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Bedford begins replacing city's storm-damaged fleet

By Ellen Psenicka

As a result of the April 15, 2026 storm in Bedford and surrounding communities, Bedford City Council has begun the process of replacing some of the city vehicles damaged by the destructive hail which fell that evening.

An emergency ordinance was passed by council at its Monday night meeting to allow City Manager Mike Mallis to enter into a contract with Montrose Auto Group to purchase four 2026 Ford Explorer Interceptors for the Bedford Police Department, for a total cost of \$178,876.00.

Also passed was an ordinance to enter into a contract with Fallsway Equipment Co., Inc. to outfit the four 2026 Ford Explorer Interceptors for police use, at a cost of \$12,136.100 per vehicle. Mallis said the city is saving money by salvaging much of the police equipment from the totalled Ford Explorers so Fallsway can install it in the new Explorers, saving about half of the cost of the outfitting.

Mallis said 30 to 40 of the city's fleet of vehicles can be repaired, but 20 to 25 of them were totalled and must be replaced. He said several of the police department's patrol cruisers will need to be replaced and insurance will cover a significant portion of the cost.

Also passed at Monday's meeting of Bedford Council was the appointment of Chelsea Pryor to the Board of Zoning and Appeals for a four-year term.

Will go to third readings

•Assessment of the expense of garbage/refuse collection, recycling and disposal in Bedford and certifying to the county auditor the costs due to the city for these services. According to the legislation, the finance director has determined that the applicable monthly rate beginning July 1, 2026, is \$20.00 per single-family residential unit, \$40.00 for a two-dwelling residential unit, and \$60.00 for a three-family residential unit. These charges will be certified to the county auditor in time for them to be added to the tax duplicate and collected in the next collection year.

•Declaring the need for lighting improvements to certain streets in the city.

•Allowing the city to proceed with lighting improvements to certain streets in the city.

•Levying special assessments for the improvement of lighting of streets and public places in the city. The city manager has certified to council that the amount properly assessable against the benefiting property for lighting will be 1.60 mills per each dollar of tax value per year, or \$1.60 per each \$100.00 of such tax value for the tax year 2026.

Will go to second reading

A resolution approving and accepting the proposed 2026 Tax Budget for the year 2027. The laws of the State of Ohio require municipalities as well as other government subdivisions to submit to the County Commission, approximately six months prior to the beginning of each calendar year, an estimated budget for the next calendar year so that the tax rate for such year may be determined by said Budget Commission.

Firefighters honored

Mallis and Mayor Stan Koci both applauded the recent honoring of several of the city's firefighters with medals given to them by The Cleveland Clinic for the lifesaving measures they performed which saved the life of a nine-year-old girl who became unresponsive after taking Sudafed.

Heritage Home presentation

The Heritage Home Program will hold a free presentation on Thursday, May 28, from 6 to 7 p.m., at the Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Dr., Independence, for homeowners to learn about the program and the services it provides, as announced in Mayor Gregory Kurtz's weekly email.

The Heritage Home Program is for homes that are at least 50 years old. A live presentation will review the program and explain how it works to assist homeowners with home repair projects. There will also be time for questions.

Cleveland SCORES to honor three at 'One Night One Goal' June gala

Three community leaders will be honored on Thursday, June 11, for their work supporting Cleveland SCORES, the afterschool program that uses soccer, poetry and service learning to help kids thrive.

The awards will be presented at One Night One Goal, the organization's biennial gala, at Ariel International Center, 1163 E. 40 St., Cleveland 44114. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the program starts at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door.



Madeline Wright of Garfield Heights

The honorees are: •Madeline Wright of Garfield Heights and •Ruth Coffey of Cleveland, winners of the 2026 Calliope Award, which honors those who have used their voice, skill and resources to advance the organization's mission and positively impact the communities it serves. In Greek mythology, Calliope is the muse who presides over eloquence and epic poetry.

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NN closed for Memorial Day

The Neighborhood News offices at 8613 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Heights, will be closed this Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.

Deadlines for advertising and news items for next Wednesday's edition will be extended until 12 noon on Tuesday, May 26.

The staff and management wish all our readers a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend.

We join with veterans' groups throughout this great land in asking everyone to pause to remember those who gave their lives defending the cause of freedom.

