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Mother honors her son, fallen officer Jacob Derbin, by donating first K9 to Brooklyn Hts. PD

Nearly two years after losing her 23-year-old son, Officer Jacob Derbin - who died in the line of duty - Dawn Derbin is turning grief into legacy by funding the first police K9 in their hometown, helping fulfill the dream Jacob carried throughout his life of one day becoming a K9 officer himself.

On June 2, 2026, during the Brooklyn Heights Village Council meeting, Dawn Derbin presented a donation to sponsor the purchase of the Village of Brooklyn Heights Police Department's very first K9 in department history in honor of her son, Officer Jacob Derbin, whose 26th birthday would have been June 4, 2026. The timing of this gift carries profound meaning for her.

Jacob Derbin, a 23-year-old Euclid Police Officer and Ohio National Guard soldier, was murdered in the line of duty on May 11, 2024. Long before becoming an officer himself, Jacob grew up in Brooklyn Heights, a small village deeply woven into the fabric of his family's life and legacy.

Dawn Derbin served the Village of Brooklyn Heights for 15 years as a firefighter and paramedic, serving alongside her father — Jacob's grandfather, Dennis "Papa" Derbin — a highly respected Brooklyn Heights police officer who dedicated 27 years of service to the community. Jacob's uncle also proudly serves in law enforcement.

Brooklyn Heights was more than just Jacob's hometown; it was the village that raised him.

As a child and young man, Jacob could often be found alongside his grandfather at community safety events, police functions and village gatherings. He admired the badge from a very young age and grew up surrounded by service, sacrifice and community pride.

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Hikma Pharmaceuticals, Bedford's largest industrial employer, plans major expansion, as announced Monday at Bedford Council meeting

By Ellen Psenicka

In his report to Bedford Council at its regular meeting Monday night, Mayor Stan Koci announced major news from Hikma Pharmaceuticals and Gov. Mike DeWine, saying that Hikma plans a significant expansion of its manufacturing operations at its facilities in Bedford and Columbus, reinforcing the company's commitment to the state's growing pharmaceutical and biomanufacturing industry.

"This is huge," said Koci, "and means they're going to be here for a long time," as he stressed how important the expansion is to the city.

Hikma now is in the process of building a new warehouse on its Northfield Rd. property, which is part of their overall expansion plans in Bedford, said City Manager Mike Mallis. Council passed a motion at its Monday meeting granting a height variance on the construction allowing the building to be 60'-7" high.

A leading U.S. generic medication provider, Hikma will invest a total of \$267 million across its Columbus and Bedford facilities, creating 350 new jobs, according to a news release Hikma issued Monday and some of which Mayor Koci read at the council meeting.

Gov. DeWine also weighted in on the announcement saying, "Hikma's expanded facilities in central and north-east Ohio will strengthen its ability to ensure patients have reliable access to the medicines they need."



Construction continues at the Hikma plant on Northfield Rd., on a new warehouse for the company, as part of an expansion project at its Bedford facility. Photo by Elena Psenicka

The Bedford project will create up to 300 new jobs as part of a \$51 million investment to expand injectable pharmaceutical manufacturing capabilities, including advanced aseptic.

The investment is pending approval and finalization of economic development incentives from JobsOhio, the city of Bedford, city of Columbus, Cuyahoga County, Franklin County Finance Authority, and Cuyahoga County/Cleveland Finance Authority.

At the council meeting, both Mallis and Koci thanked Cuyahoga County Executive Chris Ronayne, Gov. DeWine and the council and city's leadership team for a job well done.

"We're proud and happy to have Hikma here and we will work hand in hand to assure a smooth transition in getting their new facility up and running," Koci concluded.

Tom Kaschalk column in NN to feature Cleveland's past

Have you ever slowed down while driving past a vacant lot or a boarded-up building and thought: what used to be there? Who lived there? What happened?

Well now you'll be able to have some of those burning questions answered in a monthly column written by Tom Kaschalk beginning this week in The Neighborhood News! (See Page 6.)

Tom was born on Cleveland's Southeast Side and grew up on Claasen Ave., just off East 71st and Harvard, in the 1960s and '70s. After graduating from Cleveland State, he spent several years in local law enforcement before a lengthy corporate career took him across the country — Florida, Texas, California. He built a career around investigations and never stopped thinking about Cleveland. Six years ago, he came back.

