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FREE

Mayor announces plans to reopen basketball courts in Garfield Heights

By Ellen Psenicka

In his mayor's report to city council at its meeting on Monday, April 13, Garfield Heights Mayor Matt Burke said after consulting with GHPD leadership, a plan has been devised to reopen the city's basketball courts.

Because a big problem had been cars chasing other cars in the parking area for the courts and putting bystanders at risk, the city has decided to close the parking lot and alleviate that problem. Burke said 90% of those using the courts come on foot anyway, so closing the parking lot will be a minimal inconvenience. There will be parking for those families wishing to use the swing sets, he said.

Burke said the courts will be open in a week or so and on the following schedule: Monday through Friday, 2:30 to 7:30 p.m. Weekends, 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. And when school lets out for the summer the hours will be 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. every day.

"And if there are no more incidents," Burke said, "we're just not going to worry about it."

Legislation passed

The following legislation was passed by council on Monday, April 13:

- Passed on final reading was an ordinance adding a section to the codified ordinances of the city to establish hours of operation for tobacco and vape retailers and amending the penalty section to provide for stiffer penalties for code violators.

Hours of operation for these establishments are limited to 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days per week.

- Amending a chapter of the codified ordinances of the city to establish noncriminal parking infractions, procedures and penalties pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code.

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Ward 7 Block Watch meeting in G.H.

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch, sponsored by Councilwoman Jenn Newrones, will meet Thursday, April 30, at 7 p.m., in the cafeteria of St. Benedict School, 13633 Rockside Rd. Guest speakers will be from Padel Square, the first Padel Club in Ohio, and Weldon Hastings from WeldonPC.com. He will be talking about cybersecurity/phishing and the threat of phone phishing.

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

NE Ohio Transition Expo set for Saturday

The 2026 Northeast Ohio Transition Expo will take place on Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Dr., Independence.

Now in its 26th year, the Transition Expo is a long-standing community event designed to support transition-aged youth with disabilities and their families as they prepare for life after high school. The Expo brings together a wide range of organizations offering resources in employment, education, recreation, housing, assistive technology and independent living.

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center will be represented at the event by Bernadette Bodnar, External Transition Coordinator, who has been a dedicated member of the Expo's planning committee for more than 20 years.

Following the Expo, attendees are invited to stay for "On My Way," a panel discussion from 12-1 p.m., featuring individuals sharing their personal journeys into adulthood after high school. The session is open to teens and adults, with lunch provided while supplies last.

The event is free and open to the public, welcoming individuals with disabilities, families, caregivers and professionals from across Northeast Ohio who seek to empower students with the skills, support and connections they need for a successful future.

Aftermath of last week's hail storm takes center stage at Bedford Council meeting

By Ellen Psenicka

The damage caused by last week's rain and hail storm that hit the Bedford/Bedford Heights area particularly hard was discussed in depth by city officials Monday evening, April 20, at the regular meeting of Bedford City Council.

Mayor Stan Koci noted the devastation caused by the storm but said the bright spot was that no one was seriously hurt in Bedford, at least that the city was aware of.

City Manager Mike Mallis said the major problem was, of course, the large hail that pummeled the area, causing major headaches on the Bedford Auto Mile, where hundreds of vehicles sat outside exposed to the elements. Mallis said, in assessing the city's fleet, that there was serious damage to 70 of Bedford's vehicles, and that one roadway in the city was partially washed out.

He said facilities are still being assessed as well as the city's infrastructure, and that a few new sink holes have been identified.

Of major concern, he said, was the presence of solicitors ringing door bells in the city and surrounding areas pitching to make repairs on damaged homes. Mallis said residents should make sure these solicitors have been registered with the city of Bedford, as required, to avoid having out-of-town companies that are not registered doing the repair work and then leaving town never to be heard from again, with no redress to unsatisfied homeowners.

Mallis said residents can contact the building department or Mallis' office to get the list of registered solicitors.

He also noted that Rep. Darnell Brewer has communicated directly with the governor's office on behalf of the communities of Bedford, Bedford Heights, Maple Heights and Garfield Heights, urging some emergency assistance for residents in these communities that suffered substantial storm damage.