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Cleveland SCORES honors

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Wright, a Community, College and Career coordinator with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District and a Cleveland SCORES writing coach, has more than 10 years of experience in education. She strives to create new opportunities for young people that are aligned with their interests; one of those was starting an all-girls robotics team. A mother of four, she believes in one-on-one mentoring and guiding students through challenges.

Coffey, vice president of human resources, product and marketing for Akron-based Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, is the co-creator and chair of Cleveland SCORES' Inspired Art event, which has been held since 2011. Her passion for language and learning first drew her to Cleveland SCORES in 2010, and she has served in various roles on the SCORES board, including board chair. She is currently an advisory board member.

• Steve Friedman of Orange Village, winner of the Peter L. Galvin Award in memory of the devoted community leader and founding board chair of America SCORES Cleveland (now Cleveland SCORES). The award is presented to a person who shares Galvin's commitment to the SCORES mission and dedication to serving on its board.

Friedman, a partner in the Cleveland office of Squire, Patton Boggs (US) LLC and a member of the Cleveland SCORES advisory board, was an All-American soccer player at Oberlin College. In 1997, he and a colleague founded Cleveland Metro Kicks, a nonprofit that ran Saturday soccer clinics at recreation centers in East Cleveland and Glenville. In 2014, he joined the board of directors of America SCORES Cleveland, serving until 2023, when he moved to the organization's advisory board.

He and his wife Lisa have three children. All played soccer for the Orange High School team.

Using Cleveland SCORES' soccer, creative writing and service-learning curricula, students develop the experiences, knowledge and skill sets to gain self-confidence, communicate more effectively and develop healthy habits. SCORES empowers students to become Poet-Athletes, realizing their academic, social and physical potential.

750 people. "Small capacity live entertainment venue" is defined as any separate room in a building where people pay admission to attend a separate active performance. If the same performance is occurring for the benefit of more than one separate room, then those separate rooms shall be considered together as one venue. The legislation, sponsored by Councilman Kris Harsh, amends an ordinance passed in 2017 that relates to admission tax exemptions. (Strip clubs are not exempt.) Previously, only venues that held up to 150 people were exempt.

Dynamic messaging coming to highways

Council approved legislation allowing ODOT to install new Dynamic Message Signs along I-90 and SR-176. These electronic signs will give drivers real-time traffic updates, while the new Queue Warning System Lite will use sensors and automated alerts to warn motorists when traffic ahead is slowing or stopped. The project also includes queue-detection cameras and related equipment at several locations along the corridor. In addition, the legislation authorizes the city to provide ODOT's required local funding match. The state is providing \$1.6 million.

Introduced

St. Clair-Superior Home Repair legislation was introduced to authorize the city to enter into a \$750,000 grant agreement with the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation, d.b.a. the Cuyahoga Land Bank, to provide funding for a neighborhood improvement program in the St. Clair-Superior neighborhood for home repairs, new home construction and street-level improvements in blocks surrounding new housing development.

CLE City Council passes bill to upgrade, install speed tables in the city

Cleveland City Council met Monday evening in Council Chambers and approved legislation for the city to go out for bids to repair, construct or install various speed tables for traffic calming and pedestrian safety purposes. A speed table costs about \$7,000 to \$8,000 to construct. The city is using some ARPA funds and other funds to finance the cost, which is about \$1.105 million. Council members added an amendment so the clerk of council will receive written notice on upcoming speed tables.

Tax relief for small entertainment venues

Council approved eliminating entertainment taxes on small capacity live entertainment venues that hold up to

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Program Guidelines (include but not limited to the following)

- Applications can be picked up and submitted in the City's Economic Development Department 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 can not 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.

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SUMMER POOL PASSES & ID CARDS GO ON SALE IN GARFIELD HEIGHTS!!

Summer pool passes will go on sale at the Dan Kostel Recreation Center, 5411 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights, beginning Tuesday, May 27, during open office hours. For your convenience the office will be open late on Wednesday, May 27, and Thursday, May 28, from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. this week. We will offer several more evenings before the pool opens for the season - call 216-475-7272 & press 0.

