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Elmer Flick Baseball Classic in Bedford NEORSD grants keep things flushing away in Maple Heights

As part of its America 250 Celebration this year, the city of Bedford will hold an entire day of baseball-themed events on Sunday, July 12, as part of the Elmer Flick Baseball Classic at Ellenwood Center, 124 Ellenwood Ave., Bedford, from 12 to 9 p.m.

The Burning River Boys Barbershop Quartet will kick off the festivities at noon with the singing of the National Anthem.

At 12:05 p.m., the opening pitch will take place for an Old Time Baseball game featuring the Whiskey Island Shamrocks vs. the Fulton Mules, featuring free popcorn during the game and a food cart from 12 to 6 p.m.

Youth baseball games will be held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., with free snow cones from 4 to 6 p.m.

The day concludes with the 7 p.m. City of Bedford Employee Charity Softball Game to benefit Meals on Wheels.

Elmer Flick was a professional baseball outfielder who played in Major League Baseball from 1898 to 1910, with the Philadelphia Phillies, Philadelphia Athletics, and the Cleveland Bronchos/Naps.

A native of Bedford, Ohio, Flick was one of the top hitters of the Dead Ball Era and was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1963.

Social gathering welcomes all across political divides at Slyman's in Indy

The Northeast Ohio Braver Angels Alliance is inviting the public for an evening of connection, conversation and community across political differences on Wednesday, July 15, from 6 to 9 p.m., at Slyman's Tavern, 6901 Rockside Rd., Independence.

Come meet fellow community members in a relaxed, friendly setting while we celebrate in honor of the 250th anniversary of the United States (Semiquincentennial). We gather to reflect on our shared history and the enduring experiment of self-government.

This social gathering is designed to build understanding and trust across political divides through respectful conversation and informal connection. Whether you're a long time Braver Angels member or simply curious about bridging the deep divides in today's world, you are warmly welcome! Please invite your friends to attend with you.

Appetizers are provided, food and drinks are available for purchase. We will provide engaging entertainment after dinner with a Kahoot! game to challenge your knowledge of our great country. The winner gets a free dinner!

Garfield Heights Police Department welcomes new officer, Sta. Ana

The Garfield Heights Police Department congratulates and welcomes its newest police hire, Officer Sta. Ana. "We are excited to have you join our team and wish you a safe, successful and rewarding career serving the Garfield Heights community," said a GHPD Facebook post.

Mayor Matt Burke (at left) is shown in the photo at the recent swearing in of new Officer Sta. Ana (center), with Police Chief Mark Kaye.



By Ellen Psenicka

In her mayor's report to council at its meeting last Wednesday, July 1, Maple Heights Mayor Annette Blackwell reported on a series of recent grants awarded the city by the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District totaling over \$1.6 million.

Included in the NEORSD grants are \$1,144,500.00 for the Tokay-Tabor-Brunswick Sewer Repair & Rehabilitation Project; \$301,200.00 for the Broadway Central Area Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project; and \$232,500.00 for the Lee-Raymond-Ringhurst Area Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project.

Mayor Blackwell also noted a \$200,000 grant awarded to Maple Heights from the State of Ohio to update the city's playgrounds, and a 50/50 matching funds grant from Cuyahoga County worth \$230,000.00 for the resurfacing of Schreiber Rd., from the west corporation line to Dunham Rd.

She also thanked council for its passage that evening of three resolutions the mayor sponsored seeking additional grant funding for the coming year.

Legislation passed

The following legislation was passed at council's July 1, meeting:

- To extend the moratorium on permitting new establishments that sell or distribute tobacco products, vapor products, alternative nicotine products and/or electronic smoking devices in the city for an additional period of 180 days, from July 20, 2026 to Dec. 31, 2026.

- To authorize the mayor to enter into an agreement with ZT Development LLC for the sale of five vacant lots owned by the city through its Land Reutilization Program, located at 18705, 19010, 19401 and 19813 Fairway Ave., along with parcels at 19505 Longview Ave., at a purchase price of \$2,000 each. ZT Development LLC desires to purchase the property to build a single-family dwelling unit on each parcel.

- To authorize the mayor, director of Planning and Development and the city engineer to make application to the Cuyahoga County Department of Development Community Development Block Grant Program for 2027, and authorizing the signing of contracts and other related documents.

