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Garfield Hts. Council passes bill restricting hours for smoke shops; stiffens penalties for violations

By Ellen Psenicka

Garfield Heights Council met Monday night and introduced on first reading an ordinance to establish hours of operation for tobacco and vape retailers and amend the penalty section.

If passed, the new hours of operation would be 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days per week. The legislation noted that, "Council finds late-night operation of tobacco and vape retailers is associated with increased loitering, nuisance activity, youth access and calls for police and emergency services." The ordinance also noted that "tobacco and alternative nicotine products pose unique and well-documented health risks, and that reasonable regulation of the time, place and manner of their sale is necessary to mitigate those risks."

Any such retailer violating the city's codified ordinances regulating such retail businesses will be committing a misdemeanor of the first degree; separate offenses for each day the violation occurs; subject to civil fine of \$500 per day for each violation; the offender's retail sales license may be revoked; license disqualification for repeat violations; penalties and remedies which are cumulative and are in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other civil penalties.

Enforcement of this new section of the city's codified ordinances may be made by the building commissioner or his designee, the police department or any other city official or agency authorized by law.

Other legislation

- Passed was an ordinance to renew the agreement with

the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District and the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District to participate in the Public Involvement and Public Education programs for the years 2026-2030, at an annual cost to the city of \$6,600.

- Passed an ordinance for the sale and disposal of municipally owned computer equipment used by the Garfield Heights Municipal Court which has been determined to be no longer needed for its purposes.

- Passed an ordinance approving an agreement for payment of counsel fees for indigent criminal defendants between the city and Cuyahoga County. Per the agreement, the county will pay all legal fees reimbursed from the state of Ohio for counsel appointed by the Municipal Court of Garfield Heights to represent indigent persons charged with violations of city ordinances plus authorized expenses, less a 3% administrative fee.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Matt Burke, in his report at the council meeting, said there were two incidents at the city's basketball courts over the weekend, with about 200 individuals getting into fights there.

"I don't want to shut the courts down but that's where we're headed," said the mayor. "I don't want to get to that point but we can't compromise the safety of our community."

He said if the city is forced to lock up the courts and there are break-ins, then the hoops will be taken down as well. He urged parents to do a better job of parenting and work with police as a team to ensure everyone is safe.

He also urged residents to attend a NEORSO public meeting on Tuesday, March 24, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the Civic Center when the sewer district will discuss its latest projects.

The next meeting of council is scheduled for Monday, March 23, at 7 p.m.

Two fatalities in Maple Heights car crash last week

On Thursday, March 5, at approximately 1:30 a.m., the Maple Heights Police Department received a call of a motor vehicle accident in the 17000 block of Broadway Ave., with two victims inside the car. The caller reported that the vehicle had struck a pole. Upon officers' arrival they located two victims who were already deceased, a male and a female.

Victim identification was not released at the time of the crash pending notification of relatives. The cause of the crash is under investigation by the Southeast Area Law Enforcement Accident Investigation Unit - SEALE AIU - and the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office.

Anyone who witnessed this accident or that has information regarding this incident is urged to contact the Maple Heights Detective Bureau: 216-587-9624 or detectives@mapleheightsohio.gov

Information can also be supplied to Crime Stoppers at its Hotline, 216-252-7463; submit a tip online at WebTips; or text message anonymously to: Text TIP657 plus your message to CRIMES (274637).

Churches invited to send NN Holy Week Services

The Neighborhood News is continuing its long-standing custom of publishing Holy Week and Easter Services for all churches in its readership area free of charge for the April 1st issue.

Churches are asked to email their schedule of services, which may include Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday, to: nnews1923@aol.com by Monday, March 30, at 5 p.m.

'Welcome to Collinwood' screening, discussion at Cleveland History Center

"Welcome to Collinwood" is among the earliest movies by Cleveland natives Joe and Anthony Russo. See scenes set throughout authentic Cleveland neighborhoods, including E. 55th & Broadway in the Slavic Village neighborhood, and stars in the movie including William H. Macy and George Clooney, at the movie's screening and discussion on Thursday, March 12, at 5:30 p.m., at the Cleveland History Center, 10825 East Blvd., Cleveland, in the University Circle area.

