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Rantala takes charge in Slavic Village

By Charles A. Gliha

A month into his new job as executive director for Slavic Village Development (SVD), Mark Rantala has already made his first move. Without consulting marketing experts or focus groups, he replaced the office's longtime tagline, "It Takes a Village," with a new, more entrepreneurial one: "Succeed In Slavic Village." Clearly, Rantala has his own ideas.

Recently he agreed to sit down for an interview with The Neighborhood News, but not from behind his desk. Instead we jumped in a car and toured the streets. What resulted from the tour, and from a meeting a week later with the Southeast Cleveland Kiwanis Club, gave an early indicator of what direction the neighborhood might go next.

Future oriented

The moment he meets us, Rantala makes it clear: he doesn't want to talk about Slavic Village's past - basically because he doesn't know enough about it. Ask me anything about the future, he counters. But once the tour starts, Rantala quickly flips the script by asking questions of us: where's the vacant land, who are the big employers, the community leaders?

Rantala exudes the mature self-confidence of someone at the tail-end of a successful career. He's been in the development trenches for 45 years and knows its arcane language well ("There's way too many acronyms.") Yet even he had to borrow a cliché former SVD director Chris Alvarado once employed over a decade ago to describe the director's job - drinking out of a firehose - referring to the mad dash to quickly absorb vast amounts of information about a very complicated place.

Experienced staffers say running a neighborhood corporation is a notably difficult job, requiring the jobholder to deal with government officials and for-profit developers one minute, near-homeless people the next, and demanding resident activists always. Arguably it's two jobs in one: developing a neighborhood and managing a nonprofit. But to Rantala, it's all the same.



Mark Rantala, seated on left side of table, second from front, speaks to members and guests at the Kiwanis Club of South East Cleveland meeting last Thursday, at Andreoli Restoration on Fleet Ave., Cleveland. Rantala shared his vision for the Slavic Village community in his newly appointed role as executive director of Slavic Village Development. *Photo by Tony Brancatelli*

A positive deal maker

At a point in his life when most people are long retired, what possesses someone to take on the challenge of Slavic Village? Rantala's genial response, "I enjoy working. I saw the job posting and thought, why not?"

The Ashtabula, OH native is clearly well prepared. In 1974, soon after college (Columbia University/major in architecture/varsity football and rugby), he interned in the development industry in Dallas, TX, where he first experienced the surge of a high-growth economy.

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Dr. Edward Kosek named principal of Garfield Heights High School

Dr. Edward Kosek has been named the new principal at Garfield Heights High School, effective Aug. 1, 2026.

Dr. Kosek brings a comprehensive background in a variety of educational leadership roles and experiences. He most recently served as the principal of Sandusky High School, where he collaborated with staff to produce significant gains in student achievement on state-mandated assessments.

He is a native of the southeast Cleveland neighborhood, a graduate of South High School, and a Marine Corps veteran. While pursuing his degree in education, Dr. Kosek was employed at Stella Walsh Recreation Center, where he coached and directed various activities for the youth of Slavic Village and neighboring communities.

He earned his Doctorate of Philosophy in Urban Education from Cleveland State University and began his educational career as a teacher and coach at A.B. Hart Middle School. In total, Dr. Kosek has 22 years of experience serving as an administrator in schools while objectively improving student achievement outcomes.

He and his wife, Amy, have four children: Breyant (25), Kylei (23), Chevalyn (21), and D'Artagnan (18), as well as their Rottweiler - Iko. In his spare time he enjoys spending time with his family, participating in Spartan Obstacle Course Races and triathlons - including the Ironman!

Dr. Kosek brings the philosophy he learned from his high school principal to Garfield Heights High School. It encourages us all to "Get Better Every Day!"

Please keep an eye out for Dr. Kosek at the upcoming Taste of Turney event where he looks forward to meeting members of the community on Saturday, Aug. 8, as well as a Meet-the-Principal Night planned in the near future where everyone can join the Garfield Heights City Schools in welcoming Dr. Edward Kosek to GHHS.

