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Garfield Eagles donate big time to Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter



At the Garfield Eagles' check presentation at the county animal shelter in Valley View last Saturday are: sitting at the table to the left is Friends of the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter President Becky Bynum and at right is Eagles president Becky Pierce. Everyone else in the photo, in no particular order: Joe Zgrabik, Bill Martiscius, Sandy Priebe, Debbie Michaelis, Ray Pierce, Patty Webber, Tony Maciak, Marie Tepley, John Lucic, Dawn Zelenskaskas, Char Zelenskaskas, Joy Zelenskaskas, Sharon McBride, Susan Kennedy-Kalafatis, Melissa Stover, Renee Schmidt, Jen Davis Kravchuck. Not pictured from the Friends are Lindsay Marinkov and Kelli Bernstein.

The Garfield Eagles 2217, the local chapter of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, presented a check for \$48,000 last Saturday to the Friends of the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter at the shelter on Sweet Valley Dr., in Valley View.

Ray Pierce, trustee for the Garfield Eagles, said the organization's mission statement is all about helping people. The Eagles' donation comes from charitable bingo and fundraising events it holds throughout the year.

"We chose the Friends of the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter because we are looking to give more locally, and they are literally in our backyard," Pierce said. "We are people helping people, and animals can use a hand as well."

Cuy. Valley Genealogical Society meets

The Cuyahoga Valley Genealogical Society will meet on Monday, March 2, at 7 p.m., at the Independence Civic Center, Willow Room, 6363 Selig Dr.

Topic will be "The Great Lakes Exposition of 1936-1937," presented by Doug Kusak.

The biggest party Cleveland has ever seen was held on a lakefront garbage dump! In the midst of the Great Depression, Cleveland decided to throw itself a massive 100th birthday party, and everyone was invited to celebrate our industrial might.

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

American Legion Post 309 Fish Fry

All are invited to Fish Fry Friday, sponsored by American Legion Post 309, 15521 Broadway Ave., Maple Heights, this Friday, Feb. 27, serving from 3 to 7 p.m. Cod dinners, combos and more. Dine-in or carryout. Advance orders appreciated by calling 216-662-7768.

Bedford Council meeting: Feb. 17

City manager says Union St. Bridge set for demolition, replacement; will be closed beginning March 2, 2026

By Ellen Psenicka

City Manager Mike Mallis announced in his report at the Feb. 17 meeting of Bedford City Council that the Union St. Bridge Replacement project will begin next month.

The Union St./SR 14 bridge over Tinkers Creek just south of Taylor Rd. in Bedford will be demolished and rebuilt with an estimated completion date of June 2027, according to ODOT.

Mallis said the bridge will be closed beginning Monday, March 2, through November. The northbound detour, as released by ODOT, will be SR 8 to Rockside Rd. to SR 14/Broadway. Southbound detour will be SR 14/Broadway to Forbes Rd.

The city manager noted that the sandstone from the demolished bridge cannot be used in the new construction, so the city will repurpose it for landscaping throughout municipality.

The following legislation was passed by Bedford Council at its meeting last week:

- Motion to accept the Planning Commission's decision to deny Alexandria Minor a zoning permit to open an assisted living facility at 194 Columbus Rd., in Bedford.
 - Motion to accept the Planning Commission's decision to approve a zoning permit to install a roof-mounted solar photovoltaic system at 708 High St., Bedford.
 - Ordinance to repeal certain ordinances in conflict with state laws/city laws or deemed obsolete and providing for the adoption of new 2026 replacement pages.
 - Ordinance authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for a new five-year lease renewal with the police department, at a cost not to exceed \$97,788.43 annually.
 - Ordinance amending the contract with Senior Transportation Connection for transportation services for the residents of Bedford.
 - Ordinance authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract with Signal Service Co. for the upgrade of signage and a traffic signal in the Downtown District, which will be funded by a NOPEC Energy Grant, in an amount not to exceed \$25,415.
- The Administration recommended that Signal Service Co. upgrade the signage and traffic signal at the crosswalk in the Downtown District upon the recommendation of the NOACA Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative.
- Ordinance authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract with GPD Group for its services regarding design work, bidding services and construction management costs associated with the Greencroft Infrastructure Improvements, at a cost not to exceed \$106,815.00.

Lenten Mission at St. Therese Church

A Lenten Mission will be held Sunday, March 8, through Tuesday, March 10, at St. Therese Church, 5276 E. 105 St., in Garfield Heights, at 6:30 p.m. each evening. Please note that on Monday and Tuesday the programs will follow the 6 p.m. Mass.