If the grant is awarded, the city would be eligible to receive up to \$150,000.00 to fund the resurfacing of Maple Heights Boulevard from Warrensville Center Road to Raymond Road.

- To apply for and execute an agreement with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District for Community Cost-Share Program funds for the Lee Road and Raymond Street Sewer Improvements Project.

- To authorize the mayor and service director to accept the April 7, 2026 quote by Cleveland Freightliner, Inc., for the purchase of a new 2027 Freightliner 108SD cab and chassis at a cost of \$114,718.00, through the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchasing Program.

- To accept a revised quote from Henderson Products for upfitting the city's new 2027 Freightliner 108SD truck, which includes a front plow, plow hitch, dump body, V-box sand and salt spreader, chassis and installation for a total cost of \$137,081.94, through National Purchasing Partners Government Cooperative Purchasing Program.

- To apply to the Cuyahoga County Department of Development Community Development Supplemental Grant program for 2027, and authorizing the signing of contracts and other related documents.

The city would use the grant, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, if awarded, to fund the Maple Heights Exterior Home Repair Grant Program to help maintain the city's housing stock.

- Moved for a third reading was a resolution recognizing June 2027 as "LGBTQ Pride Month" in the city.

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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

Hands-Only CPR/Registration required. This American Red Cross Preparedness program features a skill-based training that teaches the hands-only technique for CPR. This is a skill-based class, and a certificate will not be provided. Thursday, July 9 / 7 p.m.

Booked for Light: Folded Page Lanterns / Registration required. Create a decorative book light that looks like a real book and glows beautifully when lit! Saturday, July 11 / 2 p.m.

Wednesday Night Book Discussion / No registration required. Join us for a casual and lively book discussion of "Project Hail Mary" by Andy Weir. The books will be available approximately one month before the discussion date. Wednesday, July 15 / 7:15 p.m.

Thursday Afternoon Book Discussion / No registration required. Join us for a casual and lively book discussion of "Project Hail Mary" by Andy Weir. The books will be available approximately one month before the discussion date. Thursday, July 16 / 2:15 p.m.

Cool Down with Sparkling Iced Coffee / Registration required. Coffee and sparkling water, a refreshing twist! In this class, we will demonstrate coffee recipes and

provide samples. Discover the flavors of cold brew spritzes, coffee tonics and sparkling coffee sodas! We will teach you to make your new favorite coffee drink at home. Saturday, July 18 / 2 p.m.

Square Dancing: Friendship Set to Music / Registration required. The Brecksville Squares Dance Club invites you to a lively demo featuring colorful costumes, a live caller and an opportunity to start square dancing yourself! This fun activity is great exercise and a wonderful way to expand your circle of friends. No partner is needed. Come and join the fun! This program will be held at the Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Dr., Independence, OH 44131. Friday, July 24 / 12:30 p.m.

TEENS

Teen Screen-Printing - Ages 11-18 / Registration required. Create your own Screen-print! Day 1: July 22nd stencil making. Day 2: July 23rd, screen-printing day. Bring your own t-shirt or use one of our tote bags. Permanent ink so dress for mess! Wednesday, July 22, and Thursday, July 23 / 2 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.

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.

Dino Fest - Families of children ages 3-8 / Registration required. Travel back to prehistoric times as you dig into a dinosaur story, a craft and other fun, hands-on activities. Tuesday, July 14 / 7 p.m.

Kindergarten Countdown - Off to School / Registration required. Join us as we help your child build kindergarten readiness skills in a program aligned to Ohio's Early Childhood Standards. Thursday, July 30 / 10 a.m.

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NEORSD grants for Maple Hts.

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Vandalism at Stafford Park

Service Director Anthony Ciresi, in his report last week to council, expressed dismay at the vandalism which had taken place in the city's Stafford Park the week before. He said that the tables in all three pavilions were overturned, as well as bleachers.

"Anything you could flip over was flipped over," he commented. Ciresi said that with the mayor's permission his department is in the process of bolting down all the tables in all the pavilions.

Retiring staffer

Best wishes were offered to Lynn Shaw, longtime administrative assistant to the mayor and director of Human Services, who is retiring on July 31.