He is the author of "Cleveland Neighborhood Taverns: A Pub Crawl through History" and "Cleveland's Ohio City

Neighborhood," with "Cleveland's East Side: Vice, Struggle and Survival in the Roaring Third" due this winter. He founded My Cleveland History to do exactly what the name suggests — connect people to the city's past, whether that means tracing a family's journey through immigration records, uncovering the history of a home through property and zoning files, or pulling a forgotten neighborhood back into focus through historical archives.

Tom serves as a volunteer researcher at the Cuyahoga County Archives, where he helps people reconstruct the lives of ancestors — where they worked, where they worshipped, and how they spent a Saturday night. He also works as a historical consultant, most recently on "Kingsbury Run Murders," a film based on Cleveland's most notorious unsolved serial murder case of the 1930s.

Once a Clevelander, always a Clevelander!

Legislation passed

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

- 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.

Finance Director Jennifer Howland said the rates charged will remain the same as the present assessment.

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Mother honors her son, fallen officer Jacob Derbin

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One of Jacob's greatest dreams was to someday become a K9 officer.

Ironically, Jacob absolutely loved dogs despite struggling with dog allergies for much of his life. In fact, he had just begun allergy shot treatments shortly before he died — determined not to let anything stand in the way of eventually working beside a K9 partner of his own.

"This donation is deeply personal to me," said Dawn Derbin. "Jacob loved this village. He loved police work. He loved helping people. Becoming a K9 officer was one of his biggest goals and dreams. To help bring Brooklyn Heights its very first police K9 puppy, on what would have been his 26th birthday, feels like bringing a piece of Jacob home."

The future K9 will not only serve and protect the community, but will also stand as a lasting symbol of Jacob's life, his dream of service and the generations of dedication the Derbin family has given to Brooklyn Heights.

"For our family, this village has never just been a place on a map," Dawn said. "It is home. It is where my boys were raised. It is where Jacob learned what it meant to serve others. I hope this K9 reminds people of the kind of young man Jacob was — loyal, courageous, compassionate and always willing to protect others before himself."

Dawn Derbin's donation is specifically intended to sponsor the purchase of the K9 itself. The Village of Brooklyn Heights Police Department will continue accepting donations to help support additional costs



Even as a young boy, Jacob Derbin dreamed of becoming a police officer. Photo courtesy of Dawn Derbin

associated with launching the department's first K9 program, including training, equipment, veterinary care and related operational needs.

In a village where generations of the Derbin family dedicated their lives to public service, the future K9 will carry forward not only a mission of protection, but also the memory of a young officer whose dream was to one day walk beside a partner of his own.

The idea of honoring Jacob through a police K9 began shortly after his death.

At the time of Jacob's funeral, Dawn Derbin expressed a wish that memorial donations made in lieu of flowers

could someday help fund a K9 in Jacob's honor — reflecting Jacob's lifelong dream of becoming a K9 officer himself.

While later K9 fundraising efforts associated with Jacob's memory ultimately proceeded separately, Dawn said her personal vision always remained the same: to someday help bring a K9 directly connected to Jacob's dream, his heart for service, and the community that helped shape the young man he became.

Now, more than two years later, that vision is finally becoming reality in the village that helped raise him.

Additional details regarding the K9 program will be announced by the Village of Brooklyn Heights Police Department.

Those wishing to support the Brooklyn Heights Police Department's first K9 may donate through the provided link below or by making checks payable to the Brooklyn Heights Service Clubs and noting "BHPD K9" in the memo section.

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/support-the-brooklyn-heights-pd-k9-unit>

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Hikma Pharmaceuticals

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- 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. Howland said the assessment will remain at the current level.

- Amending a Job Creation and Retention Program grant entered into by the city of Bedford.

- Motion to approve the Board of Zoning and Appeals decision to allow Hikma to build a new warehouse with an overall height of 60'-7" at 200 Northfield Rd., in Bedford.

- Motion to deny the request of Roz Patrick to build a new house on Johnson St., as per the decision of the Board of Zoning and Appeals.

Goes to 3rd 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.

Dr. Amy Acton in CLE on 2026 campaign trail



Dr. Amy Acton, Democratic candidate for Ohio governor, made a campaign stop in southeast Cleveland last week at a Cleveland City Council Meet and Greet at Academy Tavern on Larchmere Blvd. Candidate Acton spoke on numerous issues including reducing costs for Ohio families, improving education, lowering the cost of health care and growing Ohio jobs as well as safer communities. County Central Committeeman Tony Brancatelli, shown in photo with Dr. Acton, noted the huge turnout and was excited to see her campaigning in Cleveland's neighborhoods and speaking on her commitment to quality housing.