Trapper Jack, longtime broadcaster and podcaster, will share stories of how God is still moving in our world. Blind for decades, he speaks about learning to see God in ways far deeper than physical eyesight.

This mission is not just about hearing what God says. It's about seeing what God is doing and asking the hard Lenten question: What have I been blind to? Come for three nights of reflection, challenge and encouragement as we prepare our hearts for Easter.

'Worst street' in Maple Heights set for major overhaul

By Ellen Psenicka

At its meeting last Wednesday, Maple Heights City Council passed legislation that will get the ball rolling on a major paving project for Southgate Park Blvd., what Mayor Annette Blackwell called "our worst street in the city."

Council approved an ordinance to transfer funds in the amount of \$955,410.00 from the General Fund to the S.C.M.&R. Fund to pay the city's share of the Southgate Park Blvd. TLCI Project.

The project consists of reconstructing Southgate Park Blvd. from Warrensville Center Rd. to Northfield Rd., and includes pavement planing, asphalt concrete surfacing, bike lanes within the existing pavement, curb ramps, sidewalk repairs, ADA upgrades, crosswalks, RRFB crossings, signing upgrades and pavement markings within the city.

In companion legislation, council also passed a resolution requesting the Director of Transportation to proceed with the Southgate Park Blvd. TLCI Project in the city of Maple Heights and entering into a contract with the State of Ohio for the project.

The city agreed to assume and bear 100% of the entire cost of the improvement within the city limits, less the amount of Federal-Aid funds set aside by the Director of Transportation. The city's share of the project is now estimated to be \$1,168,410.00 less Ohio Public Works Commission funding in the amount of \$213,000.00, leaving a balance of \$955,410.00, with the city's ultimate share of the cost to be determined when final actual costs and allocations are determined.

"For the last six years we've been trying to get Southgate Park Blvd. paved... and now it will be totally repaired, not just a patch job," Blackwell said. She said the project will also include bike lanes, two bus shelters and a bench in front of Giant Eagle.

Blackwell said she was "extremely pleased" to get funding for this main commercial street in her community. Referring to the legislation before council, she said, "This is the beginning of the rehabilitation of that road."

The mayor said she was also pleased at the passage of an ordinance to waive, from Jan. 1, 2026, through Dec. 31, 2026, the 100% escrow requirement to correct violations resulting from point-of-sale inspections to offer an incentive to individuals who purchase residential properties and occupy them.

Blackwell said this will result in more homebuyers in Maple Heights, keeping it competitive with surrounding suburbs.

Other legislation passed

- Authorizing the Community Life and Education Committee to expend public funds and accept private donations to host several community events.

- Renewing a Professional Services Agreement with Consolo Law Firm for the outsourcing of prosecutor and paralegal/administrative services and overhead expenses for the city.

On Jan. 1, 2022, the city first entered into professional service agreements to outsource the prosecutor services, paralegal/administrative services, and overhead expenses of the city's Law Department, including office supplies, computer equipment, copiers and scanners to Consolo Law Firm for a total monthly retainer payment of \$7,500.00, in order to reduce the Law Department's expenses. The monthly retainer had not been increased since Jan. 1, 2022, and the city now has increased the monthly retainer to the law firm to \$9,000.00. The finance director determined that this outsourcing will result in a cost savings to the city of approximately \$40,000.00 per year.

- Amending the Professional Services Contract with Frank Consolo and Consolo Law Firm as law director/prosecutor to provide for payment of \$200 per hour for legal services on all labor and employment relations matters and all civil and administrative litigation matters or claims on behalf or against the city, before any court or administrative agency, including matters or claims involving the city's Building and Housing Codes.

- Authorizing the city, through its mayor, Human Services, Planning & Development, and Service departments, to expend public funds and accept private

donations to organize and run the following community events: Lawnmower Exchange, Summer Fest, Restaurant Week, Music in the Park, Oktoberfest, Resource Fair, Small Business Saturday, Shred Days, and the Holiday Lighting Ceremony.

- Authorizing the mayor to enter into an Aquatic Facility Management Agreement with Hastings Water Works, Inc., for management of the city's spray ground and concession stand for the 2026 season, May 23 through August 18, 2026, for a total price of \$26,245.00.

- Recognizing February 2026 as Black History Month throughout the city of Maple Heights. To honor Black History Month, Councilwoman Edwina Agee presented certificates of appreciation to newly elected Councilman Deonte Abrams, the youngest councilperson ever to serve the city, and to Council President Dana D. Anderson, the first black, female council president in the history of Maple Heights.

