Jessica are exceptional leaders, and I know they will continue to move this administration forward with integrity and purpose.”

Ryan Puento has served as the Bibb Administration’s Deputy Chief of Staff and Chief of Government Affairs since January 2022, bringing his legislative strategy, intergovernmental partnerships and policy coordination. He previously managed Mayor Bibb’s successful 2021 mayoral campaign, helping build the coalition that led to Bibb’s election. Prior to that, he served as Executive Director of the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party, where he led organizational strategy and community engagement efforts.

As Chief of Staff, Puento will oversee the day-to-day operations of the Mayor’s Office and help coordinate collaboration across city departments.

“Ryan Puento has been a driving force behind our administration’s progress,” Mayor Bibb said. “He brings discipline, collaboration and a deep understanding of how government can deliver results. His leadership will help keep our work focused, aligned and responsive to the needs of Clevelanders.”

Jessica Trivisonno currently serves as Senior Advisor for Major Projects, where she has led some of the administration’s most complex initiatives, including the city’s lakefront transformation. She joined the Bibb Administration in January 2022 as a Senior

Strategist for the West Side Market, leading the Market’s transition to nonprofit management, securing \$23 million in city capital, and structuring the first Historic Tax Credit and New Markets Tax Credit project for city-owned property.

As Deputy Chief of Staff and Chief Strategy Officer, she will lead strategic planning efforts across the administration while continuing to guide major projects that advance the city’s priorities.

“Jessica Trivisonno is a strategic thinker and problem-solver who knows how to turn vision into action,” Mayor Bibb said. “Her leadership will help ensure our biggest priorities are coordinated, intentional and built for lasting impact.”

Local blood donor sites

Independence

1/19/2026: 12 - 6 p.m., Independence Community Theater, 6652 Brecksville Rd.

1/20/2026: 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Crown Centre II, 5001 Rockside Rd.

1/29/2026: 12 - 6 p.m., Independence Community Theater, 6652 Brecksville Rd.

Maple Heights

1/30/2026: 12 - 5 p.m., City of Maple Heights Senior Center, 15901 Libby Rd.

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Lake Road Market (20267 Lake Rd.)

K & K Portage Market (3364 Warren Rd.)

Pinzone’s Market (6046 Broadview Rd.)

Maple Hts. Catering (17330 Broadway Ave.)

Buckeye Quality Meats (9356 OH-14)

Fairfax Market (2190 E. 105 St., Cleveland)

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Upcoming Events

Non-profit organizations may print their upcoming events in The Neighborhood News at a cost of \$20 per week.

Limit of 100 words or less.

Email your information to: nnews1923@aol.com.

Include contact name & phone number.

Questions? Call 216.441.2141



Bedford (Bedford Heights/Oakwood Village) Branch Library

Here are some of the FREE programs coming up at the Bedford Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, located at 70 Columbus Rd., Bedford, Ohio 44146. For more information, or to register for any program, please call 440-439-4997.

Ellenwood Book Discussion - Adults. Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2 p.m. Join fellow book lovers for a lively discussion on the second Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m., at the Ellenwood Recreation Center in Bedford. Pick up a copy of the discussion book at either the Ellenwood Recreation Center or the Bedford Library one month before each meeting. The Ellenwood Recreation Center is located at 124 Ellenwood Ave., Bedford OH 44146. January 14: "Foster" by Claire Keegan.

TeenZone. Wednesday, Jan. 14, 7 p.m. Join us for activities, crafts, community and fun.

Engineering Hour - Grades 1-5. Thursdays, Jan. 15, 29, 3:30 p.m. Bring your creativity and dexterity for an hour of building!

Pokémon TCG Club. Fridays, Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30, 4 p.m. Join our weekly Pokémon Trading Card Game Club and dive into a world of strategy and fun. Learn how to play and meet fellow fans in a friendly, welcoming environment. Bring your cards or use ours!

Beach Party. Saturday, Jan. 17, 2 p.m. Surf's Up! Wear your sunniest outfits to our summer-themed beach party! MUST REGISTER.