Following the movie, hear from those in the film industry about how the Russo brothers and other Clevelanders have made it big in film, going from Collinwood to Hollywood.

Admission is free but registration is required as space is limited. Admission includes access to all museum galleries at the Cleveland History Center, including featured exhibit "Hollywood on the Cuyahoga: Northeast Ohio and the Movies" presented by PNC Bank. Arrive early to enjoy the exhibition before the film.

Community Safety meeting at Garfield Heights Civic Center

Marymount Hospital is sponsoring a Community Safety Conversation from 6 to 7:30 p.m., on Wednesday, March 25, at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd., with Garfield Heights Mayor Matt Burke and Police Chief Mark Kaye in attendance. The meeting was rescheduled from January due to a snow-storm.

A light meal will be provided. Community members are invited to provide feedback and share experiences. Registration is suggested to Meredith Seeley of The Cleveland Clinic at: seeleym@ccf.org.

Community police reports

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

Garfield Heights

Aggravated Robbery

On Feb. 28, at 3:19 p.m., officers responded to the parking lot of Garfield Commons due to a report of an armed robbery. Dispatched advised that a female was approached by another female in the parking lot who showed her a gun and took her purse. The suspect was described as a black female wearing a black jacket, gray pants, a face mask and was last seen headed northbound. Dispatch was able to locate the female matching the description on city cameras hiding on the side of an Aldi store in the plaza. Police located the female in the alley nearby. Upon seeing police she discarded her mask on the ground behind a vehicle, pulled down her hoodie and started walking away until she was stopped by an officer.

Another officer arrived and pointed his pistol at the suspect due to the report of her being armed and dangerous. The suspect was handcuffed without incident. Police

searched the suspect and located a loaded Smith and Wesson 380 pistol with a round in the chamber in her coat pocket. There was also a wallet inside the pocket where the firearm was located. The wallet was identified as belonging to the victim, and was photographed and returned to her. The victim stated that \$110 in cash had been taken out of her wallet. At the jail dispatch conducted a search and found \$110 dollars in cash in the suspect's under-shirt. The money was returned to the victim. The suspect was booked without incident.

The victim told officers that she had been driving in the parking lot of the plaza in front of Upscale Nails when the suspect walked in front of her car. She got out of her car and the suspect approached her and showed a gun demanding her purse. The suspect told her that she would shoot her if she did not comply. The suspect was arrested for aggravated robbery, carrying a concealed weapon, criminal tools and failure to disclose personal information.

Drug Activity

On Feb. 28, at approximately 8:18 p.m., an officer was on patrol heading northbound on Turney Rd. and noticed a silver Lincoln SUV with a Michigan plate hit the brakes and make an abrupt right turn into the parking lot of the Sunoco station at the corner of Turney Rd. and Summerdale Ave. The officer circled the block to keep an eye on the car which had dark window tint. It headed towards E. 106 St., made a left turn and failed to use a turn signal. It appeared the SUV was trying to evade the police cruiser. The officer initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle on E. 106 St. and Homeworth Ave. for dark window tint, as well as a no signal violation.

The officer approached the vehicle, which was occupied by a male driver and male passenger, and immediately noticed a strong smell of fresh marijuana coming from the vehicle. The officer also observed small bits of marijuana around the cup holders and on the back seat floorboard and saw a large duffel bag. Upon searching the vehicle, five large bags of marijuana (approximately 1 lb. each) were found inside the duffel bag. Officers asked the driver how much marijuana was in the bag and if he had any cash on him, to which the suspect replied "three or four pounds," then pulled out a roll of cash, counted it and said "about \$1,500." Both suspects were detained. A further search of the driver revealed four more large rolls of cash that were all in separate coat pockets.