Register now for G.H. Community Flea Market

Registration for the 2026 Garfield Heights Community Flea Market is now being accepted. The Flea Market is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Saturday, June 27, at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. Registration forms are available at the Civic Center and should be returned there as well.

Cost is \$5 for vendors bringing their own table and \$10 to use one provided by the city, per space. Cash or check is accepted for payment. For information, contact Pat Salemi at 216-475-1100, ext. 2425 or email: psalemi@garfieldhts.org.



Heritage Home Program Informational Presentation

If your home is 50-years old or older, this may be just the program for you!

Join us Thursday, June 25, at 6:00 PM at the Garfield Heights Civic Center (5407 Turney Road)

to learn about our home repair services and low interest financing.

Visit the program's website at

www.heritagehomeprogram.org for more information.



Legal Aid offers free legal help for those impacted by eviction, money issues and more

By Tonya Sams

Today people are facing a new and complicated set of challenges. Some are worried about where their next meal is coming from while others fear that they will not be able to pay their rent. Legal Aid, which offers free civil legal representation for those with low incomes, may be able to help you in those areas and more.

Legal Aid has been working to gain access to justice for those in our client communities since 1905. It's the fifth oldest legal aid organization in the United States. Legal Aid serves residents in Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake and Lorain counties.

Many of those who seek legal representation from Legal Aid get positive results. In 2025, 82% of clients represented by Legal Aid found solutions to their problems and achieved their goals. Last year, Legal Aid was also able to achieve the following outcomes for our clients:

- 96% safety secured
- 79% evictions or involuntary moves prevented
- 97% assets secured
- 96% barriers to education
- 86% debt reduced

Attorneys at Legal Aid help clients who need help in several areas including:

- *Housing: foreclosure; eviction; landlord/tenant issues; utilities; public housing
- *Work: unemployment compensation; IRS tax issues; sealing criminal records; securing a valid ID or professional license
- *Money: loans (school, payday, auto, debt); public

benefits (SNAP, energy assistance, cash assistance, supplemental security income); bankruptcy; estate planning

*Family: domestic violence; divorce; custody; education

*Health: medical bill collection; access to medical records; Medicare and Medicaid; marketplace tax credits and penalties?

More detailed information on these topics is available on Legal Aid's website: lasclev.org, click "Services & Resources" then "Legal Resources."

If you have quick questions regarding tenants' rights and rental housing, call the Tenant Info Line at 440-210-4533 or 216-861-5955. For quick questions regarding employment, unemployment and student loans, call the Economic Justice Info Line at 440-210-4532 or 216-861-5899.

Request Legal Aid's help by calling 888-817-3777 during normal business hours or by applying online at lasclev.org/apply. When speaking with a Legal Aid intake specialist be sure to have income information and necessary documentation related to your legal issue on hand.

(Tonya Sams is a Development & Communications manager with The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland.)

Traffic update on Canal Rd.

First Energy work on Canal Road has necessitated the following lane closures: Canal Road southbound, between Warner Rd. and E. 71 St., will be closed for a project on Wednesday and Thursday, June 3 and 4, at 9 a.m. both days until completion of work days.

Free Community Meal

Garfield Heights United Methodist Church, 4977 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights, will hold its monthly Community Meal on Sunday, June 7, from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. All are welcome.



Juneteenth program at Bedford Branch Library

The Bedford Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 70 Columbus Rd., Bedford, will hold a special presentation, "The History of Juneteenth," on Saturday, June 13, at 11 a.m.

This program, presented by Jermaine Crayton, M.Ed./CTRS/CAM/Reiki Master/Yogi, will examine the events of June 19, 1865, when Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, to announce the enforcement of freedom for enslaved people, more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued by Abraham Lincoln.

Participants will learn about the historical context of the Civil War era, the delayed enforcement of emancipation in Texas, and how Juneteenth evolved from local community celebrations into a nationally recognized holiday. The program will highlight the cultural traditions, resilience and ongoing impact of Juneteenth in American history.

Participants must register for this program by calling the library at 440-439-4997.

