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5th suspect wanted in connection to Sunoco gas station murders at E. 71 St. & Fleet arrested by Task Force

Late last Wednesday morning, June 3, members of the U.S. Marshals-led Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force (NOVFTF) arrested Frankie Hairston, 31. Hairston was wanted by the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department for murder, felonious assault, involuntary manslaughter and having weapons while under disability, according to a news release from the U.S. Marshals website.

Hairston is the fifth suspect to be indicted by Cleveland Police in connection with the October 18, 2025, murders that took place at the Sunoco gas station in the 7000 block of Fleet Ave., in the city's Slavic Village neighborhood. During the incident two people, Deon Stallings, 27, and Bruce Singleton, 46, were killed and two others, including Hairston, were injured. Damon Walton, 34, Jabrial Adams, 37, and Gino Pierce, 38, had all previously been identified by Cleveland Police as involved in the incident. Their fugitive cases were all worked by the NOVFTF and all were arrested in 2025. Hairston was the last remaining fugitive involved in the incident.

Members of the task force have been searching for Hairston regarding this case as well as an open burglary case from 2024. Last Wednesday investigators were able to

locate Hairston at a home in the 3900 block of E. 71 St. in Cleveland. He was arrested there without incident.

U.S. Marshal Pete Elliott stated, "This was an incredibly violent incident that took place in the middle of a busy neighborhood. The U.S. Marshals Service and its partners will continue to search for anyone involved in a violent incident that resulted in the loss of life as well as those who terrorize our communities with violence."

Anyone with information concerning a wanted fugitive can contact the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force at 1-866-4WANTED (1-866-492-6833), or you can submit a web tip. Reward money is available, and tipsters may remain anonymous. Follow the U.S. Marshals on Twitter @USMSCleveland.

SVD changes annual meeting venue for more accessibility to residents

In an email statement Tuesday afternoon, Slavic Village Neighborhood Planning Director Krystal Sierra said plans to hold SVD's annual meeting at a downtown location had been scrapped in favor of the local Polish American Cultural Center, 6501 Lansing Ave., on Monday, June 29, beginning at 5:15 p.m. And instead of an entry fee, the event will be free.

"Over the past several days, we have heard clearly from our Slavic Village community that SVD's annual meeting should be held in the Slavic Village neighborhood," Sierra said. "We have also heard that members of our community would like to attend our meeting and cannot attend due to the entry fee."

She said SVD tried something new this year for the annual meeting and apologized for any discord those plans had unintentionally caused.

"Our mission is to work with and for our residents, businesses and institutions to promote civic engagement, community empowerment and neighborhood investment," Sierra noted. "We take our mission seriously, so we humbly ask for your grace as we continue working to understand the needs of our community and coming together to celebrate this momentous occasion together!"

The Slavic Village neighborhood master plan, developed after a year of technical research and resident engagement, will be formally released at the annual meeting. Keynote speakers at the June 29th presentation will be Mayor Justin Bibb and Planning Commission Director Calley Mersmann.

Seating for the event will be limited and registration is required. Residents interested in attending should sign up at: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2026-svd-annual-meeting>

If you had purchased an entry ticket, you will receive a full refund but must re-register for the event. For more information contact KrystalS@slavicvillage.org.

Basketball courts closed permanently at Debelak Park in Garfield Heights

Garfield Heights Mayor Matt Burke, in his mayor's report to council at its regular meeting Monday night, said there was a shooting at Debelak Park last Thursday, and he has been forced to close the basketball courts there permanently.

"A young man got shot in the leg there and that's enough for me to turn that park into something else," he said. In addition, he said someone, who has been identified, had posted flyers on social media that asked teens to come out at a specific time and location and "takeover" a park.

The Garfield Heights Police Department posted last Friday on its Facebook page in part:

"Anybody gathering at a takeover location will be given one warning and one warning only, to leave the area. Failing to comply will result in arrest... We have no shortage of officers, K9s, pepper balls and jail space. There will be zero tolerance for any of these events in Garfield Heights."