Pool opening date is TBD depending on staffing

Season Pool Pass Fees:

Resident Student - (5-17 years old) - \$60.00

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Resident Family of 4 - 2 parents, 2 children under 18 - \$130.00

(additional children in immediate family \$15.00 each)

Non-Resident Student - \$120.00

Non-Resident Adult - \$145.00

Non-Resident Family of 4 - 2 parents, 2 children under 18 - \$270.00

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For those who do not wish to purchase a season's pass - you can purchase a Recreation ID Card - **\$20.00 resident & \$50.00 non-resident**

Reduced admission with an ID card is \$6.00 for students - \$8.00 for adults. With Season Passes there is no additional charge and pass will expire when the season is over & pool closes. Everyone needs a pass OR ID card to come to the pool. Birth certificates are required at the time for purchasing passes and ID cards. All residents must bring in 2 proofs of residency - 2 current utility bills, pay stub, or bank statement.

Check web page for more details - www.garfieldhts.org

Sundays are FAMILY SWIM DAYS for RESIDENTS ONLY with special admission rate of \$10.00 per person - 4 & under are free. No season passes or ID cards are needed & no children without parent/adult will be allowed. **Non-Residents who have a Season Pass or ID card are welcome to join us on Sundays.**

All pool & open office hours are subject to change due to weather, staffing and pool attendance

CLE Ward 3 Community Meetings

Ward 3 Cleveland City Councilwoman Deborah A. Gray will hold Community Meetings from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., on Thursdays, May 21 and June 18, at Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave., in Slavic Village's North Broadway area. Councilwoman Gray typically holds these meetings at this location on the third Thursday of the month.

G.H. Ward 7 Block Watch meeting

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch, sponsored by Councilwoman Jenn Newrones, will meet Thursday, May 28, at 7 p.m., at St. Monica's outdoor pavilion off Rockside Rd.

Guest speaker will be Xavier Pearson from Brickmade Academy, coach for Garfield Heights Youth Sports.

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

Music Therapy & More

Connecting for Kids will sponsor hands-on program designed to teach families how to use music to improve their child's academic, motor, communication and social skills as well as behavior. This program is designed for families and their children, ages 0 - 6 years, who have concerns about development. connectingforkids.org/music

The program will be held on Saturday, May 30, at 10 a.m., at the Maple Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 5225 Library Ln., Maple Heights. Registration required. Register online: www.connectingforkids.org/register, via email: info@connectingforkids.org or Call/Text: 440-570-5908.

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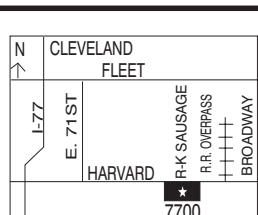
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Local Memorial Day Observances, 2026

BEDFORD/BEDFORD HEIGHTS

The Bedford Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 25, at 10:15 a.m., beginning at Bedford City Hall, 165 Center Rd., and proceeding to the Bedford Commons for Flag Raising and decoration of the war memorials. The parade then proceeds down Broadway to the Bedford Cemetery where there will be a speaker, recognition of deceased service members, and flag-folding. All veterans are encouraged to join parade participants.

This year's speaker will be Greg White, a Vietnam veteran, who is a highly decorated Marine from the 9th Regiment. He entered the Marines as an 18-year-old on a two-year enlistment and was discharged when he was 19. Mr. White received a Silver Star, Bronze Star for Valor, and Navy Commendation Medal for Valor. He is a former county prosecutor, federal magistrate and was nominated by President George W. Bush as the U.S. District Attorney for Northern Ohio from 2003-2008. He was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame in 2021 and the Ohio Military Hall of Fame in 2024.

Contact Mike Guyer for more details: 440-773-2835.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS

The city of Garfield Heights will hold its Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25, stepping off at 10 a.m., from the intersection of MapleLeaf Dr. and Turney Rd., and making its way down Turney to the Veterans Memorial Plaza located outside the Historical Society Museum, 5405 Turney Rd., where a service will be held.

INDEPENDENCE

There will be a change this year in the Independence Memorial Day program format on Monday, May 25, which begins at 9:30 a.m., with a service on Public Square on Brecksville Rd. Due to the ongoing construction work on Brecksville Rd., the city will not hold its traditional procession and graveside service this year at Maple Shade Cemetery.

