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Fall Fest fun in Garfield Heights



There were nothing but smiles on happy faces at the annual Fall Fest on Saturday, Oct. 3, at the Garfield Heights Civic Center. Shown above are some of the young people showing their creative side with pumpkin decorating. Other events included a hay ride, face painting, game truck, music and much more. A great way to kick off the fall season in Garfield Heights! *Photo courtesy of the city of Garfield Heights*

Maple Heights Council updates

By Ellen Psenicka

The following legislation was passed by Maple Heights Council at its meeting last Wednesday, Oct. 7:

- Accepting a donation of vacant real property located on Libby Rd., PPN 781-22-016, into the Maple Heights Land Reutilization Program. An out-of-state resident is donating the property to the city as she can no longer maintain it.

- Authorizing the city to participate in an aggregated competitive procurement of electric energy and/or natural gas for the Municipal Accounts Program administered by NOPEC and to execute energy supplier agreements.

NOPEC's Ennovate division has developed a program to aggregate the city's load with the municipal loads of other NOPEC member participating political subdivisions to increase purchasing leverage, enhance supplier competition and improve the opportunity to obtain favorable pricing and contract terms.

- Authorizing the transfer of \$231,500.00 from the General Fund to the Police Pension Fund to provide for estimated Police Department employee pension obligations for 2026.

- Authorizing the transfer of \$301,000.00 from the General Fund to the Fire Pension Fund to provide for estimated Fire Department employee pension obligations for 2026.

- Repealing and amending certain sections of the city's Codified Ordinances related to local regulation of firearms and other weapons to conform with the U.S. and Ohio constitutions and state and federal laws.

Law Director Frank Consolo explained that the Ohio General Assembly has specified they do not want each municipality regulating firearms in their communities so their residents must abide by state firearms laws, which are enforced by local police departments.

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Early voting begins here; state, county, local issues are on ballot

Early voting in Cuyahoga County has begun for the Nov. 3, 2026 general election. Candidates vying for federal, state and county offices, as well as a myriad of judicial races, are on the ballot as well as State Issue 3, a Constitutional Amendment which would require voters to present an approved form of government-issued photo ID in order to vote. Tax levies and charter amendments top the list of Cuyahoga County issues.

Local issues in The Neighborhood News readership area are listed below.

LOCAL ISSUES

Issue 6: Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)

Garfield Heights City School District

Shall a fixed-sum levy renewing an existing levy be imposed by the Garfield Heights City School District for the purpose of paying the current operating expenses of the district in the sum of \$4,100,000 and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the County Fiscal Officer to average 7.74 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$271 for each \$100,000 of the County Fiscal Officer's market value, for a period of five years, commencing in 2027, first due in calendar year 2028?

Issue 7: Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)

Independence Local School District

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Independence Local School District for the purpose of general permanent improvements that the County Fiscal Officer estimates will collect \$587,996 annually, at a rate not exceeding 1.25 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$26 for each \$100,000 of the County Fiscal Officer's market value, for five years, commencing in 2027, first due in calendar year 2028.

Issue 16: Proposed Charter Amendment

City of Bedford Heights

Shall Section 8.02 of the Charter of the City of Bedford Heights be amended to provide that the Director of Law shall be appointed by the Mayor rather than the Council, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor?

Issue 17: Proposed Charter Amendment

City of Bedford Heights

Shall Section 13.05 of the Charter of the City of Bedford Heights be amended to permit the Director of Finance's bond requirement to be satisfied by one or more insurance or risk-management policies or programs designed to protect the City against loss caused by dishonest acts, theft, or failure to faithfully perform official duties, including, without limitation, a Government Entity Crime Policy with a Faithful Performance of Duty endorsement, or any successor or substantially equivalent form of coverage maintained by the City, in an amount not less than that otherwise required for the bond, so long as such policy is maintained, in lieu of a separate surety bond?

Issue 40: Proposed Charter Amendment

City of Garfield Heights

Shall Sections 7 and 12 of the Charter of the City of Garfield Heights be amended to change the terms of all seven (7) members of Council from two (2) to four (4) years, beginning at the General Election held in November 2029; and to provide that Council shall elect one of its members President of Council at the first meeting in December following the General Election?

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ELECTION NOTICE

CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS

NOTICE is given that pursuant to Ordinances Nos.: 2026-58; 2026-59; 2026-60; 2026-61; and 2026-62, adopted by the Council of the City of Maple Heights, Ohio, on August 5, 2026, the following proposed Charter Amendments shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the City, at the general election to be held on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November 2026, as prescribed by general law, and shall appear as the following Issues 51-55. A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

The full text of the Charter provisions if they are amended by the passage of said Issues will read as follows. (Proposed additions are underlined and proposed deletions struck through with a line.)