Burke went on to say at Monday's council meeting he will be contacting the Cuyahoga County Office on Violent Crime Prevention, federal agencies like the FBI and U.S. Marshals, as well as the GHPD and Garfield Heights residents in an attempt to "get out front of this internet crime."



(Photo by Elena Psenicka)

G.H. holds Appreciation Month for salons, barbershops

The city of Garfield Heights is sponsoring Salon and Barber Appreciation Month through the end of June to support local salon professionals, nail techs and barbers.

Spend \$150 or more at your favorite salon or barbershop this month to qualify for the drawing. Submit your receipts to events@garfieldhts.org or drop off or mail to Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. Include your full name, address and phone number. The winner will receive \$150 in gift cards to local businesses. Drawing will be held on July 1 and the winner will be notified.

Juneteenth fun at Stafford Park in Maple Heights

The Juneteenth Celebration and Music in the Park Kickoff will be held at Stafford Park in Maple Heights on Tuesday, June 16, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The event includes a live performance by Forecast and a Children's Village, sponsored by the city's Human Services Department, featuring a Bounce House, facepainting, popcorn, cotton candy and cookies. Food vendors will also be on site.

The celebration continues on the actual Juneteenth date, June 19, at Stafford Park from 3 to 7 p.m., which will feature African drumming and dancing, live music and entertainment, fun activities for the kids, and free hot dogs, chips and water, while supplies last.

Garfield Heights Council slashes season pool passes price for city's residents

By Ellen Psenicka

Just in time for the opening of the municipal pool at the Dan Kostel Recreation Center in Garfield Heights, city council met Monday night and passed an ordinance to lower the fees of residential swimming season passes "to promote greater use of the pool by city residents through more affordable pricing," the legislation stated.

The ordinance also left the door open to further cuts in swimming season passes in the future without the need for added legislation.

Council also determined that season passes should be limited to city residents and that the sale of non-residential swimming season passes should be discontinued. Day rates for non-residents will be permitted for a \$10 per day charge.

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Community police reports

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

Garfield Heights

Weapon Offense

•On May 28, at 3:52 a.m., police arrived at Jennings Center for Older Adults, 10204 Granger Rd., for a report that two males, who were later identified as juveniles, were breaking into cars. Officers were able to locate one male, who at the time was missing from Bedford Heights, with an active ankle monitor on. The second male was located at the corner of E. 102 St. and Granger Rd. He kept his hands in his pants in front of him and would not obey orders to show his hands. An officer pulled his hands from his pants and saw he was holding a black handgun. He pulled away, which initiated a short foot pursuit through backyards on Granger. He was Tased and then apprehended. The handgun was found dropped where the pursuit began. There were 17 rounds in the magazine and the chamber was empty. The suspect with the gun was charged with carrying concealed weapon, obstructing official business and possessing criminal tools. He was released to Bedford Heights PD on scene. Report forwarded to the Juvenile Detective Bureau.

•On June 2, at 2:52 p.m., police responded to the 5800 block of Turney Rd., for a report of a car accident and a shooting that occurred on Turney Rd. near Elmwood Rd.

Officers spoke to the driver of a grey Chevy Malibu involved in the crash who said he was driving south on Turney, near Elmwood Rd., and saw a red older sedan being driven erratically in and out of traffic. At some point the red sedan came into his lane and its left side struck the right side of the Malibu causing its driver to panic. He said he pulled out his handgun and fired one round out of his open passenger window in the direction of the car, which took off. He got a look at the red sedan's driver, who he described as a black male, bald with glasses. He said he didn't know him and had no interaction with him before the accident. Police asked why he shot at the other vehicle, and it sounded to officers as if the man was in a panic and did it in the heat of the moment and had no specific intent to harm the other driver. The report stated that due to this driver's "overwhelming cooperation," the fact that no victim had come forward, no property damage was located and that the driver had no criminal history, he was told he would be issued a summons for discharging a firearm within city limits in lieu of arrest and his pistol would be confiscated. The driver said he understood and was sent on his way.