Legislation passed

The following ordinances were passed at the Monday, April 20, meeting of Bedford City Council.

- Authorizing the city manager to apply for FY 2026 "Special" Community Development Block Grant Funds through the Cuyahoga County Department of Development in the amount of \$200,000 for the road resurfacing of Greencroft Ave., and to sign any documents necessary to facilitate the process, including acceptance.

- Entering into a contract with Ferguson Waterworks for the replacement of six fire hydrants at a total cost of \$26,910.00.

- Contracting with MRS Distribution LLC for the purchase of UV bulbs for the disinfection system at the Wastewater Treatment Plant at a total cost of \$12,160.00.

Special meeting set for Thursday on upgrades to Warsaw Park in Slavic Village; another meeting set April 29

The Southeast Kiwanis Club will host a special presentation which is open to the public at Warsaw Park, 4007 E. 64 St., Cleveland, from City of Cleveland Architect Michael Reder, who will be asking for upgrade ideas from residents on the proposed \$1 million renovations proposed for the park.

The meeting will be held outdoors at Warsaw Park this Thursday, April 23, at noon. Those interested can also visit: <https://tinyurl.com/warsawpark2026> to take a brief community survey about how residents are using the park and what improvements they would like to see.

In addition, there will be a Friends of Warsaw Park meeting on Wednesday, April 29, at 5 p.m., at Warsaw Park. All are invited.

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Any person issued a parking ticket shall answer the charge within the time stated on the ticket by: 1) Payment of the civil parking fine; (2) Admission with explanation; or (3) Denial of the infraction and request for a hearing before the Garfield Heights Municipal Court or a duly authorized hearing officer.

Failure to answer the ticket within the prescribed time may result in a default judgment entered by the Garfield Heights Municipal Court or duly authorized hearing officer, as well as imposition of additional late fees, administrative costs and collection costs as authorized by this Chapter and Ohio law.

• Approving an agreement with Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc. to serve as the city's independent public accountant for FY 2024 through 2028.

• Authorizing the city to apply for and accept funding through the public entities of Ohio Grant Program for the purchase of safety items. Qualified expenses may include playground safety material, safety signage, safety cones or other hazard warning items, Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs), fire extinguishers, warning sirens, reflective materials, firefighter training, security cameras, driver training, fleet management assistance and police training. The city wishes to apply for this grant to obtain items that will enhance risk control, promote employee safety and support overall risk management efforts. Under the terms of the PEP+ Grant Program, the city is not required to fund the full cost of the equipment, and grant awards are capped at \$1,000.00.

• Entering into a Purchasing Participation Agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the purchase of sodium chloride (rock salt) for the 2026-27 season. The amount, or estimated amount, identified is approximately 4500 tons at a cost of \$315,000.00

• Purchasing three 2026 Dodge Durangos for use in the Garfield Heights Police Department Vehicle Fleet. The city has determined that John Jones Dodge is able to provide three 2026 Dodge Durango pursuit vehicles meeting the same or equivalent specifications and conditions as available through the state bid, at a total cost of \$135,319.50, which is less than the pricing available through the state contract.

• Purchasing one Caterpillar Wheel Loader through Ohio CAT, an approved vendor, for the purchase price of \$290,864.63.

• Entering into an agreement with OHM Advisors to provide engineering tasks for the 2026 Paving Program Project at a cost of \$132,120.00.

• Authorizing and accepting a Training and Equipment Grant from the Ohio Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Medical Services for the purchase of firefighting equipment.

An ordinance to amend a section of the codified ordinances of the city to establish hours of operation for vehicle repair and servicing establishments was passed for a third reading at a future meeting.

Sokol Schnitzel-licious!!



Shown here is a Sokol volunteer serving up the mouthwatering pork schnitzel and potato salad last Sunday at Bohemian National Hall, in the North Broadway area of Slavic Village.

Dinners are open to the public with reservations. Check this newspaper in the next couple weeks for the May offering.

