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Joint city-schools address in Maple Hts.

Olympia A. Della-Flora, superintendent of the Maple Heights City Schools, and Mayor Annette M. Blackwell will hold a joint State Address for Maple Heights City Schools and the City of Maple Heights. The event will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 22, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., at Milkovich Middle School, 19800 Stafford Ave., in Maple Heights. All are invited to attend.

Happy 100th, Emily Flagg

Happy 100th birthday to Emily Flagg of Bedford this Saturday, Sept. 19. Emily is a member of Hope United Methodist Church where she and her late husband, Don, sang in the choir for decades.

Emily has been a resident of Bedford for over 60 years and is a longtime member of the Bedford Garden Club and served as a volunteer at Bedford Hospital. She was also an avid "Avon Lady" well into her 90's.

Her friends send love and best wishes to their dearest "Lee."



Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch cancelled

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch meeting, scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 24, has been CANCELLED. The next meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 29, at 7 p.m., in the cafeteria of St. Benedict School, 13633 Rockside Rd. All are welcome. For more information contact Gail, 216-662-9213.

Bedford Schools break ground for new high school; Bedford Council okays GPD Group plans

By Ellen Psenicka

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Bedford High School were held on Saturday, Aug. 22, with school and city officials, as well as business leaders, students, alumni, residents and community partners on hand to mark the occasion.

On its Facebook page, Bedford High School called the groundbreaking, "the official start of construction on a school that will serve generations of Bearcats to come. This milestone represents more than a new building — it reflects our shared investment in the future of our students and our community."

Being built on the site of the old high school at 475 Northfield Rd., the roughly 175,000 square-foot complex will feature light-filled classrooms, flexible learning environments, expanded career-tech programs including a cosmetology wing and culinary cafe, modern dining areas with courtyard views and a new auditorium featuring expanded athletic facilities, according to citizenportal.ai.

The new high school is slated to open for the 2028-29 school year.

At its meeting Tuesday, Sept. 1, Bedford City Council also put its stamp of approval on the project by okaying the Planning Commission's decision to accept the application of Russell Gayheart of GPD Group to build the new high school.

Also passed

The following legislation was also among the motions, ordinances and resolutions passed by Bedford Council at its meeting last week:

- Approving the Planning Commission's decision to okay the application of Scott Wallenhorst of the Heart Design Group to allow Downtown Bedford Auto, 626 Broadway Ave., Bedford, to acquire three lots where an existing structure is proposed to be demolished, including the existing dealership lot, which will be consolidated into one lot in the Historic District.

- Approving the decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals to grant Chance Bohm an eight-foot variance to install a porch onto his front yard setback at 770 High St., Bedford, and allowing for inspections by the building commissioner.

- Authorizing the city manager to prepare and submit an application to the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency for the Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative and to execute the contracts required. Funding would be used by the city to further connect the Historic District to the Metroparks' Bedford Reservation.



Shown here is a rendering of the new Bedford High School's northwest entrance.

County Scam Squad to host Investment Scams webinar; learn how to avoid becoming a victim

To help residents protect themselves, the Cuyahoga County Scam Squad task force is hosting a webinar, "Investment Scams: How Fraudsters Use A.I., Apps and Social Media to Target You." The webinar starts at noon Tuesday, Sept. 22. Registration is required. Sign up at cuyahogacounty.gov/scamsquad.

Investment scams have stolen at least \$12 million dollars from Cuyahoga County residents since October 2025, according to new data from the Federal Trade Commission.

"People tell Scam Squad they became involved in these

schemes after following a tip from an online friend or responding to a 'wrong number' text," said Sheryl Harris, director of the Cuyahoga County Department of Consumer Affairs. "Scammers may even create convincing apps that appear to show an investment growing, when in reality, the victim's money has already been stolen."

The webinar will feature agencies that oversee and investigate financial marketplaces, giving Cuyahoga County residents an inside look at how these sophisticated scams work, the warning signs to watch for, and the steps they can take to protect their money.

- Entering into a contract with HDA Lifts for the purchase of two sets of mobile SEFAC lifts for the Fire Department for the total purchase amount of \$18,924.00 plus shipping in the amount of \$1,642.68. The lifts will be used to perform maintenance and repairs to the Fire Department's new aerial ladder truck.

- Entering into a contract with Mazda of Bedford to purchase a 2023 Mazda CX-5 and a 2024 Mazda CX-5 to be used by court personnel for daily operations of the court. The vehicles will replace a 2021 Mazda CX-5 and 2025 Nissan Rogue which were damaged during the April 2026 hailstorm. The two vehicles will cost a total amount of \$51,450.00, which insurance on the damaged vehicles is paying all but \$931.02, which amount will be reimbursed by the court to the city.