Sometime after the Malibu driver was released on scene, the driver of the red sedan contacted dispatch and said his car had a bullet hole in it. Police had this driver respond to the GHPD lot where an officer was able to photograph a bullet hole in the driver's side door of his car, a red Oldsmobile. The driver said he knew he was involved in a car accident but didn't know who was at fault. He said he heard a loud pop and pulled into the CVS parking lot but the other driver never followed him in to exchange information. When he returned home he saw his car had a bullet hole in it and he called police. He was issued a citation for improper lane change and told police he wanted to press charges against the other driver for shooting his car. Report forwarded to the prosecutor for review of additional

charges against the Malibu driver for felonious assault.

Obstructing Official Business

On May 29, at 1:28 a.m., police arrived at Cali Smoke Shop, 12644 Rockside Rd., for a general glass break alarm. Officers found a large brick laying on the sidewalk in front of the main door of the business. The brick had a large scuff mark on it which could have been made if thrown against the door, although no entry was made. Police saw five to six juveniles running north on the back side of the plaza, close to Cali's. They were ordered to stop but disregarded the order and ran into heavy brush behind the plaza. One of the suspects emerged from the brush and ran west on Rockside toward Valley Lane. Assisting units were able to locate him and get him into handcuffs without incident. While sitting in the back of the police cruiser the suspect was asked what he was doing in the area. He said he was "just walking the plaza" and ran from police due to "instinct." He said he didn't throw the brick at the smoke shop's door and could not provide the names of any of the juveniles he was with. He was taken to city jail and was eventually taken home and turned over to his mother. Report forwarded to Juvenile Detective Bureau for follow-up. Other juveniles were not located.

Juveniles

On June 3, at 8:16 p.m., officers observed a large group of juveniles gathered behind Elmwood Elementary School, 5275 Turney Rd., and saw one male in all black get into a fighting stance and swing towards another male. A large fight started after the other male fighting conducted a double leg takedown on the male all in black and threw multiple punches. Officers quickly dispersed the crowd and stopped the fight. They secured the juvenile who had thrown punches in handcuffs and transported him to city jail. A squad arrived to evaluate him for injuries, and he declined any further medical attention. His mother was contacted and her son was released to her custody. She was issued a citation for failure to supervise resulting in criminal conduct of a child. Report forwarded to juvenile detectives for further review.





Heritage Home Program Informational Presentation

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The public is invited to attend a hearing to voice their opinions or to submit written opinions to the address below regarding proposed legislation: Resolution 26-19, "A RESOLUTION DECLARING A SIX(6) MONTH MORATORIUM ON ACCEPTING FOR FILING, AND CONSIDERATION, REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ALL NEW APPLICATIONS FOR SHORT TERM RENTALS / BED AND BREAKFAST INNS / AIR BNBS IN THE VILLAGE OF NEWBURGH HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY," and Resolution 26-20 "A RESOLUTION DECLARING A SIX(6) MONTH MORATORIUM ON ACCEPTING FOR FILING, AND CONSIDERATION, REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ALL NEW APPLICATIONS FOR UNLICENSED GROUP HOMES IN THE VILLAGE OF NEWBURGH HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY." A brief overview of the proposed Resolutions will be given at the hearing which will be held on Friday, July 10, 2026 at 5:00 pm in Village Hall, 3801 Harvard Avenue, Newburgh Heights, OH 44105. A copy of the proposed Resolutions will also be available for review at Village Hall during regular village office hours. Please send written comments to Fiscal Officer Cathleen Nagorski at the address listed above. Any persons who wish to attend and require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please contact Village Hall at 216-641-4650 no later than 72 hours prior to the public hearing.

Cathleen Nagorski
Fiscal Officer

N.N. 6/10/26; Village Hall

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Garfield Heights Council slashes season pool passes

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The cost for swimming season passes for resident children ages 5 to 17 will be \$25.00, down from the previous \$60 charge. Resident adult swimming season passes for ages 18 to 64 will also be \$25.00, down from the previous \$70 charge. Resident children under 4 are still free. Senior citizens ages 65+ will still be free with a Rec ID.

Other legislative actions taken by council Monday night include:

- Clarifying that the hours of operation restrictions applicable to tobacco and vape retailers doing business in the city apply only to tobacco or vape stores.