More details will be posted in The Neighborhood News, the district's website and social media.



Dr. Edward Kosek

Peace in the City show highlights artistic side of Literacy Academy youth

Feel the rhythm, embrace the beat, experience poetry, immerse yourself in visual art and enjoy the Peace in the City show, performed by the children of the Literacy Through the Arts Summer Academy tomorrow night, July 30, at 6 p.m., in Cleveland Central Catholic's Ironman Center, 6550 Baxter Ave., Cleveland.

The program is free for everyone, presented in partnership with Cuyahoga Arts & Culture, Third Federal Foundation, Starting Point and the Kiwanis Club of South East Cleveland.

Independence Historical Society marks 60th year with Cruise-In celebration

The Independence Historical Society is commemorating its 60th anniversary this Friday, July 31, with a Cruise-In celebration that includes music, cars and memorabilia from the 1960s, along with food trucks, new exhibits and great photo opps, all starting at 4 p.m., at the society's headquarters at 6675 Brecksville Rd., Independence.

Classic cars from the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s will be featured at the 60's-themed event. Come for the cars and stay for the celebration, with a live 60's band concert, Historical Society Museum tours and fun for the whole family. And it's free for all participants and spectators!

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Returning to Northeast Ohio seven years later, he began climbing the corporate development ladder as a construction manager, senior associate, vice president and director of several lending regional firms. In 2012, he transitioned to the public sector, first as a director of economic development for another city in Texas, then returning to Ohio again to lead the Lake County Port Authority.

There he learned that, under Ohio law, port authorities possess underrated powers that sometimes exceed those of municipalities, including the power to own property. Their greatest strength, he says, is financial, which equates to property deals. It's why one sees the name of Cuyahoga County's port on projects having nothing to do with water.

Rantala's seven years at the Lake Port, compounding his decades in northeast Ohio development, exponentially grew his contact list, which at SVD he's already tapping into. "I love the ability to make deals. I know a lot of people and they're returning my calls! I absolutely expect to make deals here."

Rantala, of Finnish descent who swims nearly every day to stay energized, presents a determinedly positive posture, perhaps to help squash the bad vibes that legacy communities like Slavic Village inevitably acquire. "I do not want to get into political fights. I want positive messages. Forget the negativity. I do not deal with naysayers."

Reasserting manufacturing

Back in the car, Rantala studies some abandoned parcels seemingly begging to be redeveloped. A decade ago they might have been prime sites for detached, owner-occupied, single-family housing units, under the supposition that such development is the default mechanism for restoring traditional neighborhood stability.

But Rantala has other things in mind. Aware of Slavic Village's industrial roots and alert to Cleveland Mayor Justin Bibb's recent, high-profile Midline initiative to jumpstart Cleveland manufacturing around the Fairfax neighborhood, the new director last Thursday told Kiwanians that he's searching for available land that could deflect Bibb's vision southward toward Slavic Village. He says that in the last month he's already identified four sites totalling over ninety acres that are clean, tested, shovel-ready and job-ready, in a way that Fairfax land is not.

Thus, in little more than a month, Rantala's first priority is already emerging: good paying jobs. Their economic impact is quick, he says. Many of the new workers may not choose to live here, but they'll all spend here, pay taxes here. He cites numbers showing that 80% of new jobs come from businesses already on site that are

expanding, not new businesses, and says he intends to knock on local plant doors to find out what they need. He's also thinking about how to entice visitors to the neighborhood in other ways: churches, history tours, social events. Slavic Village's diaspora is vast and Rantala wants to tap into it.

Mark Rantala readily concedes that his expertise tends toward economic not community development. But given his can-do optimism, his unique experience from a long career, and his plethora of connections with other regional leaders, it's not unrealistic to imagine him writing a productive next chapter in Slavic Village's centuries-old history.

Editor's Note: A new monthly column, "Succeeding in Slavic Village" by Mark Rantala, will begin in The Neighborhood News this fall.