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Community police reports

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

Garfield Heights

Theft

On June 18, about 3:19 p.m., police were dispatched to a pawn shop on Rockside Rd. for a reported theft involving the sale of fraudulent gold jewelry. According to store management, a customer sold two gold-colored necklaces to the business on May 15. Standard testing procedures were followed, including magnet testing and multiple acid tests, none of which indicated the items were not solid gold. The necklaces were purchased for \$1,650 by the pawn shop. After the sale, the items were later determined to be gold-plated rather than solid gold. The business conducted an internal investigation and identified the incident as part of a pattern of similar thefts occurring in multiple cities across Ohio and other states. Surveillance footage showed two suspects, later identified, leaving in a silver VW SUV with temporary plates. The store preserved the video and the necklaces as evidence. The internal report also linked the incident to the same individuals believed to be involved in similar deception-based thefts. At the time of the police report, information was limited because the reporting party was not present during the original transaction. A written report and photographs were forwarded to records and the Detective Bureau for further investigation.

Theft of Motor Vehicle

On June 17, at 9:27 a.m., a resident arrived at the police station to report that his vehicle had been stolen from the garage of his apartment building on Marguerite Ave. He stated the theft occurred sometime between the evening of June 14 and the morning of June 17. The vehicle reported stolen is a blue 2001 Jaguar XJ8L four-door sedan. The owner said the car was taken without the keys. He did not have the title available at the time of the report but plans to provide a copy so the vehicle can be officially entered as stolen. The owner was given the

report number and advised to contact his insurance company. The case has been documented and forwarded for further processing.

Criminal Damage – Residence

On June 16, at 7:36 a.m., police responded to a home in the 8400 block of Grand Division Ave. for a report of criminal damaging. The resident told officers he heard a loud noise around 1:30 a.m. and discovered damage when he checked his home later that morning. According to the report, both the front door and storm door had been struck, and a bullet hole was found in the lower portion of the front door. The storm door's glass was shattered. The resident said he and his family have no ongoing issues with anyone and believes the house may have been hit by a stray bullet. A report was filed, and the information was forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

Recovered Stolen Property – Foreign

On June 16, at about 2 a.m., police responded to a home in the 10000 block of Greenview Ave. after reports of a disturbance involving a gray SUV with temporary Ohio plates. While officers were on scene, additional units were requested to assist with a pat-down of a detained female. According to the report, officers approached the handcuffed woman and asked several times whether she had anything dangerous on her. She appeared hesitant and did not give a clear answer. During the pat-down, officers felt a hard object near her right ankle that resembled a firearm. Because the item could not be safely retrieved, officers cut the bottom of her pant leg and recovered a 9mm handgun. A records check showed the firearm had been reported stolen out of South Euclid. After being advised of her rights, the woman told officers she had been inside the SUV and was retrieving shoes from the trunk when she noticed the gun. She said she asked the other occupants about it, but no one claimed ownership. She stated she hid the firearm in her pant leg when officers arrived because she was scared. She was transported to the city jail, booked and housed without incident.

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Letters to the Editor Friend's heartfelt tribute

Dear Editor:

Of all the good events of this Independence Day, this one touched my heart the most. My dear 80-year-old Slavic Village friend Jerry Konopka, a Vietnam veteran, braved the dangerous heatwave to honor America by decorating the home he loves.

He greeted the morning of July 4th with outstretched arms of joy and saluted the American flag with the same heartfelt admiration and loyalty as did the teenage soldier he was 60 years ago.

A true American patriot!

Sincerely,

Eileen Hamilton

Slavic Village resident



Slavic Villager Jerry Konopka salutes the flag from his porch on Independence Day 2026.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Garfield Heights will hold a Tax Budget Hearing Meeting regarding the 2027 Fiscal Tax Budget at 5:30 p.m., Monday, July 13, 2026 at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, Council Caucus Room, 5407 Turney Road, Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125. All citizens are invited to attend and have the right to provide oral and written comments and ask questions concerning the 2027 Fiscal Tax Budget.