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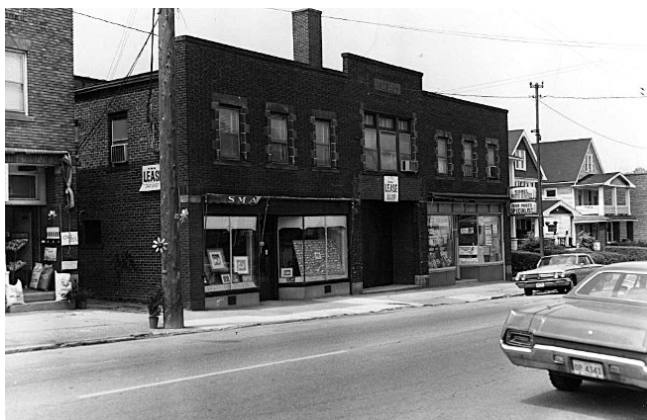
The 'V' on E. 71 St. and theater that once stood there

By Tom Kaschalk | My Cleveland History

If you drive along E. 71st Street just north of Harvard, you might notice something a little different about one of the vacant lots. Over the past year, a small grove of pawpaw trees has been planted there — and if you look carefully, they're arranged in the shape of a "V." Not a random choice. That "V" stands for the New Victory Theater, and a few of us old guys who remember this neighborhood's story made sure it wouldn't be completely forgotten.

So what was here?

The New Victory Theater at 3990 E. 71st Street was a true neighborhood institution. Its first known advertisement ran on April 28, 1924, when it screened "The Mail Man" starring Ralph Lewis — though the theater was already open before that, with records suggesting it welcomed its first audiences as early as 1923. It seated 780 people, which gives you a sense of just how central it was to the community. This wasn't a small neighborhood nickelodeon.



The building that once housed the New Victory Theater at 3988-92 E. 71st Street, is shown here on August 10, 1976. Photo courtesy of the Cleveland Public Library Photo Collection

For decades, it was where families spent their Friday nights, where kids sneaked in on Saturday afternoons, and where the community gathered.

And gather they did — sometimes in unexpected ways. In July of 1948, a fire broke out in the basement of an adjoining photographic studio next door, sending smoke through the theater's ventilation system during the late show. About 75 patrons walked out calmly under the guidance of an usher. The fire marshal, suspicious about a series of similar incidents in the building, launched an investigation. Nobody was hurt, but it was the talk of the neighborhood for weeks.

Then there's the story from February of 1949 that might be the most purely Cleveland tale of all. A seven-year-old boy from E. 64th Street named John Schurger went missing for over 12 hours, sending his family and police on a frantic search. Three police cruisers scoured the area. Announcements were broadcast at neighborhood theaters asking anyone who had seen him to come forward. As it turned out, young Johnny was sitting right there in the New Victory — watching the movie. Twice. He heard the announcement about his own disappearance. And stayed

for the second showing anyway. He was eventually tracked down near E. 68th and Harvard, happily having also taken a few streetcar rides and played near the local factories. A true Cleveland kid.



This "V"-shaped grove of pawpaw trees on E. 71st Street, marks the site of the former New Victory Theater. Photo courtesy of Tom Kaschalk

The New Victory screened its last known advertisement on May 23, 1953, closing out nearly three decades as a neighborhood anchor. The building didn't disappear overnight though — by 1960 it housed Gray's Photo Lab, and by 1965, Superior Photo Lab had taken over the space, giving the old movie house a second life developing the photographs of a new generation.

As recently as 2009, there was still an active business operating on the first floor. But within a few years it stood boarded up, slowly being reclaimed by vines. It was demolished in 2018, leaving nothing but a vacant lot.

Nothing, that is, except a quiet "V"-shaped grove of pawpaw trees, planted by a handful of people who thought this corner deserved at least a small salute to what once stood here.

Next time you're driving down E. 71st, take a look.

(Part of the story of Cleveland's neighborhoods, brought to you by My Cleveland History)

Chagrin Valley Dispatch breaks ground for new location in Valley View

On Thursday, May 21, groundbreaking ceremonies took place for the new Chagrin Valley Dispatch Center at 7887 Hub Parkway in Valley View, which will share the building with Safeguard Properties. The 75,000 square foot facility is scheduled to be open later this year. Chagrin Valley Dispatch is the communication center for 36 cities and villages in the Greater Cleveland area.

The following was posted on Chagrin Valley Dispatch Center's Facebook page last week.

"Last Thursday marked a monumental moment in Chagrin Valley Dispatch history as we officially broke ground on the future home of our unified dispatch center.

"After 12 years of operating separately across four different locations, we are finally bringing all of our teams together under one roof — a milestone that represents years of collaboration, planning and dedication to better serving our communities.

"We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to our Mayors, Police Chiefs, and Fire Chiefs for their continued support, leadership and vision throughout this process. Most importantly, thank you to our incredible staff whose hard work, resilience and commitment made this moment possible.

"This groundbreaking is more than just the start of a new building — it's the beginning of the next chapter for Chagrin Valley Dispatch, and we are excited for what the future holds."