PB CLE Pilot Voting Expo kicks off ballot casting in Slavic Village

Slavic Villagers are reminded that on Saturday, Aug. 1, People's Budget Cleveland (PB CLE) will officially launch the voting period for the \$100,000 People's Budget pilot in Slavic Village with the Voting Expo at the Polish American Cultural Center, 6501 Lansing Ave., Cleveland, from noon to 3 p.m.

At the science fair-style Voting Expo, residents and community members who proposed each of the 10 final projects will present a poster and answer questions about their project. Slavic Village residents who attend will be able to learn about each of the projects - why they were proposed, how they will be implemented, and their impact.

These 10 projects are on the PB ballot:

- ANTMEN
- Clean Up, So We Can See
- Fleet Garden Center_
- Forest City Community Park and Trail Expansion
- Morganic Gardens Remediation
- Pet Food Security
- Save PLAV Lincoln Post #13 and Electronic Information Sign
- Sustainable Sewing Project
- These Kids Can Swing!
- Vacant Property and Conditions Survey

Each Slavic Village resident, high-school aged and up, will be able to cast their vote by ranking their three favorite projects on the ballot. Voting will be available at the Expo and afterwards, online and in-person through Aug. 22, at select community events or by speaking with PB CLE Steering Committee members.

At the end of voting, PB CLE will announce the projects with the most votes that will receive funding.

WALKING AND BIKING IN GARFIELD HEIGHTS

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Sokol Greater Cleveland will hold a Chicken Paprikash and Dumplings Dinner on Sunday, Aug. 16, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., at Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave., Cleveland. Dinners are \$20 and include coffee and dessert; cash bar available.

Reservations are needed by calling Vlad at 216-894-3591 by Aug. 10. A free Patriotic Concert by the Cleveland Community Band will be held at 2:30 p.m. So come for the food and stay for the music!

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Garfield Heights

8/13/2026: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Marymount Hospital, 12300 McCracken Rd.

8/26/2026: 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Cuyahoga County Public Library, Garfield Heights Branch, 5409 Turney Rd.

Independence

8/3/2026: 12-6 p.m., Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Dr.

8/14/2026: 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Independence Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library, 6361 Selig Blvd.

8/17/2026: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Independence Community Theater, 6652 Brecksville Rd.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.

Free Community Meal at GHUMC

Garfield Heights United Methodist Church, 4977 Turney Rd., will hold its monthly Community Meal on Sunday, Aug. 2, from noon to 1:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Independence Branch Library news

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.

ADULT

Literary Menagerie: A Decorative Paper Garland Craft / Registration required. Create an elegant, book-inspired decorative garland that blends literature and nature. In this workshop, participants will layer small animal prints with recycled book pages and coordinating colored paper to craft a cohesive, artful hanging piece finished with natural twine. All materials will be provided, along with guidance to help you create a polished, display-ready

garland. Ideal for adults who enjoy paper crafting and literary-inspired décor. Saturday, Aug. 8, 2:30 p.m.

WWII: The Code Breakers / Registration required. A gripping look at the brilliant minds who

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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 COMMUNITY NEWS

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Save Lincoln Post #13!



Lincoln Post #13 members gather at their historic photo gallery on Fleet Avenue.

A SLAVIC VILLAGE LANDMARK

PLAV Lincoln Post #13, one of the oldest continuously operating civic organizations in Slavic Village, is battling to stay alive. It has emerged as a surprise finalist in Participatory Budgeting Cleveland's (PBCLE's) citizen-driven grant competition.

THE PB CLE PROPOSAL

Lincoln Post is asking for twenty-thousand dollars for

- air conditioning upgrades to its back hall that will allow it to open its doors to more visitors in summer
- renovations to its second floor apartments to provide temporary shelter for homeless veterans
- an outdoor electronic sign to promote neighborhood events.

AN AGING BUILDING

Touring the facility last week, Commander John Sklodowski pointed to problems in need of repair through the 105-year-old building: structural defects in the basement, a problematic roof, broken air conditioning equipment, dysfunctional bath facilities, damaged pavement on the parking lot. More money will be needed, but a PBCLE win would make a good start.