Photo by Elena Psenicka

Get Ready To RISE UP and Be Motivated at the Independence Library!

Attend our free two-hour event from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on April 28th! Get your tickets at the link below:

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2026 HOME REPAIR PROGRAM EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE GRANT

Application Submission Period: May 11 thru June 24, 2026

Grant Limit: \$2,500

Program Guidelines (include but not limited to the following)

- Applications can be picked up and submitted in the City's Economic Development Dept. Monday – Wednesday from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM ONLY.
- Property taxes must be current at time of application.
- Property MUST be the owner's primary residence for at least one year at time of application.
- Grant funds can not be used to address open/current Point-of-Sale violations.
- Applicant MUST have a current homeowner's insurance policy for the property.
- Grant funds cannot be used for repair projects where work has already started.
- Applicant must obtain two (2) comparable project estimates for repair projects.
- **A homeowner's contribution of 5% of the total project cost is required, plus all remaining project costs after the grant funding has been paid.**
- Eligible Projects include, but are not limited to: Gutters, Windows, Siding, Painting, Doors, Roofs, Stairs and Driveways.
- Recipients of any other City-based grant program funds are ineligible to apply for 3-years.



Household gross income must be at or below the federally established income limits:

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| 1: \$55,650 | 5: \$85,900 |
| 2: \$63,600 | 6: \$92,250 |
| 3: \$71,550 | 7: \$98,600 |
| 4: \$79,500 | 8: \$104,950 |



Website:

www.garfieldhts.org

Economic Development

216-475-5484

Death Notices

DANIEL E. NICHOLS

Daniel E. Nichols, age 91. Beloved husband of the late Helen M. (nee Provenzano); loving father of Daniel (Mary), Karen (deceased), Dean (deceased) (Monnalyn), Kim Laurie (Vince), and Donald (Nadine); cherished grandfather of 10 and great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather of many; dear brother of Jack (Peggy) (both deceased) and Patricia Neff (Rich-deceased). Former owner of Woodward Beverage and Quality Autobody. Services were held at LATEK & RYBICKI, A GOLDEN RULE FUNERAL HOME, on Monday, April 20, and at St. Therese Church in Garfield Heights. Interment All Saints Cemetery.



Maple Heights Council update of April 15 meeting

By Ellen Psenicka

With weather warnings last Wednesday, April 15, for violent storms and dangerously large hail which pounded the area, Maple Heights Council met in an abbreviated session and stuck to voting on the legislation on its agenda.

Legislation passed

The following legislation was passed by council at its meeting last Wednesday:

- Entering into a purchase agreement with Pfund Superior Sales Co., Inc. for a 2024 Lifeline remount/refurbished ambulance at a total cost of \$257,884.00 to replace the 2016 Lifeline ambulance which caught fire and was damaged beyond repair but for which the city received an insurance settlement of \$100,000 to be used towards the purchase of a replacement ambulance.

- Authorizing the mayor and service director to enter into a Purchasing Participation Agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the purchase of sodium chloride (rock salt) for contracts awarded in 2026.

- Entering into an agreement with Bequest Builders, Inc. for the sale of vacant property owned by the city through its Land Reutilization program, located at 5834 Dunham Rd., for a total purchase price of \$10,000. The property will be used to build a single family ranch-style dwelling on it.