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•Entering into a contract with Simplex-IT for the replacement of 12 desktop computers, required necessities and implementation into the city of Bedford, not to exceed a total amount of \$28,212.00.

•Authorizing the city manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bedford City School District to provide a school resource officer at Bedford City High School. The Bedford City School District will reimburse the city for 75% of the total cost of the assigned officer.

•Amending an ordinance adopting the City of Bedford Employee Handbook. Changes which are proposed include an updated Holidays, Weapons in the Workplace, and Use of Motor Vehicles policies and the addition of an Auditor of State Fraud Reporting System Information acknowledgment form.

•Accepting and entering into the Ohio EPA director's final findings and orders concerning mandatory upgrades to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The EPA has issued the director's orders in regards to the upgrades necessary to maintain proper treatment and discharge which will include construction of a Headworks Project and a Focused Treatment Plant Improvement Project at the WWTP over the next decade.

•Designating the city's members to the Housing Council for tax incentive programs for the city, with varying two-

year and four-year terms. Proposed members to serve on the city's Housing Council are: Angela Porinchak, Jeff Slezak, Latoya Tripp, Bob Pliske, Keith Laffin, Tesa Tench and Dan Jansky.

•Entering into a contract with Tri Mor Road Builders for emergency repairs at the tap at the sanitary sewer main at 432 Columbus Rd., in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

•Entering into a contract with Silco Fire and Security to upgrade the existing fire alarm system at the Ellenwood Community Center for a total amount of \$35,798.00. Of this amount, \$35,000 will be paid by a County Community Development Supplemental Grant awarded to the city.

•Authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract with Great Lakes Construction Co. to perform the upgrades identified in the NFA study for the Headworks Improvements Project for a total cost of \$20,658,186.00 to address the operational needs of the Wastewater Treatment Plant including the sanitary and stormwater sewers in regards to treatment and discharge.

Passed for third readings

•Ordinance amending a codified ordinance section regarding water rates in the city. Because the city of Bedford gets its water from the city of Cleveland, which has raised the rates it charges to Bedford, this ordinance would raise the water rates for residents of Bedford by 3.63% for the year 2026.

•Ordinance amending a codified ordinance section regarding sewer rates in the city. Beginning Jan. 1, 2027, the minimum charge for sewer rates in Bedford would be raised to \$36.36 per month, and slightly more for every cubic foot in excess of 300 per month.

•Ordinance amending a codified ordinance titled "Rate Reduction for Disabled Persons and Senior Citizens" for water and sewer discounts. Those disabled persons and seniors who meet the qualifications will receive a 30% discount on their water and sewer bills.

•Ordinance declaring the improvement to certain parcels in the city owned by Hikma Pharmaceuticals to be

for a public purpose and exempt from taxation; providing for collection and deposit of service payments and specifying how those payments may be expended; authorizing school compensation payments.

•Authorizing an agreement with Hikma Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. or an affiliate, providing for a project and a property tax exemption pursuant to the city's Community Reinvestment Area Program.

Local R/C blood drives

Bedford

9/18/2026: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Center Road Church, 264 Center Rd.

Cleveland

9/30/2026: 6 a.m. - 12 p.m., Dave McCall Union Hall, 3421 Independence Rd.

Independence

9/21/2026: 12 - 6 p.m., Independence Community Theater, 6652 Brecksville Rd.

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ICE SKATING LESSONS FOR FALL SEASON

The ice rink in Garfield Heights at the Dan Kostel Recreation Center, 5411 Turney Rd., is scheduled to open for the season on Wednesday, Sept. 16, with a soft opening. Learn to Skate classes are offered throughout the season and Beginner Learn to Play Hockey.

SESSION 1

Learn to Skate classes: are held on Wednesdays beginning Sept. 30, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Also held on Saturday mornings, from 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m., beginning Oct. 3, and is for ages 3-adult.

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This In-House beginner hockey program is held on Saturdays from 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. with Session 1 starting on Saturday, Oct. 3. If you decide to sign up your child, equipment is available with a deposit; see office for details.

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Not sure if ice skating is for you? Come join us on Saturday, Sept. 26, for a free Try Before You Buy session from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. This session is for those who are interested in taking lessons and learning to ice skate. Child must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian & sign waiver for this trial. Wear comfortable clothing, a bike helmet if you have one; gloves and socks must be worn. Deadline for Learn to Skate & the In-House Hockey Program is Saturday, Sept. 28. Please come prepared for registration.