Because of some confusion by other store owners that sell tobacco and vape products, council found it necessary to clarify that the hours of operation restrictions set forth in Section 765.17 apply only to retail establishments utilized primarily for the sale of tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, vapor products, electronic smoking devices, or related accessories, and not to general retail establishments such as grocery stores, convenience stores, pharmacies, supermarkets or gas stations where such products are sold only incidentally to the principal business use.

- Entering into an agreement with Jensen Hughes for Phase I pre-construction fire protection consulting services related to the Cuyahoga County Campus project on Transportation Blvd.

Cuyahoga County is constructing a new county campus within the city, including a sheriff's office, corrections center, medical and behavioral health facilities, and related public safety infrastructure. The proposed facility consists of an approximately 350,000 square footprint with complex fire protection, life safety, smoke control, sprinkler, standpipe, fire alarm and emergency systems subject to various state and national standards.

Because the Garfield Heights Fire Department, as the authority having jurisdiction, requires specialized third-party fire protection engineering consulting services to adequately review plans, evaluate fire protection systems and develop inspection protocols necessary to protect public health, safety and welfare, the agreement with Jensen Hughes was deemed necessary and appropriate by council.

- Entering into an agreement with G&B Electric Co. for the repair and replacement of HVAC equipment at Garfield Heights Fire Station #2, in an amount not to exceed \$109,643.09.

- Entering into an agreement with G&B Electric Co. for the repair and replacement of HVAC equipment at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, in an amount not to exceed \$214,362.90.

- Renewing an agreement with Court Community Service, which provides supervised community service work crews to complete cleanup and landscaping projects throughout various cities. Renewal will add one additional year to the agreement at an increase cost of 5% for a total of \$79,160.00.

- Amending a chapter of the city's codified ordinances entitled "Lot Maintenance" to update the city's lot maintenance regulations, authorize the removal of litter and debris and provide assessment of costs. Charges for lot maintenance, according to the amended ordinance, will be a \$300.00 fee for administrative expenses in addition to the cost of grass cutting, hedge trimming, debris removal, or any litter removal. The cost to the owner, occupant or person having control will be at the rate of \$100.00 per hour with a minimum charge of two hours or \$200.00 for any such work.

- Applying for Community Development Block Grant funds to improve the infrastructure and accessibility at the Dan Kostel Recreation Center. Through the Cuyahoga County Department of Development, the city is eligible to apply for up to \$150,000.

- Extending the moratorium on the issuance and processing of all licenses, permits and certificates that would enable the establishment of smoke and vape establishments or shops for a period of six months from the expiration of the previous moratorium.

- Making additional appropriations for current expenditures for the city in this fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 2026.

- Applying for and accepting grant funding from the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Ohio Traffic Safety Office under the Impaired Driving Enforcement Program (IDEP) and the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP). In 2025, the city was awarded grant money from these programs and used it to pay for officers to work additional shifts on specific days throughout the year (Super Bowl, Thanksgiving, Christmas, News Years, July 4th, etc.), where there is traditionally an increase in alcohol-related driving offenses.

Opera Roundtable

An Opera Roundtable will be held this Sunday, June 14, at 4 p.m., at the Polish American Cultural Center, 6501 Lansing Ave., for a free mini-program of music and to discuss the future of opera in Cleveland, over tea, coffee, chocolates and other refreshments, with a focus on The Cleveland Opera. All opera enthusiasts are encouraged to attend.

Board of Education Vacancy

The Garfield City School District has an unexpected Board of Education vacancy as of June 30, 2026. The Board is now accepting letters of interest as a potential board member from eligible residents who desire consideration to fill the vacancy through the completion of the unexpired term that ends December 31, 2027. Interested eligible residents must deliver a Letter of Interest and Qualifications as a potential Board Member addressed to Board Vice President, Thandeka Cox, c/o Treasurer Phillip Oko, 5640 Briarcliff Drive, Garfield Heights, OH 44125, before 12:00 p.m., June 15th, 2026, and be available for interview by Board of Education members during a special meeting held on June 22nd, 2026. The individual chosen to fill this vacancy will be appointed and sworn in during the Board's Regular Meeting on July 20, 2026.

N.N. 6-10-26

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.