A copy of the 2027 Tax Budget will be made available on the City's website or by calling the Finance Department at 216-475-1504 to have the document emailed to you by the Finance Director from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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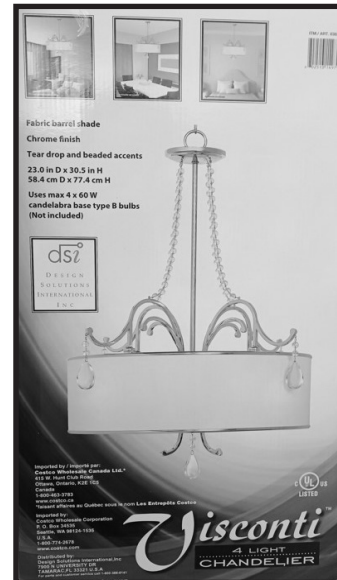
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PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on **Monday July 13, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.**, before the **Maple Heights Planning and Zoning Commission** in the Maple Heights City Hall Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio, to consider the following application(s):

2026-PZ-32 An application from Aubrey Ford (Mannik Smith Group) seeking Site and Architecture Approval to partially demolish an existing building and a change of use to a Bank. An addition of a drive through ATM in back of building, sidewalks, curb and a new dumpster under Section 1280.02 (D) of the MH Codified Ordinances in a General Commercial (GC) Zoning District at 5446 Warrensville Center Road, Maple Heights, Ohio

2026-PZ-33 An application from Eric Freeman seeking approval of a Conditional Use permit to operate a Barbershop with minor interior renovations under section 1282.04(Q) of the MH Codified Ordinances in a Central Business (CB) Zoning District at 16004 suite 209 Broadway Ave, Maple Heights, Ohio

2026-PZ-34 An application from Nate Scott on behalf of Hope Alliance Bible Church a Variance from Section 1290.06 requesting relief from current permitted plans to develop a surface parking lot with underground stormwater detention. Instead requesting to keep parcel undeveloped at this time and proposing 52 parking spaces for their Assembly Room in an Institutional/Office (RSF-M) Zoning District at 5050 Stanley Ave, Maple Heights, Ohio

2026-PZ-35 An application from Angela Lawal Approval of a Conditional Use for a Mental/Behavioral Health after school and summer program for children under Section 1278.04(H) of the MH Codified Ordinances in Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District at 5824 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio

2026-PZ-36 An application from Ted Ferringer, AIA requesting Approval of a Conditional Use Permit under Sect. 1278.04(O) of the MH Codified Ordinances to build a three-story Multi-Family Dwelling with 30 units on properties located in a Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District at 14843 Granger Rd PPN 784-30-021; 14875 Granger Rd. PPN 784-30-022; and 14901 Granger Rd. PPN 784-30-023, Maple Heights, OH 44137, and requesting approval of the following variances:

1. A variance from the requirements of MH Cod. Ord. Sec. 1278.06(A) which allows for a 15- foot front yard setback; 9'-2" is proposed; and
2. A variance from the requirements of MH Cod. Ord. Sec. 1290.05(A) (10), which allows for a minimum side yard parking setback being one-half (1/2) the building height each side or a minimum of 10 feet each side if adjoining a residential district per MH Cod. Ord. Sec. 1278.06(B). 15 feet from the side property line is proposed; and
3. A variance from the requirements of MH Cod. Ord. Sec. 1278.08(A), which allows for the main building and related accessory structures to not cover more than 30% of the lot, with 6,712 SF (30%) allowed; 7,450 SF is proposed; and
4. A variance from the requirements of MH Cod. Ord. Sec. 1278.08 (B), which in no case allows for the impervious surface to cover more than 70% of the lot, with 15,661 SF (70%) allowed; 18,599 SF is proposed; and
5. A variance from the requirements of MH Cod. Ord. Section 1290.05(A)(1) from the 90-degree parking angle design standards, with 9 feet wide by 19 feet deep required; 8.5 feet wide by 18 feet deep is proposed; and
6. A variance from the requirements of MH Cod. Ord. Sec. 1290.05(A)(1) from the Width of Access Drive standards, with 24 feet required; 12 feet (one way) is proposed; and
7. A variance from the requirements of MH Cod. Ord. Sec. 1290.05(A)(1) which requires aisle width to be 20 feet, 12 feet is proposed; and
8. A variance from the requirements of MH Cod. Ord. Sec. 1290.05(A)(10)(e)(1) which requires a front yard depth for off-street parking to not be less than 8-feet when adjacent to or across the street from a residential district, with side or rear yards abutting a residential district not being less than 10 feet; rear yard parking setback of 5'-6" is proposed; and
9. A variance from the requirements of MH Cod. Ord. Sec. 1290.06(B) which requires 2 off-street parking spaces per unit for a total of 60 spaces, 24 spaces are proposed; and
10. A variance from the requirements of MH Cod. Ord. Sec. 1290.06(B) which requires one enclosed off-street parking space per unit for a total of 30 enclosed spaces, zero are proposed; and
11. A variance from the requirements of MH Cod. Ord. Sec. 1294.06 which requires a 6 1/2' perimeter screening easement with shrubs a minimum of 3 feet in height, with a 5' screening easement and a three-to seven-foot-high fence meeting the separation requirements of item A proposed.