Following the service on Public Square, residents are encouraged to visit the Independence Historical Society's History Center, formerly Historic Hall, for a tour. Preorder your Memorial Muffins for pickup before or after the ceremony on Public Square. To order muffins, visit: bit.ly/4wwlsjO.

Residents can then make their way to Discount Drug Mart for the annual Cookout Fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., to benefit the Independence High School Marching Band.

MAPLE HEIGHTS

Memorial Day observances in Maple Heights will be held on Monday, May 25, when our military veterans will be honored and remembered at the Honor Roll Veterans Memorial Wall in front of City Hall, 5353 Lee Rd., Maple Heights. Line up begins at 10:45 a.m.; service at 11 a.m.

Police Chief Todd Hansen will read the names of the 56 service members who were killed in action in World War II, Korea and Vietnam from the city of Maple Heights.



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.

Summer Lunch -Kids 18 & younger, 12-1 p.m. Monday through Friday during the summer we collaborate with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank to provide children with free healthy lunches at select branches. The Summer Lunch program is open to all kids ages 18 and younger. The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

A.M.C Club -Teens. Anime/Animation - Manga - Comics, Wednesday, June 3, 7 p.m. A monthly hangout for teens who enjoy anime, manga and graphic novels! We watch shows, trade recommendations, eat snacks and discuss story & art styles. **MUST REGISTER**

Sippin' Saturdays, Summer Drink Series -Teens, Saturdays, June 6, 13, 20, 3 p.m. Each week we'll explore a different kind of refreshing drink, from iced coffees and teas to smoothies! Learn simple recipes, experiment with flavors and create your own signature drink while hanging out with friends. **MUST REGISTER**

Ellenwood Book Discussion -Adults, Wednesday, June 10, 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, 124 Ellenwood Ave., in Bedford. Pick up a copy of the discussion book at either Ellenwood Center or the Bedford Library one month before each meeting. June 10: "Three Days in June" by Anne Tyler. **MUST REGISTER**

Cozy Collective -Fiber Arts! Wednesday, June 10, 7 p.m. A relaxed space for those who like to keep their hands busy: knitting, crocheting, embroidery or anything yarn-related. Beginners are welcome! Bring your current project or start something new while we chat, swap tips, eat snacks and unwind together. **MUST REGISTER**

PowerPoint Advanced Features, Friday, June 12, 10 a.m. Learn how to take your presentation to the next level. Topics include using slide master and adding animations, hyperlinks, videos and sound. Prerequisite: PowerPoint Basics. **MUST REGISTER**

SO LONG FOR NOW!



The Fleet Library Branch of the Cleveland Public Library, 7224 Broadway Ave., Cleveland, hosted its closing cookout today to thank their many patrons. The library's last day open before the start of the complete renovation of the branch is this Friday, May 22, and the restoration is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2027. Celebrating with Fleet Branch Library Manager Magnolia Peters is the Stella Walsh center manager George Jackson. For those library users who need access to computers, Stella Walsh Recreation Center is open to the public and the Boys and Girls Club is also open for members. *Photo by Tony Brancatelli*

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Barbalics, Lawrence
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Cunningham, Eugene
DiFrancesco, Casimer
Gacka, Daniel
Hoegler, Bruno
King, Robert
MacAdam, Joseph
Markowski, Stanley



Martin, Thomas
Penkalski, Thomas
Perhach, Sr., Robert
Stupka, Donald
Tarnowski, Raymond
Tenik, Joseph
Tosti, Frank
Wietecha, John
Zart, David

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

CANALWAY CENTER - OHIO & ERIE CANAL RESERVATION

June 1 - 30: Hunt of the Month - Summer Camping. Does your family go camping in the summer months? Have you ever wondered what supplies you might need for an overnight camping experience? Stop by CanalWay Center to learn more about camping. Pick up a check list at the front desk and explore the center to discover hidden pictures of camping items. Then, take a walk outside to look and listen for all the wildlife in nature around us. 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

June 7: Hike Because it's Good for You. Research tells us that being in nature, being active, and being with other people are all good for us. Join a naturalist for a walk along the Ohio & Erie Canal, and we'll do all those things. 3 - 4:30 p.m. CanalWay Center. Age: adults. Terrain: paved, 1.5 miles.