A 105 YEAR LEGACY AT RISK

The Lincoln Post was founded in 1920 to welcome veterans back from World War I. Walking through the building is like time-travelling back to Fleet Avenue's glory days. Historic photos line the corridors. The dark panelled bar bears evidence of wear that goes back to the Prohibition.

A LEADER FOR THE FUTURE

But despite its vintage feel, the club has emerged in recent years as a leader in today's drive to revitalize Fleet. If there's a community event planned for Slavic Village, Lincoln Post is nearly always involved: Holidazzle, Trick-or-Treat on Fleet, Fleet Bunny Hop, Breakfast with Santa, political forums and block clubs, all find a home at East 61st and Fleet.

PBCLE'S in-person voting for Slavic Village residents begins on Saturday, August 1st from noon to 3pm at the Polish American Cultural Center, 6501 Lansing Ave. Voting will continue online through August 22nd at www.pbcle.com. Call 216.469.4806 for more info.



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Community police reports

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

Garfield Heights

Traffic Offense-Fleeing

•On July 21, at about 3:02 a.m., an officer observed a gray Hyundai Sonata stopped at the intersection of Broadway Ave. and Henry St., which was actively listed as stolen through Cleveland PD. Additional units arrived and attempted a traffic stop, but the driver failed to comply, and took off east on Broadway with police in pursuit. Speeds fluctuated between 80 and 97 mph. The pursuit ended when the Sonata got a flat tire near 250 Broadway in Bedford. The driver, a black male dressed in all white clothing, fled east on foot through the Ken Ganley VW property. Immediately three female passengers got out of the car and were detained without incident. After establishing a perimeter, police located the driver hiding

under a white transport van on Harrison St. in Bedford. He was taken into custody without incident. The Sonata showed signs of theft-related damage. The steering wheel had been peeled, and one of the windows had been broken. All four occupants were juveniles. The driver was taken to Garfield Heights jail, booked and taken to the Juvenile Detention Center. The three females were released to their respective parents.

•On July 25, at 11:49 p.m., police observed a stolen Chevy Cruze pass a license plate reader headed east on Broadway. A short time later the Cruze was observed backed into a parking spot at Wings Bar, 14516 Broadway Ave., in Maple Heights. GHPD officers positioned themselves in the area in case the Cruze returned to Garfield Heights. After some time had passed, officers observed the Cruze, containing four passengers, leave its parking spot and head back to Garfield Heights. It was at a red light at Broadway and McCracken Rd., and police attempted to initiate a traffic stop. The suspect vehicle accelerated and fled from the traffic stop going west on Broadway. Three GHPD units followed in pursuit due to the number of occupants in the stolen car. Top speeds reached 112 mph. At Green and Emery rds., one of the officers believed the Cruze had struck one of the police cars in pursuit, so the pursuit was reinitiated right after supervisor termination and permitted to re-engage. On Emery Rd., just west of Warrensville Center Rd., police initiated a PIT maneuver on the Cruze, which then hit a utility pole and continued to roll west on Emery Rd. Police could see the driver's door was open and heading at slower speeds off the road, so an officer made intentional contact with the suspect vehicle to redirect it to avoid further damage. At that point the driver fled on foot running south down a driveway in the 20200 block of Emery Rd. The driver was a young black male wearing all black and had run out of his shoes in the front yard. While the other officers took care of the three other occupants of the car, an officer attempted to direct units to form a perimeter for a K9 track. Officers had already redirected from the vehicle and engaged in a foot chase of the suspect driver. Police located the suspect at the Shell gas station at Center and Emery rds. A firearm, two cell phones, some plastic baggies of suspected marijuana, some clothing ditched by the suspect and a digital scale were recovered from the scene. The stolen Chevy was towed and a hold put on the vehicle for Cleveland Heights Police for investigation in their city.