All Applicant(s) and/or their representatives are required to attend this meeting. Members of the public are invited to attend, but will only be allowed to speak during the Public Hearing portion of the meeting.

The application(s) and all supporting materials are available for review during normal business hours in the Maple Heights Building Department, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

Sonia Beaman, Clerk of Council/PZC Secretary
City of Maple Heights

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July 8, 2026

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Embrace the Pace heads back to Independence on August 22, to benefit Connecting for Kids

Event includes 5K, One-Mile Run/Walk/Roll & Kids' Race

Embrace the Pace will take place on Saturday, Aug. 22, 9:00 a.m., at Liberty Playground, 6363 Selig Blvd., Independence. The top adult male/female runners in each age group (chip-timed) will receive a Fat Head's growler + a \$20 gift card.

To register for the 5K or any of the Embrace the Pace races, visit: www.connectingforkids.org/5K. Registration will close on Friday, Aug. 21, with no race day registration. Last year's inaugural event had more than 200 participants and raised \$8,000 for Connecting for Kids' free programming with nearly \$900 donated to the city of Independence for new adaptive playground equipment at Liberty Playground.

The \$35 registration fee for the 5K and one-mile run/walk/roll events includes a donation to the city of Independence that will be used to purchase additional adapted playground equipment. The remaining proceeds benefit the free Connecting for Kids programs offered at libraries across Cuyahoga and Lorain counties as well as virtually. All 5K and one-mile participants will receive a t-shirt and draw string bag.

In addition, Embrace the Pace offers a kids' race for participants of all ages and abilities. The kids' race heats will include categories for children who use wheelchairs, walkers, gait trainers, reciprocating gait orthosis or other mobility aids. The cost to participate in the kids' race is \$15 with a t-shirt or \$5 without.

Every registered Embrace the Pace participant will receive a finisher medal and free hot dogs. The event will also feature resource tables and a mobile sensory unit.

Schedule of events

9 a.m. Start Time: 5K

9:10 a.m. Start Time: One-Mile Run/Walk/Roll

10 a.m. Awards Ceremony

10:15 a.m. Kids' Race heats

10:30 a.m. Hot dogs donated by the Autism Society of Greater Cleveland

About Connecting for Kids

Connecting for Kids is a group in Northeast Ohio that helps parents. We support families who are worried about their child — whether it's autism, ADHD, anxiety, school or just a hard time in life. We offer free programs, help finding resources and a caring community where parents feel welcome.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

By order of the Council of the City of Maple Heights, sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Agent, at Maple Heights City Hall, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio 44137, until 12:00 Noon, local time, on the 23rd day of July, 2026 for the "MAPLE HEIGHTS LEE ROAD GATEWAY ENHANCEMENT SIGN PROJECT" in the City of Maple Heights, Ohio, NO FAXED COPIES ACCEPTED.

The bid documents, specifications and drawings may be examined without charge online at www.cvelimited.plancycle.com. To become a Registered Bidder, documents, specifications and drawings must be purchased at either www.cvelimited.plancycle.com, SE Blueprint at 2035 Hamilton Avenue Cleveland, OH 44114 or SE Blueprint at 520 South Main Street, Suite 2411 Akron, OH 44311 at the cost of \$100.00 + tax and delivery which includes bid registration, one hard copy set of the bid package and one complete set of pdf files. Additional sets of bid documents can also be ordered online at www.cvelimited.plancycle.com or by emailing seblue@seblueprint.com, calling 216-241-2250 or visiting an SE Blueprint location.