Both suspects were placed under arrest for suspected drug trafficking and were transported to city jail. The total weight of the marijuana was found to be 5.15 pounds and the cash totaled \$5,463. Both suspects are being held with no bond for investigation of violations of state drug laws.

Traffic Offense-Fleeing

On Feb. 28, at approximately 11:56 p.m., officers were notified of a 2025 gray KIA K4 in the area of Broadway Ave. and McCracken Rd., traveling west on Broadway Ave., whose owner showed a felony warrant through the GHPD. They began to tour the area and found a dark KIA sedan traveling west on Park Dr., and identified the plate as that of the suspect vehicle. Officers advised dispatch that they would be attempting a traffic stop at Park Dr. and Turney Rd. When police had activated their lights and siren the suspect vehicle began to tailgate other vehicles, and crossed over left of center. The suspect vehicle then began to accelerate making a northbound turn onto Turney Rd. The driver then continued to accelerate at a high speed to avoid officers who continued to pursue the KIA at approximately 90 mph. The officers lost sight of the vehicle as they approached Turney and Ella Rd., and were unable to locate it.

Pair sentenced to prison in death of 10-year-old

Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley announced last week that Jeffrey Grant, 35, was sentenced to life in prison with the first eligibility of parole after 57.5 years, and Lanaemarshe Grant, 34, was sentenced to 18 years in prison for shooting and killing 10-year-old Kaden Coleman in February 2025.

On Feb. 7, 2025, a 35-year-old male was backing out of his driveway near E. 147 St. and Edgewood Ave., in Cleveland. A 36-year-old female was in the passenger seat and her 10-year-old son, Kaden Coleman, was in the back seat. Jeffrey Grant and the unknown male drove to the area of the residence in a rental car and approached the vehicle. The vehicle was shot multiple times and then they fled the scene. One of the bullets struck Kaden Coleman in the head.

The male and female then drove Kaden to Cleveland's Fourth District police station where he was transported to a nearby hospital and pronounced deceased.

After further investigation, the police executed a warrant at a residence in Maple Heights. They discovered a drug lab in the basement with a large amount of drugs including over 550 grams of cocaine. Lanaemarshe Grant and Jeffrey Grant were present and arrested. Surveillance footage, clothing, cellphone data and records and the rental car linked Jeffrey Grant to the homicide.

On Feb. 13, 2026, Jeffrey Grant was found guilty by a jury on three counts of aggravated murder, two counts of murder, two counts of attempted murder, one count of involuntary manslaughter and other drug-related charges.

On Feb. 13, 2026, Lanaemarshe Grant was found guilty by a jury on one count of involuntary manslaughter, one count each of possession and trafficking in cocaine and one count of possessing criminal tools.

Blood donor opportunities

Independence

3/19/2026: 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Crown Centre II, 5001 Rockside Rd.

3/23/2026: 12-6 p.m., Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Dr.

3/24/2026: 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine, 6000 Rockside Woods Blvd. North

Valley View

3/17/2026: 12-6 p.m., Valley View Community Center, 6828 Hathaway Rd.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.

Polish Legion of American Veterans
Lincoln Post 13



Starting on Friday February 20th then every Friday thru Lent 5 PM - 7 PM

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- Perch Dinner ... \$16.00
- Cod or Pollock Dinner ... \$14.00
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Trinity High School to host Night at the Races

Trinity High School in Garfield Heights, will host its annual Night at the Races fundraiser on Friday, March 20, inviting the community to enjoy an evening of food, fun and friendly competition while supporting an important student program.

Tickets are \$40 per person and include a delicious Lenten dinner from Stancato's Italian Restaurant, along with beer, wine and soda.

Guests will have the chance to bet on 10 exciting horse races, with an additional race held later in the evening where horses are auctioned off live. Attendees can also purchase horses in the first 10 races for \$30 each, with a chance to win cash prizes if their horse crosses the finish line first.

Proceeds from the event directly benefit Trinity's student retreat program, which allows all 500 students to participate in class retreats each year at the scenic Camp Christopher. President Principal William Svoboda says, "These retreats are a cornerstone of the Trinity experience, providing students time away from daily routines to reflect, strengthen their faith and build lasting relationships with their classmates."