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Garfield Heights Council notes from 9/14 meeting

By Ellen Psenicka

The following legislation was passed by council at its Monday meeting:

- To enter into an agreement with Cuyahoga County to complete a re-grading project on Granger Rd. The county shall contribute 50% of the unfunded portion of the actual cost of construction, construction engineering, construction administration, and construction inspection, subject to the county's determination that the costs are eligible for reimbursement up to a maximum of \$250,000.00.

- To apply for and accept funding through the Bureau of Workers' Compensation Grant program to purchase safety items to assist firefighters in minimizing exposure to dangerous environmental elements.

Under the terms of the program, the total grant award is \$5,000.00, with the city's required matching contribution capped at \$1,000.00.

- To enter into a new agreement on behalf of the city with Dex Imaging LLC for the purchase and maintenance of office equipment. The city contracts with Dex Imaging, LLC for the leasing of office equipment, including multi-function copiers, black-and-white laser printers, and color printers. The new agreement proposed by Dex Imaging includes the purchase and maintenance of new equipment to be used across various court departments, in an amount not to exceed \$21,049.00.

- To authorize the mayor to execute contracts with the Director of Transportation to develop plans to complete traffic signal repair at various routes and sections, including at the IR-480 eastbound exit ramp to Granger Rd., to be fully funded by the state.

- To enter into a modified agreement with OHM Advisors for public sector engineering review and construction services until Dec. 31, 2026. The legislation notes that the Cuyahoga County Jail project has required substantial time and effort by OHM Advisors, including attendance at project meetings and review of plans and related documents.

OHM Advisors originally anticipated the existing 2026 authorization of \$20,000 would cover the Cuyahoga County Jail project and other projects falling under the 2026 agreement.

OHM Advisors anticipates that continued meetings, plan reviews and related engineering services for the Cuyahoga County Jail project, as well as other public projects throughout the city that are not covered by separate agreements, will be required through the remainder of 2026 and has requested an increase in the authorized compensation under the agreement by an additional \$20,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$40,000 for calendar year 2026.

- To ratify the mayor's appointment of Doug Piascik to

serve as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals for the city of Garfield Heights.

- A resolution honoring North Coast Community Homes which, for over 40 years, has continued its mission to develop and preserve safe, high-quality homes where individuals living with developmental disabilities and mental health challenges can experience dignity, stability, connection and supported independence.

The resolution further states that during the weekend of Aug. 29, 2026, members of the North Coast Community Homes staff demonstrated their commitment to Ward 1 and the city by volunteering to clean and beautify the area surrounding the corner of Broadway Ave. and McCracken Rd., trimming trees, picking up litter and debris, and cutting grass.

The next meeting of Garfield Heights Council is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 28, at 7 p.m.

Cleveland Metroparks news

All programs are free unless marked otherwise. For questions or to register for programs, please visit clevelandmetroparks.com or call CanalWay Center at 216-206-1000.

CANALWAY CENTER

Sept. 26: Family Hike to the Beaver Lodge. Bring your family on a morning hike that ventures to one of the beaver lodges in Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation. Prior to our hike we will look at biofacts and discuss the adaptations of the beaver. 10:30-11:30 a.m. CWC. Ages 5–11 years w/adult. Terrain: paved and natural surface, hill, up to 1 mile.

Sept. 27: Nature Journaling: Treasure Mapping. Join a naturalist for a guided nature journaling program and hike. We will create a map of "treasures" we find on a hike along the canal. Bring your own notebook or one can be provided. 11 a.m.–noon, CWC. Age: adults. Terrain: paved, steep hill, 1.5 miles.



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Gulf of Cleveland, Dolly Parton Day highlight resolutions passed by Cleveland City Council

On Monday, Sept. 14, Cleveland City Council held its first meeting following summer break and has resumed its weekly meeting schedule.

The following highlights of Monday's meeting provides a somewhat humorous take on the resolutions passed, as submitted by Mike at Cleveland City Council Communications.

Resolutions passed

•**Welcome to the new Gulf of Cleveland!** Cleveland City Council passed a resolution, sponsored by Councilman Kris Harsh, which renamed a portion of Lake Erie as the new "Gulf of Cleveland."

Council saw that President Trump's renaming of the Gulf of Mexico, Lake Ontario and other locations has opened the door for government officials to rename other geography. Knowing the importance of branding, council anticipates a coming gold rush of renamings and rebrandings from other government entities and refuses to be left behind. The resolution states:

"...this council now and forever renames the area of Lake Erie from the easternmost and westernmost points of its shoreline and two miles into Lake Erie from its shoreline as the "Gulf of Cleveland." City Council will forward this renaming to global map-making corporations like Apple and Google and expects them to begin using

"Gulf of Cleveland," as they have with "Gulf of America" and "Lake America."