Kindergarten Countdown - For children entering kindergarten in the fall and caregiver. Wednesday, Jan. 21, 7 p.m. Join us as we help your child build kindergarten readiness skills in a program aligned to Ohio's Early Childhood Standards. MUST REGISTER.

Computer Basics. Friday, Jan. 23, 10 a.m. Learn the basics about computing devices, using a mouse and keyboard, and navigating the desktop environment. Computer settings and mobile devices will also be discussed. No prerequisites. MUST REGISTER.

"Cleveland Neighborhood Taverns: A Pub Crawl Through History" with author Tom Kaschalk. Saturday, Jan. 24, 2 p.m. This presentation brings Cleveland's rich tavern history to life through rare photographs, untold stories and colorful characters. From immigrant-owned saloons to iconic neighborhood bars, it's a journey through the city's cultural heart and working-class spirit, as documented in presenter Tom Kaschalk's book "Cleveland Neighborhood Taverns: A Pub Crawl Through History."

Tom Kaschalk is a lifelong Clevelander and historical researcher who uncovers the city's past by solving forgotten mysteries of neighborhoods, families and everyday life. Book sales and signing will follow the event. MUST REGISTER.

Death Notices

GERALDINE J. STYS



Geraldine J. Stys (nee Kukla), age 85 of Parma. Beloved wife of Daniel Stys for 61 years. Devoted mother of Kimberlee Franz, Michelle and Jacqueline Stys; loving grandmother of Jacob Stys and Ava Franz; dearest daughter of the late Joseph and Ida Kukla (nee Zorn); cherished aunt, cousin and friend of many. Passed away on Friday, January 2, 2026 surrounded by her family. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Altar & Rosary Society at Holy Family Parish in Parma, OH.

Geraldine was known for her gentle spirit, kindness for others, radiant smile and loving commitment to her family and faith. She practiced her faith by living God's word daily. She was the heart of her family and they deeply adored her, her love and warmth holding everyone together. Though she will be deeply missed, her loved ones find comfort in knowing they will be reunited.

Geraldine worked as a partner with her husband in their family business for more than six decades. She also worked as a realtor for more than 20 years. She was a dedicated member of Holy Family Parish where she served as an officer of the Altar & Rosary Society and Senior Citizen's Club. She was also an active member of the VFW Post 13 Ladies Auxiliary and Knights of Columbus Club Isabella. Throughout her lifetime, Geraldine loved her many family pets, cooking, gardening and decorating her home for holiday celebrations.

Family will receive friends at the BUSCH FUNERAL HOME, 7501 RIDGE ROAD, PARMA, 4-7 p.m., THURSDAY, JANUARY 8. Prayer service at the funeral home on Friday, January 9, 2026, at 11:45 a.m., followed by the Funeral Mass at Holy Family Church, 7367 York Rd., Parma, at 12:30 p.m. Cremation by Busch Crematory. 440-842-7800 www.buschcares.com (http://www.buschcares.com/)

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Adoring father of daughters: Denis Paschke, Tina Hart, Janice Flauto, Erica Collins, of son Cyrus Collins and Co father of Mary Ramsey. Faithful son of the late Harvey and Nelly Collins. Loyal brother of Harvey Jr, Edward, Jimmie, Betty, Jack, Dwain, Edith, Cobal and Norma. Doting grandfather and great-grandfather to many. Darrell worked at Day Piston and lived in the Broadway, Fleet Ave. area. He will be held in our hearts and minds, always.
THE COLLINS FAMILY

Death Notice Policy

Information for death notices must be submitted by the funeral home handling the arrangements via email. Send information to: nnews1923@aol.com. Cost is \$12 per column inch. Deadline to submit notices is every Monday by 5:00 p.m. For further information and pricing, email The Neighborhood News at nnews1923@aol.com or call us at 216-441-2141.

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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 or for more information.

ADULT PROGRAMS

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: Thursday, Jan. 8, 6-7 p.m., and Wednesday, Jan. 21, 6-7 p.m. Registration required.