Each bidder is required to furnish with its proposal, a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in accordance with Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. Bid security furnished in Bond form, shall be issued by a Surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety. Each bid must be made upon the Proposal Form provided in the set of specifications and must be accompanied by a bank check or cashier's check drawn on a solvent bank in Cuyahoga County in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount bid, or a bid bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the amount bid, as a guarantee that if said bid is accepted, a contract will be entered into and a Surety Bond satisfactory to said City in an amount equal to 100% of the total bid will be furnished. Checks shall be made payable to the City of Maple Heights, Ohio.

Each Proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. Each bidder must submit evidence of its experiences on projects of similar size and complexity.

Bids will be opened and read at the time and place stated above. Those who submitted Proposals or their representatives are invited to attend.

The Maple Heights Lee Road Gateway Enhancement Sign Project is partially funded by the Cuyahoga County Department of Development Block Grant Program. A bidder/contractor will be deemed committed to the Department of Labor's goals and timetables for the Cleveland, Ohio area as specified in the Notice of Requirements for Affirmative Action to ensure Equal Employment Opportunity Executive Order 11246 by submitting a properly signed bid. Each bidder must ensure that all employees and applicants for the employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability or veteran status.

A copy of the Bid Specification package for the Maple Heights Lee Road Gateway Enhancement Sign Project will be available for review by all potential bidders at the offices of the Cuyahoga County Department of Development located at 2079 East Ninth Street., 7th floor office 7-303, Cleveland, Ohio 44115.

Small Business Enterprises (SBE's) are encouraged to participate on this project. The goal for SBE participation is 35% of total contract award for this project.

A Pre-bid Conference for the Maple Heights Lee Road Gateway Enhancement Sign Project will be held at 10:00 A.M. local time on the 16th day of July, 2026 in the Council Chambers at the Maple Heights City Hall, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio 44137 for all interested parties. Information will be disseminated concerning proper completion of bid package documents.

The right is reserved to accept any bidder, to reject any or all bids, and to waive informalities should it be deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Maple Heights to do so.

Bids are to be submitted in accordance with the plans and specifications on file in the office of the Purchasing Agent. Sealed bids must be marked, "MAPLE HEIGHTS LEE ROAD GATEWAY ENHANCEMENT SIGN PROJECT"

Dennis Kennedy
Finance Director
Maple Heights, Ohio

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BEDFORD RESERVATION

July 12: Trail Challenge - Start Your Day on the Trail. Join Naturalist Carly Martin for a walk through this lush ravine to start your day in nature. We'll be on the lookout for wildlife and lovely plants as we enjoy this morning together. 8 – 10 a.m. Forbes Woods Trailhead. Terrain: natural surface trail and wooden boardwalk, 1.8 miles.

July 24: Preschoolers: Hike with Me. Bring your preschooler on a hike this morning that ventures to a nearby creek. We will explore the creek and discover who lives there. Water shoes and a change of clothes are suggested. 10 – 11:30 a.m. Hemlock Picnic Area. Ages: 2–6 years w/adult. Terrain: natural surface, 1 mile.

July 25: Family Hike through the Forest. Bring your family on a hike this morning that ventures through the woodlands of Bedford. Along our hike we will stop at a

small creek to discover who lives there. We will look for amphibians, birds and insects while we explore. This adventure will be fun for the entire family. 10 – 11:30 a.m. Egbert Picnic Area. Ages: 5–11 years w/adult. Terrain: paved and natural surface, hills, 1.5 miles.

CANALWAY CENTER - OHIO & ERIE CANAL RESERVATION

July 18: Cart Tour – Towpath Trail, Steel Heritage Center to Canal Basin Park. Historical Interpreter Doug Kusak drives the 7-passenger cart while driving home the importance of trails, science, history and interagency cooperation in the drive for reconnecting Cleveland. We'll talk about the steel industry, railroads, the Towpath Trail, canals and so much more. 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Steel Heritage Center (behind Five Guys restaurant at Steel-yard Commons). Fee: \$10.50. Registration required: 7.