June 13: In Search of Mini-Beasts. Join Naturalist Carly Martin on this hike, which features a group scavenger hunt for insects, spiders and other invertebrates that live in our park. We'll hike together to search for fascinating creatures and learn about them along the way. 1 - 2:30 p.m. CanalWay Center. Ages 4 - 10 years w/adult. Terrain: paved and natural surface trail, 1 mile.

June 19: Hike to a Brand-New Trail. Walk with a naturalist as we ascend the Mill Creek Valley to explore a brand-new trail in Cleveland Metroparks: the Garfield Park Boulevard Connector Trail. This unique trail puts nature right in the city. Native tree and shrub plantings soak up heavy rainfall while the trail corridor itself provides a safe and refreshing off-street route through Garfield Heights, connecting the Towpath Trail to Garfield Park. Along the way, we will also admire a breathtaking scenic overlook that few people know about. 2 - 4 p.m. Meet at Aqueduct Trailhead. Terrain: paved, steep incline, up to 3 miles.

June 26: Drop-by - Tree Trivia. How much do you know about trees? Stop inside CanalWay Center for a fun game of trivia where a naturalist will put your tree knowledge to the test. Win a prize, and discover the Cleveland Metroparks Tree Selector Tool, a free online resource for all things related to choosing and planting trees in our region. 2 - 4 p.m.

June 27: What's Blooming in the Pollinator Garden?

Tag along on a guided tour of the CanalWay Center pollinator garden and see what's in bloom. We will also take a short walk on a nearby trail to look for any showy summer wildflowers. 2 - 3 p.m. CanalWay Center. Terrain: paved and gravel trails, slight incline, 1 mile.

June 28: Nature Journaling: Under the Lens. Join a naturalist for a guided nature journaling program and hike. We will use various journaling techniques to observe the smallest details found in nature. Bring your own notebook or one can be provided for you. Markers and colored pencils will be provided. 11 a.m. - noon. CanalWay Center. Age: adults. Terrain: paved, steep hill, 1 mile.

GARFIELD PARK RESERVATION

June 6: Chair Yoga at Garfield Park. Chair yoga adapts traditional yoga poses to be done while seated or standing with a chair for support, making it accessible for everyone. Join instructor Sandra Bishop in this free class as she guides you through breathing and stretching exercises. 10 - 11 a.m. Garfield Park Program Center. 40 registrants recommended; walk-ins are welcome.

June 13: Kick-Off to Summer at Garfield Park. Try kayaking and stand up paddleboarding during the free paddling demos, participate in paddling related activities, explore the park, learn to fish, and enjoy other fun free activities for all ages. The Mayor of Garfield Heights will be there to meet the community and join in the festivities. It's a day of outdoor fun, family memories and a nod to Garfield Park's long history of gathering and celebration! 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Garfield Park Pond.

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Dr. Ringo is a Cleveland native who graduated from Bedford High School and was inducted into the Bedford High School Hall of Fame in 2003.

She served for 30 years in the Ohio Army National Guard and is the first African American female to reach the rank of Colonel.

Contact Exclusively Skin at 216-508-6500 or visit website: www.exclusively-skin.com.

June 17: Garfield Park Walking Club. Join our new Wednesday walking club as a naturalist leads you on an exploration of the many scenic and tranquil pathways and trails of Garfield Park. Joining the club is easy and free - just show up in your favorite walking shoes, bring a water bottle, and be ready to meet new people! 10 - 11 a.m. Garfield Park Pond (outside of Program Center). Terrain: paved, gravel, hills, 1 - 2 miles.

BEDFORD RESERVATION

June 5: Secret Quarry Hike. Join Naturalist Alex Palmer, who will lead you on a rugged hike through a deeply forested area to reveal a surprise: the remains of a large, abandoned sandstone quarry that seems to appear out of nowhere. We'll explore the geology and natural history of this site as we admire woodpeckers and other wildlife along the way. Sturdy shoes are recommended. 2 - 4 p.m. Tinkers Creek Scenic Overlook parking lot. Terrain: natural surface, steep hills, up to 3 miles.