Funds raised help cover the cost of renting Camp Christopher as well as meals and other expenses associated with the school's four class retreats. Rooted in its Catholic mission, Trinity High School places God at the center of its community, and these retreats offer meaningful opportunities for students to grow spiritually, build character and deepen their understanding of faith and one another.

Community members interested in attending the fundraiser are encouraged to purchase tickets by texting RaceTHS26 to 41444 or visiting ths.org and clicking on Night at the Races on the main page or under Support THS. Join the Trinity family for a memorable evening supporting a program that has positively impacted generations of students.

St. Monica Ladies Guild to hold 40th annual Fashion Show at Woodside Center

The St. Monica Ladies Guild 40th Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon will be held on Sunday, April 19, at Woodside Event Center at Archangel Michael's, 5025 E. Mill Rd. (off Wallings Rd. and I-77), in Broadview Heights, at 1 p.m. Fashions will be by Blossoms N Bows Boutique, 357 W. Aurora Rd., Sagamore Hills.

The plated dinner includes Woodside Signature Salad, vegetable medley, rolls, dessert, beverage and choice of: Celebration Chicken w/oven browned potatoes (gluten free chicken with cream sauce) or pasta primavera with alfredo sauce. Tickets \$40.00 each.

For tickets or more information please contact Marlyn at 216-218-2482 or mpraznik@aol.com.

Former Councilwoman Rebecca Maurer named Cleveland's senior advisor for Lead Accountability

The city of Cleveland announced yesterday that Rebecca Maurer, a longtime advocate for lead-safe housing and former Ward 12 Cleveland City Council member, will join the Mayor's Office as senior advisor for Lead Accountability effective March 16.

Maurer brings more than a decade of experience working on lead poisoning prevention and housing policy in Cleveland.

"Protecting Cleveland's children from lead exposure is one of the most urgent public health challenges we face," said Mayor Justin M. Bibb. "Rebecca has spent her career advancing lead-safe housing and working alongside families, advocates and policymakers to reduce harm. In this role, she will lead a cross-departmental team to strengthen coordination, increase accountability and accelerate our progress toward safer homes for Cleveland families."

Maurer began her work on lead-safe housing as a staff attorney at the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, where she drafted an early version of what ultimately became Cleveland's 2019 lead-safe housing legislation. She later served as policy counsel for Cleveland Lead Advocates for Safe Housing, helping to advance the legislation through years of advocacy and coalition building.

From 2022 to 2025, Maurer served on Cleveland City Council representing Ward 12, where she focused on workers' rights, tenants' rights, and equitable access to city services. She served as vice chair of the Health and Human Services Committee and co-chair of the Lead Safe Advisory Board, helping oversee implementation of Cleveland's lead-safe housing strategy.

Maurer is also an Ohio licensed Lead Risk Assessor, certified in Renovation, Repair and Painting practices,

and holds a J.D. from Stanford Law School and a B.S. from the University of Chicago.

In her new role Maurer will help coordinate the city's lead-safe housing strategy across departments, working closely with Cleveland's Department of Public Health, Department of Community Development, Department of Building and Housing, and community partners to strengthen prevention, improve accountability and ensure Cleveland families live in safe housing.

"We can and must decrease the number of children being poisoned by lead here in Cleveland. But doing so requires coordination," Maurer said. "I'm excited to work with the city's talented teams and community partners to continue building a Cleveland where every child can grow up in a safe and healthy home."

The city of Cleveland has expanded its lead prevention efforts in recent years through the implementation of the Lead Safe Certification program, investments in home remediation, and partnerships with community organizations focused on protecting children from lead exposure.

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Death Notices

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In loving memory of Teresa Collins, great mother, wife and grandmother. Wife to the late Edward Collins, mother to Kelly Ellinwood, Johnny Collins, stepmother to Tina Ferguson, Karon Collins, Sharon Collins and Eddie Collins. Born September 21, 1959, and passed away on February 19, 2026. She had lived in Nicholas County, West Virginia, and is from Cleveland, Ohio. She will be greatly missed and loved by all that knew her.