THE IRON WARD NEWS

Iron Ward is the nineteenth century nickname for the Broadway Avenue neighborhood around which Cleveland's great iron and steel industry flourished. Originally known as Newburgh Township, it was annexed by Cleveland in 1878. It has used the tagline Slavic Village since 1978.

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SLAVIC VILLAGE JUNE CALENDAR

THE BIG EVENTS

SV ANNUAL MEETING June 29th!

Iron Ward's America 250 July 3rd!

4th District Special Neighborhood Safety Meeting—June 24th
6pm Golubski Funeral Home East 65th and Fullerton

Forged In Steel--June 24th 6pm Polish Cultural Center--
E. 65th and Lansing

WARD MEETINGS

- Ward 2 / Councilman Bishop:
4th Tuesday monthly at 6pm, 4127 E. 131st St.
- Ward 3 / Councilwoman Gray:
3rd Thursday monthly, 6pm, 4939 Broadway (Sokol)
- Ward 5 / Councilman Starr:
1st Thurs. monthly, 5:30pm, 2386 Unwin (Friendly Inn)

SVD MEETINGS

- June 19th at 8:30am: Parks Meeting
- June 19th at 8:30am: Morgana Bluffs
- June 25th at 6:30pm: 311--how to use the city's action hotline, Jones Road Church, 8000 Jones Road

POLICE MEETINGS

- Third District: Third Tuesday of the month, 6pm, 4501 Chester Ave.
- Fourth District: 4th Tuesday at 6pm, 3808 East 131 St. (Holy Trinity Baptist)

CLUB MEETINGS

- Fullerton-East 71st Block Club meeting:
2nd Tuesday of the month, 6pm, 6501 Fullerton, basement (Golubski's)
- East 63rd Block Club meeting:
2nd Wed. of the month, 6:30pm, 6615 Forman Ave. (St. Stan's School basement)
- Hyacinth Block Club:
2nd Thurs. of the month, 6:30pm, 6114 Francis Ave. (Elizabeth Baptist gym)
- Village Gardeners work meetings:
Tuesdays at 6pm, weather dependent, call for weekly locations, 216.469.4806
- SV Community Forum at the Garden of Life, E. 57th and Fleet. Watch social media for schedule updates.

Add your events to the June calendar! Call 216.469.4806

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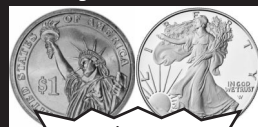


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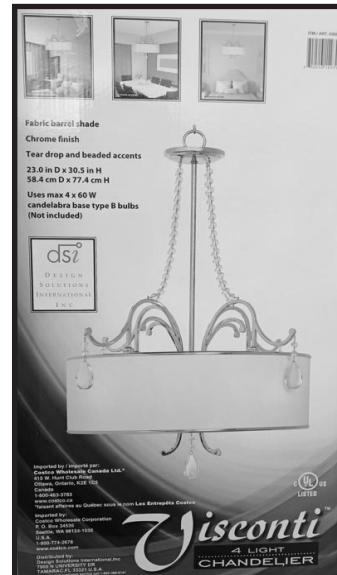
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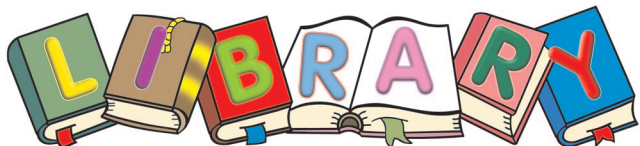
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SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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Summer Lunch -Kids ages 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.

Ellenwood Book Discussion -Adults, Wednesday, July 8, 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., Bedford OH 44146. Pick up a copy of the discussion book at either the Ellenwood Recreation Center or the Bedford Library one month before each meeting. July 8: "The God of the Woods" by Liz Moore.