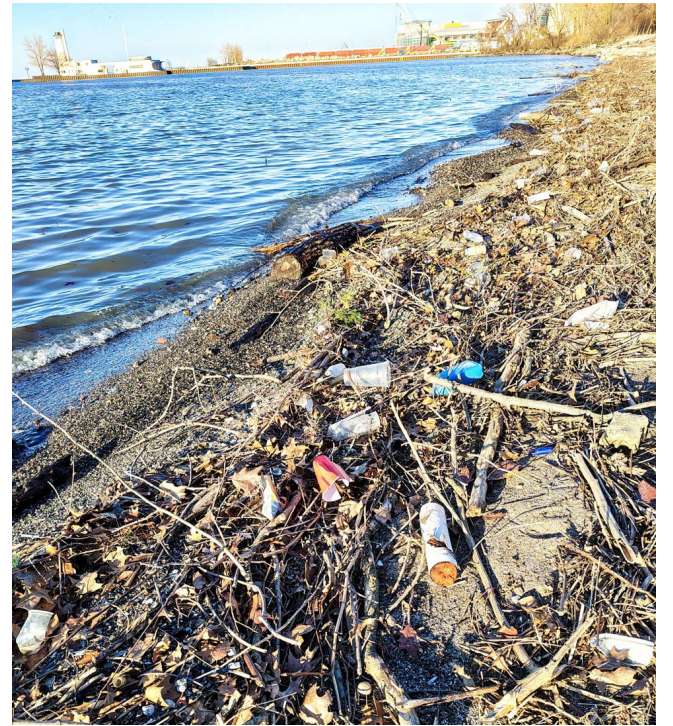
Passed for third readings

An ordinance amending a section of the city's Codified Ordinances concerning eligibility for, and payment of, overtime for non-bargaining unit employees.

An ordinance enacting a new Chapter 214- Mayor and Council Investigations, to the city's Codified Ordinances.

TODAY IS EARTH DAY

Wednesday, April 22, 2026



DO YOUR PART TO SAVE OUR PLANET!!

Cuy. County to host free paternity info sessions

The Cuyahoga County Office of Child Support Services will host two Paternity Establishment Information Sessions to help parents establish legal parenthood and better understand their rights and responsibilities.

Led by the Child Support Services team, these information sessions will explain what paternity establishment is, why it's important for every person in a family unit, and options available to establish paternity at no cost, like genetic testing. Each session is free and open to the public. Registration is highly encouraged.

Establishing paternity is the legal process that allows a biological father to be recognized as the legal father when the parents are not married. It provides important benefits for families: fathers gain legal rights and can be named on the child's birth certificate, mothers gain legal clarity and shared responsibility, and children benefit from a stronger sense of identity, access to their full medical history, and eligibility for benefits such as Social Security and health insurance.

Paternity Establishment Information Sessions:

Thursday, April 23, at 11 a.m., Cleveland Public Library – Fleet Branch, 7224 Broadway Ave., Cleveland.

Thursday, April 30, at 5 p.m., Cleveland Public Library – Lorain Branch, 8216 Lorain Ave., Cleveland.

The Paternity Establishment Information Sessions are part of an ongoing effort to increase access to services and support for Cuyahoga County residents. Visit the Cuyahoga County Office of Child Support for more information and to register for the paternity sessions.

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LIBRARIES PLAN SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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.

Understanding the School-to-Prison Pipeline - Adults. Thursday, May 14, 7 p.m. Join us for a thought-provoking presentation that explores the school-to-prison pipeline — a national trend in which students, particularly those from marginalized communities, are pushed out of schools and into the criminal justice system. This presentation will examine the root causes of the pipeline, including zero-tolerance discipline policies, racial and economic disparities, the role of law enforcement in schools, and the long-term impacts on students' futures. This session is ideal for students, educators, parents, and community members who want to better understand and dismantle this systemic issue. **MUST REGISTER**

Online Investment Resources Through the Library - Adults. Saturday, May 16, 11 a.m. Learn about the valuable free investment resources CCPL offers. In this class, you will follow along with library staff to navigate business and investing databases and learn about Morningstar and Value Line. These financial tools are available in our branch locations as well as remotely for

those looking for current statistics and trends in stocks and mutual funds. **MUST REGISTER**

Bearcat Grad Cap Decorating. -Teens (Grades 6-12). Saturday, May 16, 1 p.m. Congratulations Seniors! Celebrate your milestone with a personalized graduation cap. We provide the art supplies, you just have to bring the cap and creativity! **MUST REGISTER**

Kindergarten Countdown -For Children Entering Kindergarten in the Fall and Caregiver. Wednesday, May 20, 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**

PowerPoint Basics. -Adults. Friday, May 22, 10 a.m. Create a simple presentation and learn how to add text, images and transitions to slides. Prerequisite: Computer Basics or equivalent experience. **MUST REGISTER**