Theft of a Motor Vehicle

On July 22, about 5:12 p.m., police were dispatched to a home in the 4800 block of E. 85 St., for a white Hyundai Tucson stolen from the complainant's driveway. Vehicle went towards Reed Ave. Neighbor's ring camera caught the incident and showed five males wearing ski masks. Vehicle entered into LEADS.



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When the Lights Were Bright on Broadway

By Tom Kaschalk

For those commuting down Broadway Ave. going to Central Catholic or going to work at Third Federal's headquarters, you may not realize the two-mile stretch between Harvard and East 55th was once Cleveland's first Automobile Row. For decades this stretch was home to nearly every major American nameplate: Chevrolet, Oldsmobile, Ford, Dodge, Plymouth, Chrysler, Pontiac, DeSoto, Nash, Mercury and Buick. Drive it today and most of that history is gone or unrecognizable, and once it's gone from memory, too, it's gone for good. So let's not let that happen.

Broadway saw plenty of ordinary trips over the years, but for many families, two stood out from the rest: the trip to the bank for a home loan, and the trip to the dealer for a car.

Third Federal founded

Third Federal Savings & Loan, founded in 1938 as the Depression was finally starting to loosen its grip, gave an immigrant with steady work and good references his first mortgage and the chance to finally put down roots in America. It's fitting that the two stories share the same street: Third Federal's growth and Broadway's rise as Automobile Row both really took hold in the years after World War II, as the neighborhood's families went from surviving the Depression to building something for the first time.

The home came first, but it usually wasn't long before there was another trip down that same stretch of Broadway, and this one carried its own kind of excitement, this time for a car, and for many, their first new car. People remembered that day for the rest of their lives: the smell of an interior nobody else had sat in, the shine of a hood that had never seen another owner, the pride of easing it into the driveway for the first time. The home meant they'd arrived. The car meant they became mobile.

Grabski name dominates

Broadway had its share of car dealers, but for decades one family name kept showing up again and again: Grabski.

Walter Grabski was Cleveland-born and raised, a graduate of South High School, before going on to Western Reserve University. He got his start as a teenager on the assembly line at the old Peerless Motor Car Co., became a Ford salesman in 1924, then a Studebaker salesman two years later, and eventually general manager of Fred L. Holzhauser, Inc., a Chrysler agency.

In 1929, he got his own De Soto-Plymouth agency, and from there the Grabski name only grew. He changed it to Dodge-Plymouth in 1944, the same year he purchased a Ford dealership. Then in 1954, he bought Broadway Pontiac and renamed it Grabski Pontiac. Between Walter and his brothers, Leo and Henry, the Grabski's operated dealerships in all of Detroit's "Big Three" — Ford, General Motors and Chrysler.



Grabski Dodge Warehouse, 5335 Broadway, and Dodge Dealership, 5363 Broadway, 1960, Courtesy of Cuyahoga County Archives Property Appraiser

The Grabski name continued to spread across Broadway. Grabski dealerships eventually stood at 5363 (Dodge), 6872 (Chrysler), and 6876 (Pontiac), with a used car lot at 7420 and a body shop at 6853. Leo ran the Ford dealership at 8105 until his death in 1957, and Henry took over the Dodge and truck operation at 5363 in the 1950s. Between the three brothers, the Grabski name sat on more storefronts along this stretch than any other family in Broadway's history.



Walter Grabski Used Car Lot, 7420 Broadway, 1950, Courtesy of the Cleveland Public Library

Walter built more than a business, though, and Clevelanders knew him for it. They called him "Mr. Broadway." He served as president of the Cleveland Automobile Dealers Association and the Cleveland Convention and Visitors Bureau, sat on the board of Marymount Hospital, and quietly paid college tuition for young men and women he barely knew. "If a man is fortunate, he should help others. It is his duty," he told a reporter once. Friends who knew him called it the Grabski Creed.

He was 62 years old, still working, still traveling for the business, when he collapsed and died of a heart attack at a national auto dealers' convention in Atlantic City in February 1962.