JASON ZOUL

June 14, 1978 - March 3, 2026

Jason R. Zoul, 47, beloved son of Christine M. (nee Opala) and Robert (deceased); loving brother of Matthew (Julie). Dear nephew, cousin and friend to many. Jason was S.A.L. Commander at the American Legion Post 309 in Maple Hts. He will be greatly missed. No services.



LEGAL NOTICE

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEMBERS NEEDED

Any Bedford resident interested in serving on a Board or Commission should send a resume and letter stating which Board or Commission you are interested in and a brief background on yourself to Tracy Simons, CMC, Clerk of Council at tsimons@bedfordoh.gov.

The following Boards and Commissions have vacancies:

- Planning Commission has one (1) opening
- Board of Building Standards & Appeals has two (2) openings

All resumes and letters from interested residents are kept on file in case we have an opening.

Tracy M. Simons, CMC
Clerk of Council/Boards & Commissions Secretary

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS 2026 GRASS NUISANCE ABATEMENT SERVICES

Sealed Requests for Proposals (RFP's) will be received by the Planning and Development Department at Maple Heights City Hall, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio 44137, until 4:00 p.m., local time, on the 30th day of March, 2026 for the "2026 GRASS NUISANCE ABATEMENT SERVICES" in the City of Maple Heights, Ohio. NO FAXED COPIES ACCEPTED. RFP's may be submitted in person, through the U.S. Postal Service or via e-mail to englebrecht@mapleheightsohio.gov within the solicitation period.

The Requirements for Proposals and Bidder Information Forms may be procured at the office of the Planning and Development Director or on the City's RFP web page at: <https://mapleheightsohio.gov/download/Request-for-Proposals-2026.pdf>

Three (3-4) successful contractors will be required to register as a contractor with the Maple Heights Building Department.

RFP's are to be submitted in sealed envelopes marked, "2026 GRASS NUISANCE ABATEMENT SERVICES."

Geoff Englebrecht
Planning and Development Director
City of Maple Heights

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

BEDFORD RESERVATION

March 22: Celebrate World Water Day with Naturalist Pam Taylor as we hike down to the Great Falls of Tinker's Creek. This short hike will take you down to the Great Falls where you can feel the energy that was harnessed and used to power a grist mill, sawmill and provided power to the streets of Bedford. 4-5 p.m. Viaduct Park.

CANALWAY CENTER - OHIO & ERIE CANAL RESERVATION

March 14: A Shot of Whiskey Island. Historical Interpreter Doug Kusak found answers to some of his nagging questions: Why is it called "Whiskey Island" if it's really a peninsula? How did Ohio get a salt mine while Cleveland got the shaft? If "Cuyahoga" means "crooked," why is the mouth of the river straight? This, and more, as we delve into the history and the mystery of our lakefront urban oasis. Join us for this indoor presentation. What better way to spend a part of your Saturday? 2-4 p.m. CWC. Registration required: 100 people.

March 20: Preschoolers: Hike with Me. Bring your preschoolers out to CanalWay Center this morning as we hike along the Cuyahoga River. We will stop by the beaver lodge, then continue our walk to look for eagles, herons and other evidence of wildlife in the valley. Dress for the weather, as the path may be slippery. 10-11 a.m. CWC. Ages: 2-6 years w/adult. Terrain: paved, hill, 1 mile.

March 21: Turtles. Bring the family for a Saturday morning adventure to CanalWay Center to discover turtles of Ohio. We will talk about the turtles, examine biofacts, and even meet some of the turtles that live here in the center. To end the program, we will go on a short walk to the wetland to see if any turtles are out from their winter slumber. Join us for a *turtlely* awesome time. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Ages: 3-8 years w/adult. Terrain: paved, natural surface, hills, less than 1 mile.