LED Tapes -Teens (Grades 6-12). Saturday, May 23, 2 p.m. Transform old VHS tapes into light-up art using LED strips. Walk away with a glowing piece of vintage decor! **MUST REGISTER**

African American Authors Book Group -In-Person or Virtual —All Adults Are Welcome. Thursday, May 28, 7 p.m. African American Authors Book Group meets the last Thursday of the month. All adults are welcome. May Title: "Once Upon a Time in Dollywood" by Ashley Jordan. Summary: "Eve Ambrose may be a rising star playwright, but her personal life is falling apart. Desperate for a fresh start, she breaks up with her fiancé, cuts off her parents and heads to the Tennessee mountains. But keeping up the lie that she's just on a writing retreat becomes near impossible when faced with the well-meaning townspeople and a neighbor who has just as much baggage as she has. Coming off a contentious custody battle, Jamie Gallagher is restructuring what his life looks like as a single dad, and spending more days at his cabin makes his new "free time" a little less empty. Especially when he meets the beautiful and prickly woman next door. A fairy-tale ending could be in the cards, but only if the new couple can get out of their heads and put their hearts first."

Cleveland Public Library: Fleet

Fleet Campus is hosting some wonderful FREE programs for the month of May for Youth, Adults and Families. For more information or to register for any programs, please call 216-623-6962. The branch's final

day open to the public before the building's renovation begins will be Saturday, May 23. If you'd like to follow along with the renovation process, visit www.fleet-cpl.com. Thank you for supporting the Cleveland Public Library!

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)

Digging Through the Crates – Adults / Seniors: Saturday, May 2, 12-1 p.m. Drop in to explore and experience music from this vintage medium "records"! Other fun activities will be featured during these listening party hangouts. May's featured genre is Disco.

Monthly Movies: A Journey Through Pixar – School age: Monday, May 4, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Finish the Lyric: Library Edition – School age / Teens: Wednesday, May 13, 4-5 p.m. Enjoy this interactive music game where you must finish the lyrics to your favorite popular songs.

Memoir Book Club – Adults: Thursday, May 14, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Learn about and discuss different memoir titles available at the library. May's title is "I'm Glad My Mom Died" by Jeanette McCurdy.

Kids Art History Workshop – School age / Teens: Monday, May 18, 4-5 p.m. Learn about famous artists and create your own artistic masterpiece inspired by their work & techniques.

Farewell Community Reception – All Ages: Tuesday, May 19, 12-5 p.m. Come join us for a day of refreshments, entertainment and community resources as we prepare to close for renovation as part of Cleveland Public Library's Facilities Master Plan.

Drawing Hour – School age/Teens: Wednesday, May 20, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Join in with a group of peers to draw based on a prompt of a collective choice between everyone or draw with your own prompt in mind.

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

"The Last Days of the Cleveland Mafia." Join author Allan R. May to learn about the trials and tribulations of the Cleveland Mafia following the murder of Irish mobster Danny Greene. Wednesday, May 6, 6-7:30 p.m. Registration required.

Excel: Sorting, Filtering and Functions Learn about a variety of function available in Microsoft Excel including paste special, sorting and filtering with data. Designed for those with some experience with Excel. Thursday, May 7, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Registration required.

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 Sunday Mass: 9:00 am and 10:45 am
 All Mass times are Live streamed.

Community Police reports

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

Garfield Heights

Two new GHPD patrolmen were sworn in on Monday, April 13, Tyler Sayre and Joseph Smith. Patrolman Sayre was previously with the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority and Patrolman Smith was previously with the Cleveland Police Department. Welcome to Garfield Heights PD!

Fleeing

On April 10, at 1 p.m., officers initiated a traffic stop at E. 104 St. and Plymouth Ave. The officer spoke with the driver who was highly agitated due to some confusion over her driving status. While retrieving her license number from her, she stated that she was going to lose her job if her vehicle was towed. At that point the suspect put her vehicle into drive and began fleeing from officers.