G.H. Ward 7 Block Watch meets at St. Benedict's

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch, sponsored by Councilwoman Jenn Newrones, will meet Thursday, Feb. 26, at 7 p.m., in the cafeteria of St. Benedict School, 13633 Rockside Rd.

Guest speakers will be members of the Garfield Heights Police Dept. They will provide a wrap-up of 2025 and provide initiatives for 2026.

Nonperishable items for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry would be appreciated. All are welcome. For more information contact Gail, 216-662-9213.

Submit Community events to NN via Email: nnews1923@aol.com

CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO

List of Meetings for March 2026

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| Monday, March 2, 2026 | Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, March 3, 2026 | Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday, March 11, 2026 | Southeast Area Law Enforcement (SEALE) Board of Trustees Meeting (if needed) Work Session - 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting - 12:00 p.m. |
| Monday, March 16, 2026 | Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, March 17, 2026 | Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, March 24, 2026 | Board of Zoning Appeals (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m. |
| Monday, March 30, 2026 | Wards 1, 5 & 6 - 6:30 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 the Clerk of Council at 440-735-6510.

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Community police reports

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

Garfield Heights

Disorderly Conduct

On Feb. 12, at 2:32 p.m., officers in the area of the Garfield Heights High School for dismissal were called for a possible fight. While in the parking lot at Dave's Supermarket at Turneytown they observed more than 75 juveniles waiting for a few parties to fight. They were told to disperse and go home. None of the students in the parking lot followed police orders. At some point at least three students started fighting while in the presence of the officers. OC spray was deployed on those fighting. An officer cuffed one of the juveniles and put him in his cruiser. GHFD was summoned to the parking lot to provide eye wash for the parties involved. Afterward the juvenile in the cruiser was taken to city jail.

Burglary

On Feb. 13, at 2:15 a.m., police responded to a home in the 4600 block of E. 85 St. for a burglary in progress. They met the complainant who said she had heard a noise on her porch that sounded like someone trying to open her door. She looked out but saw nothing but some wet footprints on her porch. She walked to her dining room and saw a male climbing through the window. She said it was dark and he had a hood over his head but she could see a tattoo above one of his eyes that read "God." He fled back out the window and went north on E. 85 St. towards Grand Division. All the windows at the residence were un-

locked when the break-in occurred and no force was used to gain entry. The suspect was unable to be located. The complainant was advised on how to operate the locks on her windows and all remaining windows were secured. Paperwork forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

Weapon Offense

On Feb. 19, at about 2:38 p.m., officers responded to the Garfield Heights High School for a report of a female chasing people around with a gun. The caller gave the female's name and said she was in a red car, but police were unable to find the suspect or the car. Using surveillance cameras and other tools, police learned the vehicle was a Subaru Impreza and the number on its temp tag. The driver was found to have an active felony warrant for having weapons under disability, carrying concealed weapons and aggravated menacing through GHPD for failing to appear in Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas. While police toured the area of the suspect's residence, officers saw the red Subaru in the Sunoco parking lot, 4935 Turney Rd., and the suspect was seen getting out of the car and entering the gas station. She then walked to her car and began to pump gas. When police pulled in front of her and activated their lights and siren she fled on foot eastbound through the parking lot.

Police followed her by car then initiated a foot pursuit. They observed a black object resembling a firearm protruding from her waistband. She continued running east and then south through the parking lot of Bright Futures Daycare, 4949 Turney Rd., where a male with a small child was just leaving the daycare. The suspect then threw a gun into the treeline behind a car that was parked in the daycare lot and ran east on Langton. Newly arrived officers were able to cut her off on Langton. She was commanded to stop and as she was stopping she held a black object in her hand. She was taken to the ground and placed in handcuffs. After she was taken into custody, officers located the firearm in the treeline behind the parked car. The firearm was a black Taurus G2C, 9mm semi-automatic handgun with an extended magazine loaded with a live round in the chamber and 18 rounds in the magazine. She was

taken to city jail and arrested and charged with tampering with evidence, having weapons under disability, carrying concealed weapons and obstructing official business. She was held on no bond.

GHPD welcomes new officer



Shown from left are Garfield Heights Mayor Matt Burke, new GHPD Patrolman Matthias Chmielewski and Police Chief Mark Kaye. Officer Chmielewski was sworn-in on Feb. 9, by the mayor. His prior job was with the Cleveland Division of Police for approximately two years.

Sokol gymnastic exhibition at Garfield Middle School

The Sokol Greater Cleveland Winter Gymnastic Exhibition will be held Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Garfield Heights Middle School gymnasium, 12000 Maple Leaf Dr., Garfield Heights.