June 18: In Search of Fireflies. Join Naturalist Carly Martin as we explore different habitats in Bedford Reservation to see a variety of fireflies. As the evening progresses, we'll caravan to several locations. This program is best suited for adults. 9 - 11 p.m. Forbes Woods Trailhead. Terrain: natural surface trails, dark, 2 miles.

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Burglary

On May 7, at 9:56 a.m., officers were dispatched to a home in the 4700 block of E. 94 St., for report of a burglary. An unknown black male, wearing a black shirt and white shorts with a hooded sweatshirt, entered an occupied home, also in the 4700 block of E. 94 St., and left walking north. As officers observed what may have been the suspect on the porch of a home near the burglarized home, they attempted to make contact with him but he fled westward down the driveway, cutting through the backyard and over a fence. A drone was deployed and picked up a person matching the description of the suspect entering the back door of a home in the 4700 block of E. 93 St. GHPD officers saw the suspect exit the E. 93 St. house and then attempted to flee on foot but was quickly apprehended. The homeowner whose house had been burglarized said the suspect forced his way into the home through the back door by grabbing his chest area and pushing him, then running through the house. Report forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

Felonious Assault

On May 6, at 1:45 a.m., GHPD units arrived at Iconic Ultra Lounge, 4912 Turney Rd., for a report of victim with a gunshot wound. Dispatch received another call stating that there were females fighting and talk of someone getting a gun. Units arrived on scene and

noticed no disturbance, no victims, no sign of the caller and no evidence of a shooting. Officers then spoke to bar security who stated that there was no fighting and that no shooting occurred. Units then cleared the area. At roughly 3 a.m., the charge nurse from Marymount Hospital contacted GHPD stating a female came in and stated she was assaulted at Iconic. At the time of the report it was unclear who the subject parties involved in the altercation were. Report forwarded to the Detective Bureau for further investigation.

Disorderly Conduct

On May 6, at 2:54 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the area of E. 126 St. and Thornhurst Ave., for a report of disorderly conduct. Upon arrival this officer spoke with the victim who had made a prior damage to property report. The area around the intersection is an active construction zone. There are Road Closed signs, but local/construction traffic has had access to the streets. The victim has had vehicles driving over his grass in the construction zone. The victim had attempted to deter vehicles from traveling on E. 126 St. and Thornhurst. An unknown male moved the construction barriers from E. 126 St. and he and the victim got into an altercation, and the victim whose property had been damaged was knocked to the ground. He believed he has seen the vehicle, a tan Buick Century, in the area before. The victim was advised to refrain from traffic enforcement and he refused medical treatment.

Theft of a Motor Vehicle

On May 8, at 8:22 a.m., officers received a radio assignment at GHPD headquarters about a woman's car being stolen in front of her friend's residence in the 13600 block of Woodward Ave. The victim told police she last observed her car, a black 2014 Ford Fusion, parked on the street outside her friend's home at 6:18 a.m. When she later came outside at 7:30 a.m., her car was gone. The victim stated the vehicle is not "push to start" and that she still has the only physical key. However, she told police there is an ongoing issue with the vehicle where it starts

and continues to run completely spontaneously and autonomously, without her being anywhere near the vehicle. Vehicle entered into LEADS as stolen.

Assault

On May 10, at 7:49 p.m., officers arrived to the area of Dave's Supermarket, 4948 Turney Rd., for a report of a robbery. The complainant stated that the subjects were 4-5 males that assaulted an employee of Dave's and stole his hat. The complainant then stated the suspects ran to Subway, 4984 Turney Rd. Officers observed several males running south from the area and attempted to stop them but they ran out of sight going west on Plymouth Ave., behind houses on the north side. The subjects were black males wearing a mix of black and grey clothing, youthful in appearance and all average height and build.

There was one male, later identified with the original group that fled, but had a limp which caused him to be left behind. The suspect with the limp was located at the bus stop near TurneyTown Plaza, close to the last area the other suspects had disappeared from officers. He was detained and then transported to Dave's Supermarket, where he was identified as a suspect in the robbery. The suspect denied knowing any other suspects and was later released to his mother. Report forwarded to the Youth Bureau.