More dealerships

Grabski didn't have Broadway to himself, though. A few blocks down at 7029, Morris Milstein had been running a used car lot since the early 1930s, dealing in Willys cars and trucks before Oldsmobile came calling. In 1940, Milstein's Reliable Motor Sales became the first Oldsmobile dealer in the state of Ohio. By the mid-1970s, Greater Cleveland alone had 10 Olds dealers, but Reliable was the original, and it stayed in the Milstein family for decades. Morris ran it until 1961, when his son Sol took over. Reliable Oldsmobile lasted on Broadway until 1977, when it finally moved out to Independence.



Reliable Oldsmobile, 7029 Broadway, 1952, Courtesy of the Cleveland Public Library

Up at 7915, James King and Robert Lambert opened a used car lot in 1925 and eventually built it into King & Lambert, Inc., selling DeSotos, Dodges and Plymouths out of a sales-service building they put up in 1931. King had been in the business since 1905, starting as a Peerless assembly helper just like Grabski, and he and Lambert built a partnership that lasted until 1958, when the two dissolved it and closed the dealership. Besides selling cars, King was also Avon Lake's mayor from 1942 to 1943 and sat on its council for eight terms before his death in 1968.

Chevrolet's story on Broadway moved around more than most. The brand's new-car showroom opened at 6851 in 1927, a 24,000-square-foot operation, but by 1938 it had



King & Lambert Plymouth DeSoto, 1953, Courtesy of the Cleveland Public Library

relocated down near East 55th, and 6851 became an A&P supermarket. In August 1939, Englander Motors took over a new Chevrolet location at 5335 Broadway. Chevy loyalists further up the strip weren't left out either: in February 1940, Southeast Chevrolet opened at 8815 Broadway and quickly became the city's number one Chevrolet dealer. A young Tony LaRiche Sr. began his 35-year career there in 1948, before eventually moving to his own Bishop Road location in 1981. Southeast Chevrolet's old building later became South End Hardware.

At the far end of the strip, where Broadway meets Harvard, Thomas Regal relocated his Nash dealership to a brand-new building at 8415 in 1946, advertising the location as sitting right "where Harvard meets Broadway." The address changed hands often after that: Nash gave way to Walther Mercury in 1955, which gave way to Halcken Motors in 1957, then Peters Mercury a decade later, and finally Crossroads Lincoln-Mercury in 1973. Crossroads didn't last long before moving out to Rockside Road in Independence. Right next door was Bob Miller Buick which had an 8-year run on Broadway from 1967 to 1975.



Bob Miller Buick-Opal, 8401 Broadway, and Halcken Lincoln-Mercury, 8415 Broadway, 1968, Courtesy of the Cleveland Public Library

This tally doesn't even count the used car lots. Nearly every dealership on this list ran one alongside its new car floor, and plenty of stand-alone used lots operated up and down Broadway.

The people who worked and shopped along this stretch remember it better than any newspaper clipping ever could. If you bought your first car here, worked at one of these dealerships, or know something about Broadway I didn't manage to track down, I'd love to hear it. You lived it. I am just trying to write it down before it's gone. Reach me anytime at: tom@myclevelandhistory.com.



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(Tom Kaschalk is an author, volunteer researcher, historical consultant and native Clevelander who writes a monthly column for The Neighborhood News.)

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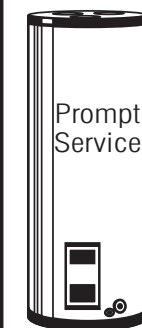
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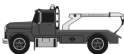
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PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on **Monday, August 10, 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-37 An application from Donquilla Hale-Peterson seeking approval to operate a Licensed Early Care and Education Center for infants, toddlers, preschool and school-age children. The Center will support school readiness, meet the needs of working families, local employment opportunities and strengthen the community by increased access to quality early education under Section 1278.04(H) of the MH Codified Ordinances in a Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District at 5117 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio

2026-PZ-38 An application from Saterra Roper seeking approval to operate a curriculum based Behavioral Health and Holistic Healing program for young women in grades 9-11. Space to host small group sessions, facilitated wellness programming, yoga meditation and case management with sessions being scheduled based under Section 1278.04(Q) of the MH Codified Ordinances in a Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District at 5237 Warrensville Center Road, Maple Heights, Ohio