A.M.C. Club, Anime/Animation - Manga - Comics, Wednesday, July 8, 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**

Bedford Branch Film Discussion -Adults, Saturday, July 11, 2 p.m. Join us for a film screening and discussion presented through the free streaming service, Kanopy. "The Hard Ride: Black Cowboys at the Circle 6 Ranch," an intimate look at Black cowboys as they gather for a rodeo and dance on the 40 Acre Circle 6 Ranch in Raywood. The 40 Acre Circle 6 Ranch was started by Black cowboy A.J. Walker, and it has hosted Black rodeos for over 50 years. "Fire on the Hill: The Cowboys of South Central LA," a critically acclaimed documentary about Black cowboys living in Compton and South-Central LA. Long before hip-hop and gang culture, South LA was home to world-championship African American cowboys. **MUST REGISTER**

Pokemon Play, Saturdays, July 11, 18, 25, 2 p.m. Learn how to play and meet fellow fans in a friendly, welcoming environment. Bring your own cards or use ours!

Cozy Collective Fiber Arts! Wednesday, July 15, 7 p.m. Beginners are absolutely welcome! Bring your current project or start something new while we chat, swap tips, eat snacks and unwind together. **MUST REGISTER**

Storytime in the Park with Bedford Library, Saturdays, July 18, 25, 10 a.m. Enjoy stories, songs and fingerplays in the fresh air! Families are encouraged to stay and play in the park, 110 Ellenwood Ave., Bedford, OH 44146. In case of inclement weather, Storytime will move indoors to the Bedford Library. For questions or weather updates, please call the Branch at 440-439-4997.

Native Plants -Adults, Wednesday, July 22, 7 p.m. In this presentation, learn all about native plants in Northeast Ohio! Native plants offer beautiful flowers and foliage and more. Discover how planting native plants protects the soil, requires less water runoff, and attracts birds and pollinators! Presented by Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District. **MUST REGISTER**

Excel: Tables and Charts, Friday, July 24, 10 a.m. Learn how to format a range of data as a table, how to summarize a large data set with a pivot table and how to use charts to visually represent data. **MUST REGISTER**

African American Authors Book Group, In-Person or Virtual —All Adults Are Welcome, Thursday, July 30, 7 p.m. African American Authors Book Group meets the last Thursday of the month. All adults are welcome. July Title: "Guide Me Home" by Attica Locke.

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"TAKE A HIKE: POLISH HERITAGE TOUR"

Historic Gateway Neighborhood Corporation

Thursdays, June 11, 18 & 25 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Polish American Cultural Center Parking Lot, 6501 Lansing Ave., Cleveland

Free | Registration Required at ClevelandHistoryDays.com

Step into Polish heritage in the Warszawa District of Slavic Village. From St. Stanislaus Church to the Polish American Cultural Center, explore stories of faith, art and immigrant life, honoring enduring traditions and a neighborhood rich with history and resilience.

"FORGED IN STEEL — WHERE POLISH CLEVELAND WORKED"

Wednesday, June 24 | 6-7 p.m.

Polish American Cultural Center, 6501 Lansing Ave., Cleveland

Free | Registration Required

Before Cleveland became an industrial giant, it needed workers — and Polish immigrants answered the call.

Local author Tom Kaschalk will explore where Polish Clevelanders spent most of their lives: on the factory floor, in the mills and along the industrial corridors that powered the city's rise. From the stone quarries of Berea to the blast furnaces of Newburgh, from the looms of the Cleveland Worsted Mills to the machine shops and assembly lines of the East Side, this program traces the working lives of the men and women who helped build Cleveland.

Through historic photographs, neighborhood stories and newspaper accounts, Kaschalk connects these work-places to the communities that grew around them — places like Warszawa, Poznan, and Josephatowa — and the institutions they built, including churches, businesses and savings and loan associations.

This is more than industrial history. It is a story of grit, sacrifice and upward mobility — a generation that endured the heat, the dust and the long hours, and in doing so built the neighborhoods, families and opportunities

that followed. The museum and beautiful gardens will be open during the event.

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/forged-in-steel-where-polish-cleveland-worked-tickets-1988016868971>

"KINGSBURY RUN MURDERS — FILM SCREENING & EXPERT PANEL"

Saturday, June 27 | Doors open 2 p.m.

Bohemian Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave., Cleveland

\$10 | Registration Required at <https://tinyurl.com/rjn3zurc>

Tom Kaschalk will host a screening and expert panel discussion of the new film "Kingsbury Run Murders." The Bohemian National Hall is the perfect setting for the viewing since it was very near the epicenter of the crimes.