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Garfield Heights Branch Library

Here are some of the **FREE** programs available at the Garfield Heights Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 5409 Turney Rd. Call 216-475-8178 to register or for more information.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Monday Morning Meet-Up - Adapted Join us for a fun arts and crafts project. This program is intended for adults with developmental disabilities and their caregivers. Monday, June 1, 10-11 a.m.

Tuesday Evening Book Discussion Join us for an engaging in-person book discussion. The book this month is "Angel Down" by Daniel Kraus. Books will be available at the circulation desk. June 16, 6-7 p.m.

The History of Juneteenth Join us for an engaging and educational program exploring the history and significance of Juneteenth. June 17, 7-8 p.m. Registration is recommended.

Author Jack Marchbanks Join us when author Jack Marchbanks visits to discuss his latest book, "Art and Activism: Jazz Artists and Writers in the Civil Rights Vanguard." June 18, 7-8 p.m. Registration is recommended.

Mobile Pantry Cuyahoga County Public Library is collaborating with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank to distribute free, fresh produce to those in need. June 23, 1:30-3 p.m.

Black Authors Book Discussions Join us for this monthly book discussion featuring Black authors. June 29, 6-7 p.m.

TEENS

Teens Innovate Teens can come explore STEAM activities, new technologies and make cool things in the library's Innovation Center. June 9, 2:30-4 p.m.

Teen Deep Dive: Digital Creators Lab Lights, camera, create! Teens and tweens learn video production, online safety and copyright basics while filming their own video using library media equipment. June 17 and June 24, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Registration required.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Little Button Makers Join us during FamilySpace for some hands-on button-making fun! For toddlers and preschoolers with their caregivers. June 3, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Sprouting Young Scientists Join us during our FamilySpace program for plant-based STEM literacy activities with the Holden Arboretum. June 16, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Ohio's Native Plants What are native plants and why do they matter? Come meet some of these special plants and get a hands-on look at how they fit into Ohio's ecosystems. Grades 1-6. June 18, 3-4 p.m.

Summer Lunch Kids ages 18 and under can get a free lunch provided by the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, while supplies last. Mondays-Fridays, 12-1 p.m.

Summer Fun for Everyone Drop in for reading, art, science, technology, engineering and math challenges. No registration required. Mondays-Thursdays starting June 8, 2-4 p.m.

FamilySpace Come play at the library! In addition to our regular play area, FamilySpace will feature additional toys and staff dedicated to connecting you to services you need. Join the fun! Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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.

ADULTS

Creative Journaling Workshop with the American Diary Project / Registration required. Every diary tells a story worth saving. Join the American Diary Project to

learn how personal journals become part of our shared history. Wednesday, June 10 / 7 p.m.

How to Multiply and Divide Perennials to Gain Free Plants / Registration required. Shocked at the price of a new perennial at garden centers this year? Master Gardeners will help you fight inflation by teaching you how to create new plants from those you already own. Thursday, June 11 / 7 p.m.

Wednesday Night Book Discussion / No registration required. Join us for a casual and lively book discussion of "Run for the Hills" by Kevin Wilson. The books will be available approximately one month before the discussion date. Wednesday, June 17 / 7:15 p.m.

Thursday Afternoon Book Discussion / No registration required. Join us for a casual and lively book discussion of "Run for the Hills" by Kevin Wilson. The books will be available approximately one month before the discussion date. Thursday, June 18 / 2:15 p.m.

Summer Sound Bath - Soothing Vibrations of Sound / Registration required. **Back by popular demand!** Singing bowls, gongs and chimes create soothing vibrations to help you deeply relax. From a chair or a yoga mat, enjoy this calming experience. Saturday, June 20 / 2 p.m.

Successful Aging: Your Curiosity Matters! / Registration required. Curiosity is one of the many components for supporting your cognitive health. Keep your brain active by exploring new areas or even revisiting prior interests but taking them to another level matters. Learn ways to enhance your curiosity that can enhance the quality of your days while providing support for the other essential pillars of your brain health routine. Friday, June 26 / 2 p.m.