During the pursuit the suspect was driving recklessly and without any regard for the general public around her, greatly exceeding the posted speed limits and running the stop signs at multiple intersections. Near the intersection of E. 86 St. and Vineyard Ave., officers lost sight of the vehicle and the pursuit was terminated.

Following the termination of the pursuit, an officer stated that he did observe a good hit with the stop sticks police had laid down previously, leading to all four tires eventually deflating. An officer located the vehicle on Jeffries Ave. near the backup address to the suspect's listed address on New York Ave. Police proceeded to the New York Ave. address, where the suspect surrendered herself to police. The suspect was then taken into custody and transported to GHPD Jail without further incident.

Menacing

On April 11, at 4:12 p.m., an officer arrived at Walgreens, 12777 Rockside Rd., for a menacing report. The officer met with the Walgreens manager who was visibly upset. The victim explained prior to calling the police she heard a sound consistent with someone attempting to remove the security box from their products, specifically from the aisle where the razors and hair trimmers were located. The manager walked around the aisle and informed the suspect that they remove the security tabs/boxes up front after purchase. That was when the male became aggressive and agitated. The suspect then followed the victim around the store while shouting and screaming profanities and threats at her.

The victim was able to bring up surveillance footage of the incident via the Walgreens camera. The suspect male left the store at 3:23 p.m. It was unknown if any items were stolen. The victim was instructed to call 911 if the male returned. She was also asked to contact GHPD once her shift ended for an escort to her vehicle.

Resisting Arrest

On April 12, at around 5:22 a.m., GHPD night shift units assisted Twinsburg PD in an attempt to locate a male

suspect who ran on foot from a car that they were chasing in the area of McCracken Rd. and Henry St. The male was described as a tall, thin black male wearing all black clothing. Night shift officers set up a perimeter and the Twinsburg sergeant on scene set up a K9 track to attempt to locate the male suspect.

At shift change the sergeant remained in the area and shortly after advised over the air that he was in a foot pursuit with the suspect on Southern Ave. GHPD units responded to the area and set up a perimeter. The Twinsburg sergeant and another officer continued to track the suspect through the backyards in the neighborhood. A drone was also deployed in the area. While tracking the suspect, officers located a Glock pistol and a Smith and Wesson rifle that were left behind in a garage in the 12400 block of Reindeer Rd. by the suspect – based on this he was considered armed and dangerous. The drone observed someone matching the suspect's description walking northbound through the backyards of Claremont north of McCracken. He was observed getting in the front seat of a car parked in the driveway of a home in the 12400 block of McCracken Rd., and officers were directed to his location. He got out of the car and took off on foot again and police detained him at the intersection of McCracken Rd. and E. 126 St., where he continued to resist arrest. After three Taser strikes he was eventually brought under control. He smelled of alcohol and refused to identify himself. He was later identified by a cash card he had in his pocket and was found to have a conviction for aggravated robbery and involuntary manslaughter on his Computerized Criminal History, and is also on parole. The Glock pistol was confirmed stolen out of Cleveland.

Traffic Offense- Fleeing

On April 13, at 1:18 p.m., an officer riding a two-man unit observed a gold 2000 Pontiac Grand Am traveling east on Saybrook Ave., at a moderate speed and went through a stop sign at the intersection without stopping. Officers initiated a traffic stop and the vehicle immediately began to flee from officers.

A pursuit was initiated and the vehicle finally pulled over at E. 138 St. The officer pinned the driver's door of the suspect vehicle with his cruiser to aid in containing the driver for a safer apprehension. Police held lethal cover on the driver, who was subsequently placed under arrest without further incident and no injury. In the course of this maneuver, the police cruiser had sustained minor damage on the passenger side of the vehicle.

The driver was the sole occupant of the vehicle and was identified as its registered owner. The speeds of the pursuit reached about 85 mph, there was little to no traffic, clear weather and dry road conditions during the pursuit. The vehicle was impounded and the driver taken to city jail and was held for fleeing and eluding, and

citation(s) issued for running stop signs. Suspect held without bond.