March 21: Irishtown Bend Symposium. (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.) A lot of its past, a touch of its present, and what's planned for the near future presented at CanalWay Center.

10-10:45 a.m. Historical Interpreter Doug Kusak discusses river valley formation, settlement, development, and why Irishtown Bend was not a shantytown.

LEGAL NOTICE

BEDFORD BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD A MEETING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF BEDFORD CITY HALL AT 6:00 P.M. TO CONSIDER THE APPEAL OF THE FOLLOWING:

A. Mike Lozar, 903 High St., Bedford, OH 44146, proposes building a shed within 10ft of another building.

10ft separation is required per:

ACCESSORY BUILDINGS IN RESIDENCE DISTRICTS.

Accessory building shall be limited to fifteen feet (15 ft.) in heights, and shall be distant at least three feet (3 ft.) from all lot lines of adjoining lots which are in any residential district and at least six feet (6 ft.) from rear lot lines and ten feet (10 ft.) from any other building or structure on the same lot.

ATTENTION: THE APPLICANT'S ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY, AND FAILURE TO ATTEND WILL RESULT IN DENIAL.

Tracy M. Simons
Clerk of Council

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10:45-11:45 a.m. Dr. Margaret Lynch of the Irish American Archives Society does a deep dive into Irish immigration in Cleveland.

11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sean Joyce, student at Cleveland Institute of Art and summer employee of Irish American Archives Society, shares his research into the people who lived on Irishtown Bend and his unique, engaging ways of visualizing information.

12:30-1 p.m. Cleveland Metroparks Planning and Design shares the latest information on the modern-day transformation of Irishtown Bend. Note all times are subject to change! Registration required: 100 people.

March 22: 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. 1-3 p.m. CWC. Terrain: paved, hills, icy conditions possible, 3 miles.

GARFIELD PARK RESERVATION

March 18: 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 or snow boots, 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.

Join the fun at SVD's annual Nite at the Races

Join Slavic Village Development for an unforgettable evening of fun, friendly competition, and community impact at its signature fundraiser, Nite at the Races, on Saturday, April 11, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., at the Polish American Cultural Center, 6501 Lansing Ave., Cleveland 44105.

Enjoy a lively night of simulated horse races and betting fun, creative raffle baskets and prize giveaways, food, drinks and great company. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Proceeds from Nite at the Races directly support Slavic Village Development's work with children, families and neighborhood initiatives across the Broadway-Slavic Village community.

For tickets or sponsorships, contact Michaela Lowery, Development Officer, at 216-429-1182, ext. 1102 or michaelal@slavicvillage.org

Sokol Dinner and Concert

Sokol Greater Cleveland will serve its succulent Duck Dinner with dumplings and sauerkraut, coffee and dessert on Sunday, March 22, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., at Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave., Cleveland. Dinners are \$22 and must be reserved by March 16, by calling Vlad at 216-894-3591.

Come for the dinner and stay for the free concert in the ballroom! The Cleveland Community Band will be performing at 3 p.m.



Village of Newburgh Heights

Housing & Building Department
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NOTICE FOR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

The Planning Commission of the Village of Newburgh Heights will meet on Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 6:00pm in the Village Hall Council Chambers located at 3801 Harvard Ave. in Newburgh Heights.

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Approval of Minutes (02/26/26)
- Review of building plans for installation of an illuminated wall sign at 2910 Harvard Ave (PPN 511-07-043).
- Public Comment
- Action
- Adjournment

Notice posted at Village Hall, Village Website and printed in The Neighborhood News on March 11, 2026.

Maple Heights Council: Mayor Blackwell highlights Councilwoman Toni Jones for Women's History Month

By Ellen Psenicka

Mayor Annette Blackwell, at the Maple Heights Council meeting last Wednesday, March 4, honored District 2 Councilwoman Toni Jones as the 2026 Women's History Spotlight person to commemorate National Women's History Month in the city.