ISSUE 51-Shall Article III, Section 1 of the Charter of the City of Maple Heights be amended to provide that each member of Council shall have resided continuously in the City for a period of at least two (2) years preceding their election; and that they shall have resided continually in the district from which the Councilperson seeks election, for a period of at least two (2) years preceding their election?

ARTICLE III, SECTION 1. QUALIFICATIONS.

All elective officers shall be qualified electors and residents of the City of Maple Heights, and each member of the Council shall be a resident of the district from which elected. The Mayor and the President of Council shall be elected at large, and the members of the Council from their respective districts. The Mayor and the President of Council shall be qualified electors of the City and shall have resided in the City continuously for a period of at least three (3) years immediately preceding their election, and shall continue to be qualified electors and residents during their terms. Each member of Council shall be a qualified elector of the City, shall have resided continuously in the City for a period of at least two (2) years preceding their election ~~not less than two (2) years next preceding the Councilperson's election~~, shall have resided continually in the district from which the Councilperson seeks election, ~~for a period of at least two (2) years preceding their election not less than two (2) years next preceding election~~, and shall continue to be a qualified elector and resident therein during the term of office.

ISSUE 52-Shall Article III, Section 3 of the Charter of the City of Maple Heights be amended to delete the provision that an elective officer who is absent from the duties of office for three months, or disqualified from office, may continue in office until a successor is qualified?

ARTICLE III, SECTION 3. ABSENCES; FORFEITURE OF OFFICE.

If any elective officer shall be absent from the duties of office for a period of three (3) months or shall cease to possess any or all of the qualifications provided for in this Charter, the office shall be deemed vacant and forfeited, such forfeiture to be effective only when declared so by the Council or proper judicial authority. ~~Each officer, however, shall serve until a successor is qualified.~~

ISSUE 53-Shall Article VII, Section 12 of the Charter of the City of Maple Heights be amended to permit ordinances or resolutions embracing the subjects of salaries, the necessity for and intention to install public improvements which contain provisions for assessments against abutting properties, or grants of public utility franchises, be posted on the City’s website and social media accounts and in four (4) public places in the City, said places determined by Council?

ARTICLE VII, SECTION 12. ORDINANCE RECORD; APPROPRIATIONS.

All ordinances or resolutions upon their final passage shall be recorded in a book kept for the purpose and shall be authenticated by the signatures of the presiding officer, Clerk of the Council and the Mayor, unless a certificate of the Clerk is attached thereto showing such signature of the Mayor is unnecessary under the provision hereof.

The annual appropriation ordinance and all other ordinances or resolutions embracing the subjects of salaries, the necessity for and intention to install public improvements which contain provisions for assessments against abutting properties, grants of public utility franchises, shall, at the option of the Council, within ten (10) days after their final passage, be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Maple Heights, or be posted on the City’s website and social media accounts and in four (4) five (5) public places in the City, said places to be designated by the Council; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to change or modify the provisions of law now existing requiring the publication of certain ordinances, or which may hereafter be required to be published according to the laws of the State.

ISSUE 54-Shall Article XIII, Section 7 of the Charter of the City of Maple Heights be amended to correct a grammatical error by revising the phrase “committee of the petitions” to “committee of the petitioners?”

ARTICLE XIII, SECTION 7. COUNCIL ACTION; POWERS.

Upon receiving the proposed ordinance from the committee, the Council shall at once proceed to consider it and shall take final action thereon within thirty (30) days from the date of such committee report. If the Council rejects the proposed ordinance or passes it in a form different from that set forth in the petition, the committee of the ~~petitioners petitions~~ may, as hereinafter provided, require that it be submitted to a vote of the electors in its original form, or that it be submitted to a vote of the electors with any proposed change, addition or amendment, which was presented in writing either at a public hearing before the committee to which the proposed ordinance was referred, or during the consideration thereof by the Council.