Set in 1930s Cleveland, the film follows a band of detectives led by Eliot Ness as they race to stop a serial killer whose victims keep mounting — with evidence that remains frustratingly circumstantial. It's a gripping dive into one of Cleveland's darkest and most haunting true crime chapters.

Following the screening, a panel of experts — Mazie Adams, Jon Price and D.M. Pulley — will lead a discussion exploring not just what happened, but how and why, examining the history, the investigation and the human story at the heart of it all.

"CANAL DAY"

Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Sunday, June 28 | 12-2:30 p.m.

Canal Exploration Center, 7104 Canal Rd., Valley View

Free | No registration required

This drop-in open house invites visitors to explore the sights, sounds and stores of the Ohio & Erie Canal. This canal put Cleveland on the map. Visitors can meet a horse (the canalboat's "engine"), make a child's craft, watch a lock demonstration, interact with historical artisans and more.

LEGAL NOTICE

BEDFORD BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD A MEETING ON **TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026**, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF BEDFORD CITY HALL AT **6:00 P.M.** TO CONSIDER THE APPEAL OF THE FOLLOWING:

A. Aaron Hershey is requesting approval from the Board of Zoning Appeals at 263 Broadway Ave, Bedford, OH 44060 to allow the operation of a used motor vehicle sales business on an existing commercially zoned property that does not meet the current minimum lot size requirement.

1. The parcel sum total together equal 26,641 sq ft of lot space. Minimum 50,000 is required. Per 1938.02(a)(2) A used car or truck dealership or used vehicle leasing/renting establishment shall have the minimum of 50,000 square feet located on contiguous parcels. A variance of 23,359 sq ft is requested.
2. The nonconforming use expired after 12 months of abandonment. Per 1947.03 NONCONFORMING USES. (b) No building, structure or premises where nonconforming use has been or may be discontinued for more than one year (1 yr.), or has been or may be changed to use permitted in the district in which it is located, shall again be devoted to a nonconforming use. A request to continue a non-conforming use is requested.

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

Tracy M. Simons

Clerk of Council

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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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"East 52nd Street Resurfacing"

and will be publicly opened and read immediately thereafter. Each bid must contain the full names of the party or parties making the same, with an affidavit as to interested parties, and in the case of a corporation not chartered in Ohio, with a proper certificate that such corporation is authorized to do business in Ohio, and shall be accompanied by a Bid Guaranty Bond for the full amount (100%) of the Bid, in favor of the "Owner" or a certified check, cashier's check, or letter of credit pursuant to Chapter 1305 of the Ohio Revised Code, in the amount of 10% of the Bid, payable to the "Owner".

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Cathleen Nagorski, Fiscal Officer
Village of Newburgh Heights

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS

2027 Cuyahoga County Community Development Block and Supplemental Grant

The City of Maple Heights is eligible to apply for funding from Federal Block and Supplemental Grant funds administered by Cuyahoga County through the Department of Development. The 2027 Community Development Block and Supplement Grant (CDBG & CDSG) funds are going toward street repair projects and exterior home maintenance projects. Block & Supplemental Grants funds can be used for a variety of housing, economic development and community improvement projects.

Residents are invited to attend a Public Hearing to voice their opinions on local housing and community development needs, or to submit opinions in writing to the address below. A list of eligible activities and application requirements will be provided at the hearing.

The Public Hearing will be held IN PERSON on Monday, June 15, 2026 at 11:30AM at:

Maple Heights Senior Center
15901 Libby Rd.
Maple Heights, Ohio 44137

For further information, contact Kennyada Nash at (216) 587-9032 or email: Knash@mapleheightsohio.gov.

Any persons who wish to attend and require special accommodations under the Americans With Disabilities Act, please contact the Maple Heights City Hall at (216) 587-9032, or by email at no later than 72 hours prior to public hearing.

The Neighborhood News: 6-10-26

Splash into Summer

at the Dan Kostel Recreation Center

The Swimming Pool at the Dan Kostel Recreation Center in Garfield Heights will be open for the season on Tuesday, June 16, 2 to 8 p.m.