Shown above are members of Chagrin Valley Dispatch Center and some of the officials from municipalities it serves attending groundbreaking ceremonies last Thursday for the center's new location on Hub Parkway in Valley View. Photo courtesy of the city of Independence

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Cuyahoga County Competitive Grant Program

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LIBRARY SPECIAL PROGRAMS



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.

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.

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.

TEENS

Make a Pop-Tart Pillow! - Ages 11-18 / Registration required. Sweeten up your bedroom decor with a no-sew Pop-Tart-inspired pillow! Materials provided by the Independence Friends of the Library. Wednesday, June 24 / All day.

Chill & Create: Fun with Perler Beads - Ages 11-18 / Registration required. Get creative with Perler Beads! Thursday, June 25 / 2 p.m.

Teen String Art - Ages 11-18 / Registration required. Create a work of art with hammer, nails and string. Tuesday, June 30 / 6:30 p.m.

CHILDREN

Baby & Toddler Storytime / No registration required. Birth - 35 months with caregiver. Join us for rhymes, songs, fingerplays and books. Wednesdays, June 3 - July 29 / 10 a.m.

Preschool Storytime / No registration required. Ages 3 - 5 (but not yet in kindergarten) with caregiver. Join us for rhymes, songs, fingerplays and stories. Thursdays, June 4 - July 30 / 10 a.m.

Toddler Storytime / No registration required. 19 - 35 months with caregiver. Join us for rhymes, songs, fingerplays and stories. Thursdays, June 4 - July 30 / 11 a.m.

Play, Learn and Grow - Ages 1-3 / Registration required. Join us for a 5-week series for caregivers and children ages 1-3. Connect with your kids, community experts and other families, plus get information about your growing child. Mondays, June 1 - 29 / 11 a.m.

Summer Fun for Everyone - Grades 1 - 6 / No registration required. Drop in for reading, art, science, technology, engineering and math challenges. Grades 1-3 will run 1:30-2:50 p.m. Grades 4-6 will run 3:05-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays, June 9 - July 28 / 1:30 p.m.

Family Game Night / No registration required. Drop in to play a life-size version of Chutes and Ladders. Will you get to climb up a ladder or be sent down that slide? Other games will be available to enjoy as well! Tuesday, June 23 / 6:30 p.m.

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Cleveland City Council refers Flock camera ordinance to committee

Cleveland City Council held its final in-person meeting before its summer recess on Monday evening. The next meeting of Cleveland City Council will be held on July 15, 2026. It will immediately follow council's Committee of the Whole meeting, which is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. the same day.

The final council meeting before summer recess is always a busy one, and Monday's meeting was no exception. The following legislation was acted upon.

Flock Cameras: Ordinance 683-2026. Council introduced for first reading an ordinance requested by the Bibb administration to renew or acquire the annual license and the professional services of maintenance for the Flock Safety Automated License Plate Reader Solution for a period of one year. Council did not pass this legislation but referred it to committee.

Violence Against Health Care Workers: Ordinance 1380-2025. Council approved an ordinance, sponsored by Council President Blaine Griffin and Safety Chair Councilman Mike Polensek, amending the city's menacing ordinances to include harsher penalties for menacing healthcare workers.

10022 Madison Avenue Property: Ordinance 386-2026. Council passed an ordinance authorizing the administration to purchase the former CVS property located at the corner of Madison Ave. and W. 100 St., for the purpose of building a new Firehouse Number 23. This property was the topic of controversy last year when a gas station was proposed for the site. Council did not consider or pass any legislation authorizing the Bibb administration to acquire the property by eminent domain.

Paid On-Street Parking: Ordinance 522-2026. City Council passed an ordinance lowering on-street parking rates in downtown and Ohio City to make it easier for Clevelanders to access those areas. This ordinance alters the fee structure introduced as part of the Bibb administration's changes to downtown parking.

Short-Term Rentals: Ordinance 561-2026. After more than six years of work, council

passed an ordinance licensing short-term rental properties (where transient guests spend no more than 30 days) and regulating them to protect the neighborhoods where they are located from any negative impact they may have.

Settlement Agreement for I-X Center: Ordinance 664-2026. The Bibb administration introduced this ordinance as an emergency measure to amend a decades-long agreement with Brook Park involving a land swap. Council chose to hold the ordinance for more discussion at their July 15, 2026, meeting.

Children's Day is this Saturday at Polish American Cultural Center on Lansing

Come celebrate Children's Day at the Polish American Cultural Center, 6501 Lansing Ave., Cleveland, on Saturday, June 6, from 1 to 5 p.m. \$5 admission per person.

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