July 18: The Wild Canal Hike. The Ohio and Erie Canal was once filled with boat traffic carrying supplies to and from the rapidly growing city of Cleveland. Today the remains of the old canal channel are as busy as ever, but this time with all things wild! Discover the wild side of the canal with a naturalist as we stroll along the Towpath Trail to look for turtles, frogs, birds, colorful wildflowers and more. 2 – 3:30 p.m. CanalWay Center. Terrain: paved, one hill, 2 miles.

July 20: Bicycle CanalWay Center to Harvard Ave. Easy-going Historical Interpreter Doug Kusak leads an easy-going bike ride, peddling a little bit of area history along the way. Ride from CanalWay Center to Harvard Ave. and back. A helmet and bike are required. 2–4 p.m.

CanalWay Center. Terrain: paved, hills, 6 miles.

July 26: 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. 9:30 - 11 a.m. CanalWay Center. For adults. Terrain: paved, 2 miles.

July 26: Nature Journaling - Focusing on Flowers. Join a naturalist for a guided nature journaling program. We will use various journaling techniques and tools to observe and understand our favorite summer flowers. Bring your own notebook, or one can be provided for you. Markers and colored pencils will also be available. 11 a.m. – noon. CanalWay Center. For adults. Terrain: paved, less than one mile.

GARFIELD PARK RESERVATION

July 16: Adaptive Open Paddle. This program is specifically designed for guests with disabilities to have the opportunity to enjoy the water and practice paddling skills under the supervision of trained instructors and volunteers. Adaptive equipment, kayaks, paddles and personal flotation devices provided. You MUST have already completed a **Try-It: Adaptive Kayaking** program with Cleveland Metroparks BEFORE registering for the Adaptive Open Paddle. 3 – 4:30 p.m. Garfield Park Program Center. Fee: \$10.

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Community police reports

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Aggravated Robbery

On June 17, at 10:07 p.m., police responded to the Shell gas station, 6004 Turney Rd., for a reported aggravated robbery. According to the store employee, a man entered the business around 10:04 p.m., announced a robbery, jumped over the counter while holding a silver handgun with a black grip and told her to open the cash register. The employee reported that when she did not immediately open the register, the suspect fired a single round into the floor. A second employee then opened the register, and the suspect took approximately \$100 in cash before fleeing on foot south on Turney Rd. Surveillance footage showed a man matching the suspect's description walking east on Rockside Rd. shortly before the incident. A police K9 unit attempted to track the suspect, but the search was unsuccessful. One spent shell casing was recovered at the scene.

Animal Cruelty

On June 18, at 3:24 p.m., police were dispatched to a vacant residence in the 11900 block of Marguerite Ave., after receiving a report of an abandoned dog inside the garage. Dispatch advised that the former tenant had been evicted and the property was currently unoccupied. A neighbor told officers that he and his wife had seen two individuals—believed to be the former tenants—at the property the previous day giving food to the dog. Earlier that afternoon, they heard barking coming from inside the residence and contacted police out of concern. The property owner informed dispatch that the dog belonged to the former tenant and stated she was unaware it had been left behind. She sent a maintenance worker to unlock the garage for officers. Through a crack in the door, officers observed a white and brown dog moving inside, along with a bowl of water. When the garage was opened, officers retrieved a female pit bull and transported her to the city animal kennel. Officers reported no obvious signs of physical abuse, and the dog did not appear to be in poor condition. A report was completed and forwarded to the Law Department for review of possible animal-cruelty charges. Officers currently have no information on the former tenants' whereabouts.

Disturbance Juvenile(s)

On June 20, around 10 p.m., police were dispatched to the 4800 block of E. 85 St., for a disturbance involving a large crowd. Earlier in the evening, officers had responded to the same location after finding nearly 200 juveniles gathered around the intersection of E. 85 St. and Reed Ave. Officers determined the gathering originated from a nearby residence and advised that the area needed to be cleared due to disorderly behavior and its impact on surrounding homes. Police were called back a second time when the crowd grew even larger and continued to be disruptive. Mutual aid was requested, and multiple outside agencies responded. Officers used patrol car loudspeakers to order the crowd to disperse, while others on foot deployed pepper ball rounds into the street and sidewalk to help move the group out of the area. Additional agencies assisted with foot patrol and crowd control. Once the area was cleared, officers made contact with the homeowner, who had previously been warned during the first response. She was cited for disorderly conduct under the city ordinance prohibiting conduct that creates a physically offensive condition or risk of harm without

lawful purpose. A summons was issued on scene. As the crowd continued to break apart and wait for rides, police received additional calls about smaller groups still gathering nearby. Officers remained in the area to disperse those groups and restore order.