ISSUE 55-Shall Article XX, Section 2 of the Charter of the City of Maple Heights be amended to provide that, beginning in January 2031 and each five (5) years thereafter, the Mayor, the Council President, and each member of Council, from within their District, shall appoint one qualified elector of the City and respective District, holding no other office or appointment with the City of Maple Heights, as members of a nine (9) person Charter Review Commission; that the Mayor and President of Council shall appoint one (1) alternate member each, to serve if a Commission member(s) is absent for a meeting; and if a Commission member(s) is absent for a meeting, then one, or both of the alternates, as necessary, may be appointed by a majority of the members present for the meeting to replace the absent member for that meeting only, with all the same rights and duties as the absent member; and to provide for the election of a Chairperson pro tem from among the Commission members?

ARTICLE XX, SECTION 2. CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION.

~~Beginning in January 2031, During the month of January, 1971,~~ and each five (5) years thereafter, the Mayor, ~~the Council President~~, and each member of Council, from within their District, shall ~~appoint one qualified elector~~ ~~appoint a commission of nine (9) qualified electors of the City and respective District,~~ holding no other office or appointment ~~with the City of Maple Heights in this Municipality,~~ as members of a ~~nine (9) person~~ Charter Review Commission. The ~~Mayor and the~~ President of Council shall ~~each~~ appoint ~~one (1) two (2)~~ alternates who will attend all meetings but will have no vote. In the event one (1) or more of the nine (9) qualified electors, for any reason, can no longer continue to serve as a member of the Charter Review Commission, or in the event the remaining Charter Review Commission by majority vote declares a vacancy on the Charter Review Commission, for any reason, one (1) or both of the alternates shall be selected to become a member of the Charter Review Commission with all the same rights and duties as any other member. ~~If a Commission member(s) is absent for a meeting, then one, or both of the alternates, as necessary, may be appointed by a majority of the members present for the meeting to replace the absent member for that meeting only, with all the same rights and duties as the absent member.~~ The members shall be sworn in at the first regular Council meeting in the month of February and shall conclude their business six (6) months after this date. ~~The Mayor shall appoint two (2) members and each Councilperson shall appoint one (1) member from his or her district. A Chairperson, and a Chairperson pro tem,~~ shall be elected from among the members of the Commission. Such Commission shall review the City Charter and within six (6) calendar months after the appointment thereof, recommend to Council revisions and amendments to this Charter, if any, as two-thirds (2/3) of all of them deem desirable. The Council shall forthwith submit to the electors any such revisions and amendments of this Charter in the manner provided in Section 1 hereof for the submission of such measures to the vote of the people by the Council. The revisions of and amendments to this Charter submitted by the Commission to the Council, shall be first submitted to the Director of Law for the purpose of harmonizing the intention of said Commission with the Constitution of Ohio.

A clerk shall be supplied by the City to the Commission if requested. A secretary shall be elected from among the members of the Commission, and he or she or his or her duly qualified successor shall certify that each measure submitted as a revision or amendment to this Charter, has received the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of all members of said Commission. The Commission shall determine by a majority vote of all members thereof, whether the measures submitted as revisions of and amendments to this Charter shall be submitted as individual measures or collectively to a vote of the people.

By: Frank Consolo, Law Director, City of Maple Heights
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Maple Hts. Council updates

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•Retroactively authorizing the mayor and service director to apply for an Ohio BWC Grant for an aerial lift, and accepting the BWC's grant award of \$40,000 for the purchase of an aerial lift costing \$56,572.00 from Buckeye Rental & Equipment.

•Retroactively authorizing the police chief to apply for a U.S. Dept. of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant to purchase body-worn cameras and related peripherals costing \$17,800, and accepting the grant, if awarded, with a 50% local match of \$8,900.

•Declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the city of Maple Heights.

Passed for a second reading

Amending a section of the city's Codified Ordinances concerning obstruction or closing of streets in residential districts. The amended section will now read:

“412.08 BARRICADES PERMITTED IN STREETS.

(a) The obstruction or closing of any street in residential districts, using barricades, safety cones, or any other materials, specifically to close the street for a block party, street party or personal party, shall only be permitted after applying for a permit at the Council Office, where the application will be forwarded to the council representative and then submitted by motion for approval by the majority of council. The Fire Department and Police Department will review the application for public safety concerns and report their findings to council prior to council’s vote on approval of the application. The person who obtains the permit must live on the street being closed and shall be responsible for the conduct of the participants at the party and the clean-up of the street after the party.”

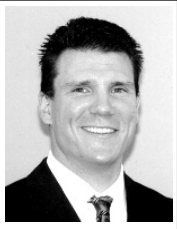
This legislation will go to second and third readings.

Mayor's report

In her report to council, Mayor Annette Blackwell announced that paving on Southgate Park Blvd. has been completed, with the \$1.2 million project including bike lanes and RTA shelters. She also said the paving on McCracken to Lee rds. in Maple Heights is finished, along with brand new sidewalks.