Excel Basics Learn the essentials of Excel, including how to enter data, using autofill, and performing calculations using basic formulas and functions. Monday, Jan. 12, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Registration required.

Cricut Basics Learn the basics of using a Cricut and create a simple project. Thursday, Jan. 15, 6-8 p.m. Registration required.

Money Values, Budgets and Banking Join us for this three-week series designed to make money management simple and empowering. Saturdays, Jan. 17-31, 11-12:30 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. This month teens will be

decorating pencil pouches on the library's sublimation printer. Tuesday, Jan. 13, 3-4 p.m.

Five Nights at Freddy's Escape Room Designed for tweens and teens, this Five Night's at Freddy's-themed escape room will require teamwork to solve the puzzle! Tuesday, Jan. 20, 3-4 p.m., and 6-7 p.m. Registration required.

Maple Heights Branch Library

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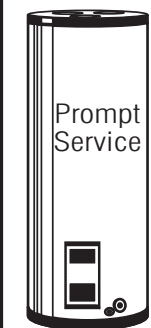
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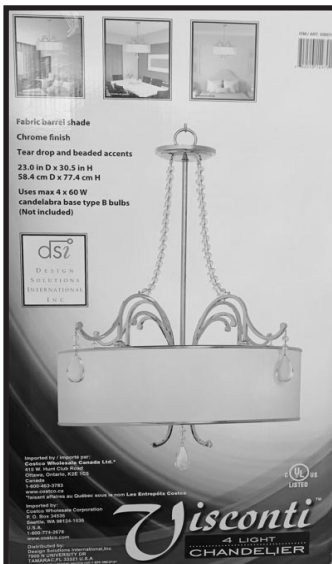
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Garfield Heights

Shots Fired

On Dec. 19, about 1:30 p.m., officers were dispatched to the 4900 block of E. 85 St., for a report of two cars chasing one another and shooting. The caller said they had the incident on video. When police arrived they could not locate any of the involved vehicles. Video showed a silver Chevy SUV speed down E. 85 St., to the dead end. A few moments later a gray Kia sedan chases after it. The Kia turns sideways partially blocking the roadway and the Chevy goes around the Kia. The passenger of the Kia leans out of the window and fires one round at the silver Chevy. Both cars flee toward Garfield Blvd. and leave in an unknown direction. Police located a shell casing in the apron of a home in the 4900 block of E. 85 St. Report forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

Traffic Offense-Fleeing

On Dec. 20, at 5:49 a.m., a police officer was on routine patrol near the intersection of Turney Rd. and Rockside Rd. monitoring traffic. He received a camera notification at E. 141 St. and Rockside Rd. southbound regarding a suspect vehicle, a silver Volkswagen Jetta, involved in a felonious assault that occurred at the Aries bar on Dec. 16.

The officer observed a matching description vehicle, with no tail lights activated, stop at the intersection of Rockside and Turney facing westbound. Patrol officer activated the overhead lights and sirens to conduct a traffic stop at Turney and Hathaway Rd. When the vehicle came to a complete stop, the officer requested additional GHPD officers to respond.

After their arrival police initiated a felony stop on the vehicle and asked the driver to throw the keys out of the vehicle, which she refused to do, stating she didn't have them. Then she was asked to step out of the vehicle and walk back towards the officer, which she did, and was detained. While the officer was attempting to place the driver into a police cruiser, a male got into the driver's seat of the suspect vehicle and fled the traffic stop. Supplemental police officers began pursuing the suspect.

The female driver was transported to the city jail and held for investigation of the shooting on Dec. 16, and was cited for tail lights. The pursued vehicle had eventually crashed and the suspects inside were transported to Marymount Hospital.

Report forwarded to the Detective Bureau with charges pending for receiving stolen property, weapons under disability, improper handling and felonious assault.