Advance sale tickets are \$7.00 and are available by calling 216-642-1429; \$10.00 at the door. Children under age 12 are free.

At 5:30 p.m., the Sokol Greater Cleveland Concert Band will begin the festivities with a pre-program concert. At 6 p.m. the gymnastic program will begin. This fast-paced program will include gymnastic and calisthenic demonstrations by over 100 class members ages 3-80. Sokol's own Crooked River Circus group will also be performing some of their specialty acts. A social will follow the program at Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave. Free admission. Food and beverages available for all ages.

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| 9 Meatball Sub \$7 | 10 Chicken Bowl \$7 | 11 Sub Sandwich \$7 | 12 PO BOY \$6 | 13 Cod & Fries \$7 *Soup & Salad* |
| 16 Meatball Sub \$7 | 17 Corned Beef Cabbage & Noodles Carrots \$10 | 18 Cold Plate \$10 | 19 PO BOY \$6 | 20 Cod & Fries \$7 *Soup & Salad* |
| 23 Meatball Sub \$7 | 24 Chicken Paprikash \$8 | 25 Sub Sandwich \$7 | 26 PO BOY \$6 | 27 Cod & Fries \$7 *Soup & Salad* |
| 30 Meatball Sub \$7 | 31 Meatloaf & Potatoes \$7 | 1 Cold Plate \$10 | 2 PO BOY \$6 | 3 Cod & Fries \$7 *Soup & Salad* |

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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.

Time Travelers. Travel Through Time with the Magic Tree House (Grades 2-5). Wednesday, March 4, 7 p.m. Whether you finished the book or not, join us for some Magic Tree House discussion and fun! Ghost Town at Sundown on March 4, 2026. MUST REGISTER

Pokémon Club. Saturdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2 p.m. Learn how to play and meet fellow fans in a friendly, welcoming environment. Bring your own cards or use ours!

Ellenwood Book Discussion - Adults. Wednesday, March 11, 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, located at 124 Ellenwood Ave., Bedford OH 44146. March 11: "Ward D" by Freida McFadden.

Quarter Zips & Job Tips. Resume and Job Help for Teens. Wednesday, March 11, 4 p.m. In partnership with Cuyahoga Works, join us for a practical workshop designed to help teens build strong resumes and feel confident for job or volunteer interviews.

The Cozy Collective - Fiber Arts for Teens. Wednesday, March 11, 7 p.m. A relaxed space for teens who like to keep their hands busy: knitting, crocheting, embroidery, or anything yarn-related. Beginners are absolutely welcome! Bring your current project or start something new while we chat, swap tips, eat snacks and unwind together.

Pokémon Tournament Week. Monday, March 23, through Friday, March 27, 2 p.m. Participate in the

2nd Annual Pokémon Tournament at the Bedford Branch. Join us for Tournament Play, Crafts, Mini Raid Battles, Giveaways and more! MUST REGISTER

African American Authors Book Group. In-Person or Virtual — All Adults Are Welcome. Thursday, March 26, 7 p.m. African American Authors Book Group meets the last Thursday of the month. All adults are welcome. March Title: "Harlem Rhapsody: A Novel" by Victoria Christopher Murray.

Word Basics. Friday, March 27, 10 a.m. Learn Microsoft Word using tools such as entering and formatting text, copying, pasting, saving and printing. Prerequisite: Computer Basics or equivalent experience. MUST REGISTER

Independence Branch Library

Here are some of the FREE programs being offered at the Independence Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, located at 6361 Selig Dr., Independence. For more information or to register for any program, please call 216-447-0160.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Treasures of the Gorge / Registration required. Discover more about Tinker's Creek Gorge, one of the best kept treasures of Northeast Ohio. Thursday, Mar. 12, 6:30 p.m.

Exploring the Labyrinth - History, Meditation, and a Hands-On Craft / Registration required. A labyrinth is a single path for quiet reflection. Come discover labyrinths, how to use them for meditation, and create your own labyrinth-inspired craft. Saturday, Mar. 14, 2 p.m.

Wednesday Night Book Discussion / No registration required. Join us for a casual and lively book discussion of "The Night Watchman" by Louise Erdrich. The books will be available approximately one month before the discussion date. Wednesday, Mar. 18, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday Afternoon Book Discussion / No registration required. Join us for a casual and lively book discussion of "The Night Watchman" by Louise Erdrich. The books will be available approximately one month before the discussion date. Thursday, Mar. 19, 2:15 p.m.