2026-PZ-39 An application from Tiearra Hayes seeking approval to operate a Commercial Child Care Center for infants 6-month old through 12 years of age. Hours of operation 6am-6pm Monday-Friday under Section 1278.04(H) and conformance with Section 1298.28 of the MH Codified Ordinances in a Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District at 5160 Warrensville Center Road, Maple Heights, Ohio

2026-PZ-40 An application under Chapters 1240 and 1242 of the MH Codified Ordinances from Gloria Mayes and Sharon Baynard requesting Approval of a Lot Split of one (1) residential parcel PPN 781-20-001 and then a Lot Consolidation of the split portions of PPN 781-20-001, respectively, with two (2) other residential parcels (PPN 785-16-015 and PPN 785-16-016,) resulting in two (2) new parcels A and B, with parcel A being described as 16675 Anthony Street and parcel B being described as 17160, all as surveyed and legally described by McSteen Land Surveyors, File No. 25-030, dated March 24, 2025. Residential Single-Family Medium (RSF-M) Zoning District at 16675 Anthony Street and 17160 McCracken Rd, Maple Heights, Ohio 44137

2026-PZ-41 An application from Kadedra Hollinger-Benson seeking Approval of a Conditional Use Permit under Sect. 1278.04(Q) of the MH Codified Ordinances to operate a Salon as a Personal Services Business in a Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District at 5152 Warrensville Center Road, Maple Heights, Ohio, 44137.

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

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And will be publicly opened and read immediately thereafter. Each bid must contain the full name or 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 be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check on a solvent bank made payable to the order of the City of Bedford, the amount shall be equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount bid, drawn in favor of the Clerk of the City of Bedford, Ohio, or a Bid Guaranty/Bid Bond in accordance with Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Each bidder must ensure that all employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, creed, color, sex, or national origin.

The price of material and labor bid for shall be separately stated.

Copies of the Specifications, Instructions to Bidders, Forms of Proposals and other contract documents are on file at the office of the Clerk of the City of Bedford.

Copies of the **Contract Documents are on file at ARC Document Solutions** at 3666 Carnegie Avenue Cleveland, OH 44115 (Phone 216-281-1234) where they are available for viewing by prospective bidders. Paper copies of the Contract Documents are available for a nonrefundable charge with checks payable to ARC Cleveland. Shipping fees are not included and shall be paid by the recipient. Digital copies of the Contract Documents are also available for a nonrefundable charge.

Any questions pertaining to the bid plans or specifications should be directed to GPD Group by emailing Doug Mohn at dmohn@gpdgroup.com **No questions will be answered after 12 p.m. on Monday August 3rd, 2026.**

In lieu of a pre-bid meeting, contact the Bedford WWTP Wastewater Superintendent Rick Soltis at rsoltis@bedfordoh.gov (440-668-1610 ext 2) at 705 W Glendale St, Bedford, OH 44146 for a site visit.

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The City of Bedford reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities in the bids received, and to accept any bid which it deems most favorable to the City.

Michael S. Mallis, City Manager

City of Bedford, Ohio

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A HUGE Thank You to Santa Claus - Bob Gruszewski - getting in the pool with the kids, balloon twister Doug Wilson (always a big hit), Kidz World of Fun's Grinch and Max interacting with the crowd, Dancing ETS (huge hit)! Also again to Parks & Rec Director Birk, Mary Nichols, who coordinated the event, DJ Ken Dillon, and the Rec Center staff: James, Chris, Melissa, Sami, Rayiona and the lifeguards.

Thank you to all the residents and visitors who came out to celebrate with us Saturday. We appreciate your support and participation. It is because of people like you who make this event more popular year after year!

Keep in mind that the ice rink will open in September, which is right around the corner. We are now taking registrations for all skating lessons. Detailed information can be found at: www.garfieldhts.org or call 216-475-7272.