(Mike at Cleveland City Council Communications points out that while an ordinance is a local law with legal force, a resolution does not create law and is not legally binding.)

•**Everybody's Remembering Dolly 9/25.** Council passed another resolution designating Sept. 25, 2026 as Dolly Parton Day in the city of Cleveland. On Dolly Day, Cleveland City Council, the city of Cleveland and the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, into which she was inducted in 2022, are celebrating the life and legacy of Dolly Parton with community events, including live music, film and educational presentations at the Rock Hall to give fans a place to find community and honor her memory.

•**CPL Should Get Instrumental.** Well-known drummer and music-arts advocate Councilman Kevin Conwell introduced, and council passed, a resolution which encourages the Cleveland Public Library to provide library card holders with free access to musical instruments at its main library and branches.

•**It's been 12 years. Let It Go.** A resolution introduced by Councilman Brian Kazy calls upon the Clerk of Cleveland Municipal Court to waive any automated red-light and speeding camera citations issued prior to

November 2014 and to immediately cease all collection efforts associated with such citations. In November 2014, Cleveland voters approved Issue 35, which amended Cleveland's City Charter to prohibit automated red-light and speeding cameras. By passing this resolution, council called on the clerk of courts to waive these citations and to immediately cease seeking collections on them.

Ordinance passed

Council passed an ordinance at its Monday night meeting to approve the collective bargaining agreement with the Cleveland Police Patrolmen's Association Analyst and Specialist Unit.

One last thing, though. If you don't mind the recommendation and you plan to celebrate Dolly Day on September 25, pick a spot overlooking the Gulf of Cleveland. The sunsets are amazing. ~Mike

The next meeting of Cleveland City Council will be held on Monday, Sept. 21, at 7 p.m., in City Council Chambers at Cleveland City Hall.

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Garfield Hts. Police news

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

Theft-Shoplifting

On Sept. 3, an officer was dispatched to Marc's, 12650 Rockside Rd., for a report of shoplifting. The store manager told the officer that at about 2:47 p.m., a younger black male wearing an orange shirt stuffed a backpack with multiple packages of Bic lighters and proceeded to the exit doors. When he was confronted he said, "I'll get my gun and shoot you." No weapon was observed on the male. He then walked out of the store into the parking lot and got in the passenger front door of a grey Jeep, which was last seen traveling north on Turney Rd. According to LEADS, the Jeep is registered to a female Cleveland resident who could not be contacted at the time of the report. Facts forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

Juveniles

On Sept. 3, at about 2:20 p.m., GHPD units were in the area of Garfield Heights High School at the time of dismissal because of information received that there was to be a physical fight where someone was going to "get jumped" and a mention of weapons. As a result, officers were watching a large group in the parking lot of Dave's Supermarket in TurneyTown Shopping Plaza. Officers saw a male juvenile pinning another male against a car door while another male juvenile repeatedly punched him as others nearby encouraged the fight. Police used a Taser on the combatant and he was secured in handcuffs. One of the boys was transported to Marymount Hospital to be cleared by medical staff. Assault and disorderly conduct charges pending through the Garfield Youth Bureau.

Criminal Damage-Residence

On Sept. 5, an officer was dispatched to a home in the 14200 block of Cranwood Park Blvd., and arrived at 12:12 p.m., in reference to criminal damage involving bullet holes in the walls. The complainant told police that at

about 6 a.m. she noticed what appeared to be a bullet hole in the kitchen. She said it appeared to have entered through the exterior wall on the northeast side of the first floor bathroom, exited through the south side of the bathroom, and continued through to the north side of the kitchen. The projectile then struck a mirror and the south side wall before becoming lodged inside the wall. Neighbors told police they had heard approximately five gunshots coming from the north side of their residence. Report forwarded to the Detective Bureau for follow-up.

Traffic Offense-Fleeing

On Sept. 5, at about 1:17 a.m., officers responded to the area of Turney and Richland Ave. to initiate a traffic stop on a 2021 Honda HR-V, which then fled the scene and a pursuit was initiated. It was eventually disabled after an officer performed a PIT maneuver on Transportation Blvd. Officers positioned their cruisers to block the vehicle and prevent the occupants from fleeing on foot. While one of the cruisers was being positioned, the front end of the suspect's vehicle made contact with the driver's side door panels of the cruiser causing minor damage. The driver was ordered out of the Honda and was placed in handcuffs. He told police he had a handgun concealed in his right front pants pocket, which an officer removed and secured. Other GHPD units arrived to assist with the detention of the two passengers. No injuries were reported during the incident. Later at the jail the suspect told police he had purchased his firearm for protection. The gun was found to be stolen out of Cleveland during an aggravated robbery at gunpoint.