Toni Jones

Among the many accolades the mayor recounted in highlighting Jones' career were her dedicated advocacy for city residents as a councilwoman in Maple Heights since 2008, work to secure funds to demolish over 50 substandard homes and 30 years in community development with a Master's Degree in Urban Affairs.

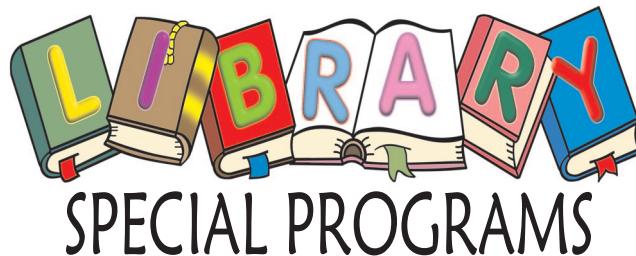
Blackwell also praised Jones for her 2025 Fostering Award from Cleveland Neighborhood Progress for her expertise in housing and code enforcement, for being a key figure in lead-safe certification efforts and being a champion of housing equity.

In her report at last week's meeting, Council President Dana Anderson stressed the need for a Block Watch in Maple Heights where residents can promote safety by being "the eyes and ears for the police, as well as collaborate to help protect the city and each other."

Anderson said she will bring sign-up sheets to the next council meeting on Wednesday, March 18, for those interested in joining the Block Watch. She said a first meeting date will be discussed and Police Chief Todd Hansen invited to speak.

The only legislation passed at last week's meeting was an ordinance authorizing the finance director to advance an amount not to exceed \$180,000 from the General Fund to the FEMA Fire Grant Fund.

An ordinance to make appropriations for current and other expenditures of the city for fiscal year 2026 will go to a second reading.



Cleveland Public Library: Fleet

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.

Kids Café – Ages 1-18: Every Monday-Friday 3:30-4:30 p.m. Cleveland Foodbank's free afternoon lunch program for the school year.

Renovation Book Sale – All Ages: All Month, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Shop a selection of used items from the library's collection at unbeatable prices as we prepare for our upcoming renovation! All proceeds benefit The Cleveland Public Library Foundation.

Library Scavenger Hunt – School-age: All Month, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Throughout the month, hunt through the children's area for five different pictures. Win a prize when you locate all five! (Limit one per child per month.)

Memoir Book Club – Adults: Thursday, March 12, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Learn about and discuss different memoir titles available at the library. March's title is "Jesus Land" by Julia Scheeres.

Introduction to Canva Workshop – Adults: Monday, March 16, 12-1 p.m. Learn the basics of using the online design program Canva, including how to make an account and start projects such as business and event flyers and social media graphics.

Drawing Hour – School-age/Teens: Wednesday, March 18, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Join in with a group of peers to draw based on a collective choice between everyone or draw with your own prompt in mind.

Coloring for Tranquility – Adults: Tuesday, March 24, 12-1 p.m. Decompress from the stresses of the week as we listen to calming ambient music while coloring and practicing the cognitive skill of mindfulness.

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Preschool Storytime – Ages 3-5: Thursday, March 26, 4-4:30 p.m.

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ADULT PROGRAMS

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Tuesday Evening Book Discussion Join us for our monthly book discussion. This month's title is "Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow" by Gabrielle Zevin. Tuesday, March 17, 6-7 p.m.

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Saturdoodle, Grades 6-12, Saturday, March 14, 3:30-4:30 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 (grades 6 - 12).

World of Dance, Grades 4-8. Mondays, March 16, 23, 4-5 p.m. Explore global styles of dance with the Beck Center for the Arts.

Tuesday Evening Reader's Circle, Tuesday, March 17, 7-8 p.m. Meet with fellow readers to discuss thought-provoking books by diverse authors. Join the conversation in-person or virtually. Please join us this month to discuss "Happy Land" by Dolen Perkins-Valdez.

Google Sheets, Adults. Wednesday, March 18, 1-3 p.m. Learn how to enter, modify and organize data using Google's free web-based spreadsheet application. (Please note, a Google account is needed to participate in the class).

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