Breaking and Entering

On June 20, shortly after 3:25 a.m., police were dispatched to C Wireless, 5001 Turney Rd., after the owner reported seeing two males on surveillance video attempting to break into the business. Officers in the area responded and, while approaching the store, observed two juveniles wearing backpacks and face masks walking a block away. The juveniles were detained while other officers checked the store. Police found that the front door lock had been tampered with and entry had been made. The clothing worn by the juveniles matched the description provided by the owner, who stated one suspect entered the store while the other remained outside. Officers searched the backpacks for evidence. In one backpack, they found a tool believed to be capable of prying open a commercial door. In the other, officers located 2 iPads and 20 iPhones. After photographs were taken, the merchandise—valued at approximately \$10,000—was returned to the owner. The owner also advised he would provide surveillance footage and a detailed inventory of the stolen items. Both juveniles were transported to the city jail and booked on charges of breaking and entering and theft. Juvenile Detention declined admission, and the juveniles were later released to their parents. Tools believed to have been used in the break-in, along with additional items recovered at the scene, were logged into evidence. The case will be forwarded to the Juvenile Detective Bureau for further investigation.

Suspicious Person

On June 22, at about 6:17 p.m., police responded to a report of a man threatening a woman with a firearm outside Open Pantry, 4541 E. 131 St. The caller told dispatch she had been across the street at Munchie's when the man, described as wearing a brown hoodie, threatened her with the gun while he was standing next to a silver Hyundai Elantra. As officers approached the area, dispatch advised that the suspect vehicle had fled northbound. Moments later, officers observed a silver sedan matching the description make a high speed turn and continue through nearby streets at a dangerous rate. The vehicle ran a red light and crossed into oncoming lanes, nearly striking several cars. Officers activated lights and sirens and initiated a pursuit as the suspect vehicle traveled on E. 131 St., into Cleveland. During the chase officers briefly pulled alongside the vehicle and saw the driver, described as a man in his 30s with shoulder length dreadlocks and a red-and-tan hoodie. A second occupant was in the front passenger seat, and a third person was

seated in the rear. The vehicle later slowed and attempted a U-turn, nearly hitting the patrol car before fleeing again. Officers lost sight of it briefly but located it moments later on a nearby side street. When officers approached, the front seat passenger was already outside the vehicle with a significant forehead injury, while the other two occupants had fled on foot. The passenger, who appeared intoxicated, was detained and advised of his rights. Officers learned the vehicle was registered to him. A sweep of the vehicle revealed a loaded .40 caliber handgun wedged between the passenger seat and center console. EMS transported the passenger to University Hospitals for treatment. The case was forwarded to the Detective Bureau for further investigation.

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 JULY CALENDAR

THE BIG EVENTS

GARDEN WALK Sunday, July 12

POLISH PICNIC Saturday, July 18

PBCLE EXPO Saturday, August 1st

MORE EVENTS + MEETINGS

- Village Gardeners: call for times + locations 216.496.1514
- Iron Ward Concerts: Mondays, 7pm, Dan Kane Park
- Mill Creek Dev. Picnic: July 11th, 1-7pm, Brooks Rd.

SVD MEETINGS

- Parks meeting: July 17th, 8:30am, Warsaw Park

WARD MEETINGS

- Ward 2/CM Bishop: 4th Tues Monthly, 6pm, 4127 E. 131 St.
- Ward 3/CW Gray: 3rd Thurs, 6009 Fleet (Lincoln Post 13)
- Ward 5/CM Starr: July 9th, 4pm, 2251 E. 73 St.

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)
- Special Fourth District Community Meeting July 27th, 6pm, Warner Girls School

CLUB MEETINGS

- The new Lower Fleet Block Club: July 30th, 6pm, 3774 East 52nd St.
- Fullerton-East 71st Block Club: 2nd Tuesday, 6pm, 6501 Fullerton Ave.
- East 63rd Block Club: 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)

Add your events! Call 216.469.4806

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