Criminal Damage-Auto

On April 13, at about 11:40 a.m., police were dispatched to a home in the 4600 block of Blythin Rd., for a criminal damage report. The complainant told the officer she had noticed damage to her white Chevy Equinox, including a shattered rear window and a hole in the hood consistent with a possible bullet strike. She said she had parked the car in her driveway on April 11, at about 7 p.m., and it remained there until the next day. The officer noted the back window was shattered and there was a hole in the hood but no broken glass on the ground where it was parked. She was provided a copy of the report and advised to contact her insurance company.

Theft

- On April 13, an officer spoke with a woman on the phone regarding a theft of package report. She told the officer that on April 11, between 4:15 and 4:30 p.m., a male wearing a gray hoodie stole a package from her front porch which contained a diet supplement valued at about \$100.00. She was provided with the officer's email address so she can email him a copy of her ring camera video.

- On April 15, at about 4:44 p.m., police arrived at the Garfield Branch Library, 5409 Turney Rd., for a report of bicycle theft. They met with the complainant, who said that while her son was inside the library, his 20", lime green bicycle was stolen from the bike rack near the library's entrance. The library manager checked the surveillance footage and it showed what appeared to be two female juveniles, one wearing a white shirt and white sweat pants, and the other wearing a pink hoodie and blue jeans shorts, take the bike from the rack along with a black and red bicycle. Facts forwarded to the Youth Detective Bureau.

CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO

List of Meetings for May 2026

Monday, May 4, 2026	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 5, 2026	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 13, 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, May 18, 2026	Council Work Session -TBD Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 19, 2026	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 26, 2026	Board of Zoning Appeals (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

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

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

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Innovation Center Orientation Learn about the equipment and policies of the Innovation Centers throughout the 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: Saturday, May 9, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., and Wednesday, May 20, 6-8 p.m. Registration required.

Black Authors Book Discussion Join us for this monthly book discussion featuring Black authors. May's title is "King of Ashes" by S.A. Cosby. Monday, May 18, 6-7 p.m.

Tuesday Evening Book Discussion Join us for our monthly book discussion. May's title is "Family Recipe" by Carolyn Huynh. Tuesday, May 19, 6-7 p.m.

Innovation Center Hands on Help Need help with a project in the Innovation Center? Bring your ideas and materials and staff will be available to help you get started. This program is open to users who have already completed an Innovation Center Orientation. Tuesday, May 26, 6-8 p.m.

TEENS

Graphic Novel Club Come chat about a graphic novel or manga and create a snack or craft related to the book. This month we will be reading "Dream On," written by Shannon Hale and illustrated by Marcela Cespedes. Designed for tweens and teens in grades 4-8. Tuesday, May 5, 6-7 p.m.

Teens Innovate Teens can come explore STEAM activities, new technologies and make cool things in the library's Innovation Center. Tuesday, May 12, 3-4 p.m.

Teen Tuesday Meet up with friends and enjoy trying a new activity each month! Tuesday, May 26, 3-4 p.m.

CHILDREN and FAMILIES

Pokémon Club Children in grades K-6 can come join our Pokémon Club! Show off your cards, do a craft, or just hang out with other fans. Monday, May 18, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

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RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN GARFIELD HEIGHTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The city of Garfield Heights is offering and/or partnering for the following activities geared for Youth and Adults:

CHEER SKILLS CAMP: ages 7-14, Tuesday, April 14, from 6 – 7:30 p.m., at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. Wear a white shirt and bring a water bottle. For details contact fhughes@garfieldhts.org or khughey58@gmail.com.

HIP-HOP DANCING CLASSES: Every Tuesday from 7 – 8 p.m., held at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. Cost is \$5 at the door – cash only. For details contact fhughes@garfieldhts.org

LINE DANCE CLASSES: Every Wednesday from 7 – 9 p.m., held at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. Cost is \$5 at the door – cash only.