Stars, Stripes & Candlelight / Registration required. Get ready for summer celebrations with a fun and easy craft! In this hands-on workshop, participants will create their own red, white, and blue candle holders using tissue paper and glue. All supplies will be provided. Saturday, June 27 / 2 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 3309.345 of the Ohio Revised Code, notice is hereby given that James Kosuda, Network Manager for the Garfield Heights City School District, will be retiring from employment with the District and is seeking reemployment with the District after such retirement.

The Garfield City School District Board of Education will convene in public meeting on the 15th day of June 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Garfield Heights Board of Education to consider the reemployment of James Kosuda with the District

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one (1) open position for the term expiring **May 31, 2031**

The Planning and Zoning Commission consists of five (5) qualified electors of the City not holding any other official position in the Municipality, who have resided in the City not less than two (2) years prior to appointment, and who shall retain such residency during their appointed term.

Application forms can be picked up at the information window Monday-Friday 8:30am to 5pm. Completed forms are to be submitted only to the **Clerk of Council Office**, Maple Heights City Hall, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio, 44137 or via e-mail to sbeaman@mapleheightsohio.gov. **The deadline for submission of said applications will be 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27, 2026.** For further information, call the Clerk's office at (216) 587-9000.

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Open House at Parma Animal Shelter

The Parma Animal Shelter, 6260 State Rd., Parma, will have an Open House on Sunday, June 14, from 1 to 4 p.m.

There will be tours of the facility, introduction of staff and a chance to visit with the shelter's special guests, all its adoptable animals, and much more.

LITTLE MISS POPPY EMMA BAHR



Prior to the May 13th meeting of the Village of Cuyahoga Heights Council, Mayor Jack Bacci introduced the American Legion Post 627 Miss Poppy, Emma Bahr. Six-year-old Emma gained her eligibility through her Papa/Grandpa, Larry Jones, a Vietnam War veteran who served in the United States Air Force. Emma loves to dance and her favorite subject at school is art. She is pictured here with Mayor Bacci at the council meeting.

Garfield Heights Memorial Day Parade and Service Monday, May 25, 2026



Garfield Heights Memorial Day tributes honoring deceased veterans of all wars and conflicts will be held on Monday, May 25, 2026. There will be a parade followed by a service at the Veterans Plaza at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Road.

The parade assembly will begin at 9:15 a.m. at Mapleleaf School, 5764 Turney Road, and travel to Granger Road where it ends at the Veterans Plaza at the Civic Center. The parade will step off at 10:00 a.m.

Registrations open for CLE 2026 Summer Programs

Mayor Justin M. Bibb and the city of Cleveland Department of Parks and Recreation have announced that registration for the 2026 Summer Programs is now open. Residents of all ages are invited to explore a wide variety of recreational, educational and community activities, as part of Summer Soundtrack taking place throughout the summer season.

In collaboration with community partners across the city, a wide range of safe, supportive and engaging opportunities will be offered designed to help young people and families grow, explore and thrive. This year's lineup includes youth sports leagues, summer camps, swim lessons, arts and crafts workshops, senior activities and special community events designed to bring families and neighbors together.

"We are excited to offer residents free programming throughout the summer, providing opportunities for individuals and families of all ages to stay active, engaged and connected in their neighborhoods," said Alexandria Nichols, director of Parks and Recreation. "We encourage our residents to explore the wide variety of activities and programs available at their local recreation centers and parks. From Senior Summer Walks to Summer Soundtrack for school-aged youth, there are meaningful opportunities for every generation to stay involved all season long."

Programs will begin June 1 and run through August 14, 2026. Many activities have limited capacity and early registration is encouraged. Access to the full range of the city's Summer Programming is completely free. Residents can view the full summer activity guide and register through the city's online catalog.

Summer Program highlights include:

- Basketball, soccer, baseball, tennis and martial arts programs
- Cultural arts and recreational activities
- Senior social and enrichment programs
- Family-friendly community events
- Fitness and wellness classes
- Water recreation activities

Employment opportunities with the Division of Recreation are available. Certified lifeguards interested in

working in Cleveland this summer are encouraged to call 216-664-2570. Individuals with current American Red Cross certification may qualify for a fast-tracked hiring process.

Schedules and programming are subject to change. For the latest updates and information, residents are encouraged to follow the City of Cleveland's social media channels, call their local Neighborhood Resource & Recreation Center, or visit clevelandohio.gov/summer2026.

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