Child Endangering

On Dec. 28, at 1:02 p.m., police officers were dispatched to the 12000 block of Willard Ave., for a report of a bunch of kids left at the residence under the age of 10 by themselves. Upon police arrival, a vehicle pulled into the driveway. Two females got out and contacted the officers.

The driver opened up the side door of the house where officers observed old food and trash covering the kitchen. Kids were heard running around and screaming. The driver closed the door and locked it. The passenger went to the house next door, where

she said her mom, who was watching the kids, was asleep. The mother then responded from next door. Both the mother and the driver stated that the mother was responsible for the kids. Both addresses had multiple kids running and screaming inside of them. The mother stated she was going back and forth with food for them from a birthday party that day.

It was unclear at scene if the kids were indeed left alone for a long period of time. Living conditions did not seem safe for any children. Officers cleared scene and contacted 696 Kids. Report was completed for documentation of potential child neglect/endangered.

Weapon Offense

On Dec. 28, at approximately 3:52 p.m., police patrolmen observed a silver Chevy sedan with heavy tinted windows fail to stop at the stop sign of E. 136 St. and Maplerow Ave., and then fail to stop again for the stop sign at E. 136 St. and Christine Ave.

As officers activated overhead lights, the driver of the vehicle made an abrupt turn into the driveway of one of the houses in the 13400 block of Christine Ave. As officers pulled behind the vehicle, the driver opened his door and stepped out of the vehicle holding a bag.

One officer approached the driver and another the passenger side of the vehicle. When the passenger rolled the window down she was asked to present the identification. The driver was looking around at different houses saying he was door dashing when an officer asked why he got out of the car. The officer also asked the driver for his name and date of birth, and if he had any weapons on him or in the car, to which he said he didn't know. The driver provided his name and said he was born in 1982. Another officer asked the female passenger about the name and age of the male driver, and if he was her boyfriend, to which she confirmed they had been dating for 3-4 months and he was about her age, about 28. But it took her some time to confirm his last name. The officer did a public record search of the driver and found a male that was born in 1998 and had multiple felony cases open. During the entirety of the stop no one from the home had come out to ask what was going on or to claim their door dash order. The passenger was asked what road they were on, but she was unsure.

While standing with the driver, the officer observed him rocking side to side and fidgeting with his hands. The officers suspected him lying about his identity, which was confirmed by dispatch. Officers detained the driver.

The passenger was advised of the situation and asked if she had a gun in the car, to which she said it was under the seat. When looking under the seat,

police observed a black bag which contained a loaded Glock 30 handgun with an extended magazine. Next to the gun were several bank cards with the driver's name. Police asked the female what kind of magazine was in the gun; she said the regular one that holds 10. She said she has an extended magazine in her home. Officers believed that the driver was aware and was in possession of the firearm prior to the stop, due to the passenger's incorrect information provided earlier.

Officers released the female on scene. The Glock was taken as evidence. The male was transported to the city jail and booked on the charge of weapons under disability, due to being a fugitive from justice and also having a conviction for aggravated robbery. Report forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

Felonious Assault

On Dec. 31, about 1 a.m., police responded to a home in the 9500 block of Park Ave., after dispatch received several calls that there was an active disturbance outside with subjects physically fighting and armed with knives. Officers arrived and saw two males on the ground fighting over a knife. One of the males was holding a pocket knife in each hand. An officer pointed his service gun at the male and told him to drop the knives.

The male did not comply with police demands and another officer deployed his Taser at the male, after which he dropped the knife in his right hand and tossed the knife in his left hand away from him. Officers were able to detain him without incident. The male he had been fighting with was provided first aid and assessed for any stab wounds. An officer located a stab wound to the center of his chest that was actively bleeding. Pressure was applied and EMS responded. The victim was also found to have several stab wounds to his entire back.

Both males were taken to MetroHealth Medical Center for treatment. The male with all the stab wounds is being held with no bond for investigation of felonious assault. At the time of the report he was being treated at Metro. The male with the pocket knives was charged with felonious assault and was also being treated at Metro at the time of the report. Detective Bureau to follow up.

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