MVA Hit-Skip

On Sept. 9, at 4:34 a.m., police arrived in the area of Rexwood and E. 131 St. for a report of a vehicle into a bus stop, and observed a pedestrian waiting in the bus stop that was struck who was injured. The vehicle was a VW

Tiguan and was unoccupied. Using city cameras dispatch was able to give officers the description of both the driver and passenger. Officers were able to locate the driver at the car lot at the corner of Rexwood and E. 131 St. The passenger was located walking on the west side of E. 131 St. and Rexwood. The victim was taken to MetroHealth Medical Center by GHFDEMS. The passenger was taken to Marymount Hospital. The driver was placed under arrest for hit-skip, and cited for marked lanes, driving under suspension and failure to control. He was placed in custody, held on no bond and given a court date.

Shots Fired

On Sept. 9, at about 2:50 p.m., GHPD units responded to the area of E. 104 St. and Grace Ave. for a report of shots heard and four black males fleeing the area on foot. Police arrived but found no victims or signs of blood or other injuries. Security cameras in the area and witnesses revealed descriptions of juveniles possibly involved with the shots fired. While canvassing the area police located four spent 9mm casings in the lawn, tree lawn and driveway of a residence in the 10400 block of South Highland Ave. Detective Bureau will conduct a follow-up investigation.

Theft-Shoplifting

On Sept. 12, at 1:23 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the Shell gas station at 5095 Turney Rd., for a report of a theft. Employees stated that at around 1:10 a.m., someone stole around \$300 worth of scratch-off Lottery tickets from behind the counter. The employees did not realize it at the time but noticed when they did an inventory check later. The suspect was caught on video surveillance as a back male with dreads wearing a black hoodie and grey shorts and was observed stealing a full book of Lottery tickets.

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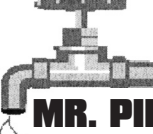
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Neighborhood News publisher Elena Psenicka was there to enjoy the event with hundreds of others in a picture perfect downtown setting. She is shown here in photo above with Browns reserve quarterback Dillon Gabriel during the festivities.

PB CLE election results for Slavic Village updated

Final results of the \$100,000 Participatory Budgeting pilot project (PB CLE), released this week by Cleveland Owns, the organization that produced it, have shed new light on how it played out for the first time in Slavic Village.

Residents in late spring submitted over 120 proposals for consideration. The PB CLE Steering Committee whittled these down to 10 to be considered by neighborhood residents. Here are the results of the vote that happened online and on paper from August 1-22.

Five winning proposals

- Vacant Properties Survey, \$10,000- 380 votes
- Clean Up So We Can See, \$13,500- 326 votes
- Pet Food Security, \$30,000- 324 votes
- These Kids Can Swing, \$10,000- 291 votes
- Fleet Garden Center, \$23,000- 265 votes

Five losing proposals

- ANTMEN, \$43,470- 248 votes
- Morganic Gardens Remediation, \$15,000- 183 votes
- Forest City Trail Expansion, \$11,000- 168 votes
- Sustainable Sewing Project, \$10,000- 161 votes
- Save PLAV Lincoln Post 13, \$20,000- 136 votes

Because the budgets of the five winners totalled significantly less than the \$100,000 funding available, the steering committee followed a decision it had made earlier to distribute the remaining \$13,500 equally among the five winners.

Participatory budgeting has been practiced in various parts of the nation and world for decades, but it is believed that this is the first time it's been tried in Northeast Ohio. Cleveland Owns launched the privately funded pilot after its 2023 attempt to legally allocate a small portion of the City of Cleveland's budget for the purpose was narrowly defeated by the city's voters.

Voting statistics

- 861 voted (about 5.6% of eligible)
- Median voter age was 51
- 31% of votes were cast online
- 69% were cast in person on paper ballots
- 138 other votes were eliminated due to missing or fake names, outside-of-neighborhood addresses, or suspiciously duplicative IP addresses.

Next up? Each of the five winners will submit a work plan, sign a contract and, after a six-month check-in to PB CLE, issue a one-year report to the community.

Jonathan Welle, lead organizer of Cleveland Owns, the fiscal sponsor of PB CLE, says his group wants to expand participatory budgeting citywide. Leveraging the results of the Slavic Village pilot, he will seek public funding to do it.

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