Join us on June 19, 20, and 21 by celebrating our annual pool opening and the Juneteenth Holiday with our **Splash into Summer event**

Reduced admission & concession specials all 3 days!!
 \$5.00 for residents (with proof of residency) and \$10.00 for non-residents – children 4 and under are free.

Music from the pool deck by DJ Ken & balloon twisting by More Fun Entertainment on **Saturday only.**

Pool hours for the weekend are:
Juneteenth Holiday – 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday - 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm
 Weather permitting - All regular pool rules apply

Check the web page for details – www.garfieldhts.org

Call – 216-475-7272 and press 0 for a team member

Letters to the Editor

Garfield Hts. gets bad reputation by actions of a few

I am saddened by the news about the basketball courts in Garfield Heights. A few, if not many individuals have given our fine city a bad reputation. Years ago we had four tennis courts there. We had a lot of fun, and at the gazebo live bands occasionally. There was no trouble. I recently spoke with Mayor Matt Burke about crime in our city; people have accused him of being soft on criminals. The truth is our judges don't prosecute the individuals responsible. The police can only do so much and are overworked. Let's make Garfield Heights a community for everyone to be proud of and safe for our children and residents.

Sincerely,
 Mr. Greg Skuta
 Garfield Heights resident

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Fathers take spotlight at Maple Hts. Council meeting

By Ellen Psenicka

With Father's Day approaching on Sunday, June 21, Maple Heights Council, at its meeting last Wednesday, June 3, took the opportunity to honor fathers in Maple Heights who have made a difference in the lives of children and in their community, with introductions by Councilwomen Tina Stafford-Marbury and Edwina Agee.

Mayor Annette Blackwell followed by welcoming Al Grimes, director of the Cuyahoga County Fatherhood Initiative, who spoke on behalf of the Father's Club of Maple Heights and introduced several of its members at the meeting.

The Father's Club of Maple Heights is a community initiative designed to bring together dads and father figures. The group focuses on mentoring local youth, hosting family-friendly events and building a supportive network of community members.

Meetings are regularly hosted at the Maple Heights Senior Center, 15901 Libby Rd. The group is supported by the city of Maple Heights Human Services division. For questions or to get involved, contact Brandon Beck, Human Services program manager, at 216-587-9601, or via email at bbeck@mapleheightsohio.gov.

Legislation passed

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

- Resolution authorizing the mayor and Human Services Department to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Natureworks grant program for renovation of Stafford Park playground for a total project cost of \$162,165 with a local match of 25%, and to accept the award, if granted, with a local match not to exceed \$40,541.25.

- Ordinance adopting the alternative tax budget information of the city for the fiscal year beginning Jan. 1, 2027, and submitting it to the Budget Commission of Cuyahoga County.

- Resolution authorizing the director of Economic Development and engineer to begin the preparation of plans and specifications and to advertise for bids for the Maple Heights Gateway Enhancement Project in the city.

Mayor Annette Blackwell was advised that the Cuyahoga County Council awarded the city of Maple Heights \$150,000.00 for the Maple Heights Gateway Enhancement Project through the 2026 Community Development Block Grant Program, which will help to fund aesthetic improvements to the entrances of the city at Lee Rd. near I-480 and at Southgate Park Blvd. All funds awarded by the Cuyahoga County Department of Development through the 2026 Community Development Block Grant Program are required to be expended before Dec. 31, 2026.

- Motion to appoint Parrish Mines to the Planning and Zoning Commission to the term June 1, 2026 to May 31, 2031.

LGBTQ resolution fails

A resolution recognizing June 2026 as "LGBTQ Pride Month" in the city, which cherishes the value and dignity of each person and appreciates the importance of equality and freedom, the legislation stated, failed to pass in council by a 4-3 vote.

Linda Vopat honored

During her report to council, Human Services Director Jaimie Hasenohrl noted that her predecessor, Linda Vopat, had been presented with a proclamation from the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging during the Cuyahoga County Older Americans Month celebration in May, for her 37 years of steadfast advocacy and lasting impact on the Maple Heights community.

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