Storybook Memories Canvas Craft / Registration required. Create a unique photo display using recycled book pages, a small canvas board, string and clothespins. Saturday, Mar. 21, 1 p.m.

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Feb. 25: MetroHealth Be SimplyWell Health Talk. Love Your Heart - Simple Steps for Heart Health. Heart health affects every part of your daily life, from your energy and stamina to your long-term health and independence. Understanding how to care for your heart can help reduce your risk of heart disease and support overall well-being. Join Maxine Nelson, MD, Cardiology, and Maja Ostojic, DO, Cardiology, to learn simple, practical ways to keep your heart in check, including understanding key numbers, making heart-healthy choices and finding easy ways to get your heart moving. 6-7 p.m. CanalWay Center - Free.

Feb. 27: Hike to a Hidden Ravine. Discover a lesser-known ravine with towering trees and scenic views of the Cuyahoga Valley below, as a naturalist leads you on a rugged hike. The mature forest will make you feel miles away from the industrial valley that surrounds this area. 3-4:30 p.m. CWC. Terrain: natural surface, steep hills, icy conditions possible. 3-4 miles.

Feb. 28: 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. We will also compare observations of animal activity throughout the winter. 10 a.m.-Noon. CWC. Terrain: paved, hills, icy conditions possible. 3 miles.

Feb. 28: Preschoolers in the Park. Bring your preschooler to learn about the feathered friends that visit our feeders in the winter. We will go over some of the common backyard birds, check out their beaks, feet and feathers, and watch them eat at the feeders. Before the end of the program we will make a bird craft to take home. 10:30-11:30 a.m. CWC.

Feb. 28: The Canal in Cleveland and the Growth of a Nation. Cleveland was little more than a sleepy village on Lake Erie until chosen as the northern terminus of the Ohio & Erie Canal. Historical Interpreter Doug Kusak explains the canal's planning, development and use from George Washington's era through today. Indoor presentation followed by a 3/4-mile hike to the canal and back. 1-3 p.m. CWC. Terrain: paved surface, hill.

March 1-31: Hunt of the Month - Masked Bandits. World Frog Day is celebrated this month, and we expect some of the frogs down in the wetland will be waking to celebrate. How will you celebrate? We invite you to stop by and search for the 20 hidden paper frogs in CanalWay Center. Drop-by Monday through Sunday, any time between 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

March 1: Eye See Ewe: Sheep Eye Dissection. Looking for a fun, hands-on science experience? Be an EYE-witness to some exercises about how our own eyes work and get the opportunity to dissect real sheep eyeballs! All materials

will be provided. We can't wait to SEE you there! 1-2 p.m. CWC. Ages 10-14 years. Registration: 15 people; fee: \$5.

March 4: Homeschool - Sheep Eye Dissection. Another opportunity to learn about how our own eyes work and get the opportunity to dissect real sheep eyeballs! All materials will be provided. 1-2 p.m. CWC. Ages 10-14 years. Registration: 15 people; fee: \$5.

March 8: Weekend Hike to the Eagle's Nest. Join a naturalist for a guided hike to an active bald eagle nest as 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 while the eagle nest is visible. 9:30-11:30 a.m. CWC. Terrain: paved, hills, icy conditions possible, 3 miles.

March 8: Drop-by - Indoor Night Hike. This fun family activity will take place in a darkened room and involves exploring things you'd typically find on a night hike. Complete a word puzzle with only a flashlight and your sense of adventure. Activity will take approximately 20 minutes. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. CWC. 216-206-1000.

March 9: Drop-by - Indoor Night Hike. Same activity as above but different day and time. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. CWC. 216-206-1000.

March 13: Hot Chocolate & A Talk - Milkweed & Monarchs, Myths & Facts. 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 talk about the monarch butterfly and its host plant, milkweed, while we ease some confusion and some common misunderstandings about this fascinating creature. 7-8 p.m. CWC. Age: adults. Registration required: 40 people.

March 14: Weekend Hike to the Eagle's Nest. Join a naturalist for a guided hike to an active bald eagle nest as 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. 1-3 p.m. CWC. Terrain: paved, hills, icy conditions possible, 3 miles.

March 15: What's Happening at the Wetland. Join Naturalist Carly Martin for a hike along the Ohio and Erie Canal and then on to a fascinating wetland. Inhabited by beaver, muskrats, large snapping turtles, and other interesting creatures, this wetland always has something new to discover. 9:30-11:30 a.m. CWC. Terrain: Mostly paved trail, some natural surface exploring, 2.5 miles.

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