FLAG FOOTBALL SUMMER LEAGUE: For boys and girls ages 6-14. Cost is \$80 and includes jersey. Whether you're a seasoned player or just starting out, we have divisions for all skill levels. Season starts in June with practice; games begin in July. For details contact 216-313-3965 or email fhughes@garfieldhts.org - @ghbulldogs_cheer, @garfieldheightsyouthsports

BRICKMADE WRESTLING ACADEMY: held at 12425 Trinity High School, 12425 Granger Rd., Garfield Heights, for girls and boys grades K-8, Monday – Thursday from 6 – 7:45 p.m. For more information contact Coach Xavier at 216-434-2016 or follow on IG: [@Brickmade_Wrestling](https://www.instagram.com/Brickmade_Wrestling).

GARFIELD HEIGHTS KIDS T-BALL: T-ball is for ages 5-7 on July 1, 2026. Birth certificates are needed at the time of registration. Only a parent or legal guardian can register a child; all residents must bring in 2 current proofs of residency (current utility bills, bank statement or pay stub with name & address). Residents fee: \$60.00 + \$20.00 current rec ID card. Non-Residents fee: \$80.00 + \$50.00 current rec ID card. Registration will begin on Monday, April 20, at the Dan Kostel Recreation Center, 5411 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights, during open office hours and will end on May 27. Signups after May 27 are subject to an administrative late fee. For more information call 216-475-7272 or email fhughes@garfieldhts.org.

Slavic Villagers flood PBCLE with project ideas for southeast neighborhood

Confirming its decades-old reputation for civic activism, Slavic Village responded in force to Participatory Budgeting Cleveland's (PBCLE) call for ideas to develop the southeast Cleveland neighborhood.

The organization had set an informal goal of 50 applications. Instead, over 120 poured into PBCLE'S online portal and paper dropboxes before last Wednesday's midnight deadline.

Participatory budgeting is an experimental process of citizen-driven governance that seeks to move public decisionmaking down to the local level, skirting traditional levels of government bureaucracy. Over the last two decades, it's been tried in many cities around the world and nation, but never before in Cleveland.

Slavic Village won the opportunity last July, during a competition among 13 Cleveland neighborhoods. If it proves successful, PBCLE hopes to expand its use elsewhere.

Organizers report that the resident applications addressed many facets of civic life: public safety, street maintenance, neighborhood beautification, parks, recreation and

public art. Ideas were submitted both by groups and single individuals.

PBCLE'S budget delegates will now transform residents' ideas into fully developed project proposals, which will be sent to the steering committee for placement on a ballot. Winning projects will be selected by the people during an extended voting process, beginning with a community expo and continuing through June.

Expungement Clinic at Civic Center

The city of Garfield Heights is hosting an Expungement Clinic, coordinated by Legalworks, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, April 25, at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights, 44125. This event offers legal help and community resources for people impacted by past convictions.

Pre-Mother's Day Lasagna Dinner

American Legion Post 309, 15521 Broadway Ave., Maple Heights, will hold a Pre-Mother's Day Lasagna Dinner on Wednesday, April 29, from 3 to 7 p.m.; donation \$13; dine-in or carryout. The dinner is open to the public and advance dinner orders are appreciated by calling 216-662-7768.

What's Happening in Metroparks

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. Also, call or visit the website to confirm that the program you wish to attend has not been changed or cancelled.

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April 26: Spring Wildflowers - Bedford in Bloom. Enjoy a peaceful walk along a creek and through the woods with a naturalist as your guide. This trail is painted with a variety of beautiful spring wildflowers. Bring your favorite wildflower field guide or app to help us create a list of the flowers we find along the way. 10-11 a.m. Hemlock Picnic Area. Terrain: natural surface, less than 1 mile

April 26: Spring Wildflowers - Woodland Wildflowers. The forest is slowly waking up, and our woodland wildflowers are sneaking in before the canopy shades the forest floor. Join Naturalist Pam Taylor as we search for and identify the most recent blooms. Spring wildflower season is short, and it changes daily; you won't want to miss out on this season. 3-4:30 p.m. Tinkers Creek Gorge Scenic Overlook. Terrain: natural surface, some hills, roots, mud, up to 1.5 miles

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