The mayor congratulated Charlie B. Miller, age 91, of Watercrest Ave., in Maple Heights, for being chosen Citizen of the Year. She said Charlie is known as the "Fixer" on Watercrest for his neighborly help to people on his street.

Blackwell also extended kudos to Sherry's Custom Drycleaners, 5360 Lee Rd., for being chosen Business of the Year.



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Local ballot issues

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Issue 42: Proposed Charter Amendment City of Independence

Shall Article III, Section 3 of the Charter of the City of Independence be amended to provide that the Mayor shall attend all meetings of the Council, and remove the requirement that the Mayor preside over all meetings of the Council?

Issue 43: Proposed Charter Amendment City of Independence

Shall Article IV, Sections 2(a) and 2(b) of the Charter of the City of Independence be amended to provide that the position of the Finance Director transition from an elected office to a position appointed by the Mayor, effective January 1, 2028, subject to confirmation by at least five (5) members of Council and serving until he or she resigns, dies, or is removed by at least five (5) members of Council; and provide that a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university and have at least five years of experience in government accounting or public finance be required?

Issue 44: Proposed Charter Amendment City of Independence

Shall Article IV, Section 5(a) of the Charter of the City of Independence be amended to provide that, commencing January 1, 2027, the appointment of three (3) citizen members of the Planning Commission be changed from the Mayor to a majority of the members elected to Council?

Issue 45: Proposed Charter Amendment City of Independence

Shall Article IV, Section 5(c) of the Charter of the City of Independence be amended to provide that any zoning ordinances, regulations, or amendments passed by Council under this Article IV, Section 5(c) shall not be passed on or as an emergency?

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Issue 56: Special Election by Petition Local Liquor Option-Sunday Sales MAPLE HEIGHTS-01- B

Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages and spirituous liquor be permitted for sale on Sunday by Dunham Inn, L.L.C. an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit who is engaged in the business of operating a bar at 6140 Dunham Road, Maple Heights, OH 44137 in this precinct?

Downtown Indy meetings

The city of Independence has established a team to take "Downtown Independence" into the future. Residents are invited to attend a two-hour interactive workshop on Thursday, Oct. 22, from 10 a.m. to noon, or 6 to 8 p.m., to envision a new future for downtown, with additional housing, retail, restaurants, public spaces and connections to nature. Come and help shape the future of downtown Independence.

Blood donation sites Cleveland

10/24/2026: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Elizabeth Baptist Church, 6114 Francis Ave.

Garfield Heights

10/15/2026: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Marymount Hospital, 12300 McCracken Rd.

Independence

10/19/2026: 12 - 6 p.m., Independence Community Theater, 6652 Brecksville Rd.

11/2/2026: 12 - 6 p.m., Independence Presbyterian Church, 6624 W. Public Square

Maple Heights

10/24/2026: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Maple Heights Library, 5225 Library Ln.

All who come to give Oct. 19-Nov. 22, 2026, will get up to \$20 in Gift Cards - that's a \$10 Amazon Gift Card by email and 500 bonus points, which can be redeemed for a \$10 e-gift card through Blood Donor Rewards! Visit RedCrossBlood.org/Maze for details. 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.

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Wednesday Night Book Discussion / No registration required. Join us for a casual and lively book discussion of "The Towpath" by Jonathan Walter. The books will be available approximately one month before the discussion date. Wednesday, Oct. 21, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday Afternoon Book Discussion / No registration required. Join us for a casual and lively book discussion of "The Towpath" by Jonathan Walter. The books will be available approximately one month before the discussion date. Thursday, Oct. 22, 2:15 p.m.

Tribute to the Songs of the '50s and '60s - Presented by Debbie Darling and David Strieter / Registration required. Join us for an enjoyable afternoon of entertaining music. Singer Debbie Darling presents the songs of the 1950s and 1960s. With live piano accompaniment by David Strieter. This program will be held at the Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Dr., Independence, OH 44131. Friday, Oct. 23, 12:30 p.m.

It's Cincinnati Chili Time! - A Three-Way Chili Tasting Experience / Registration required. Explore the rich history and signature flavor that makes Cincinnati chili unique. Help recreate our own "secret recipe" version, enjoy a tasty sample, and prepare a spice blend to try at home. Saturday, Oct. 24, 2 p.m.

CHILDREN

Baby & Toddler Storytime / No registration required. Join us for rhymes, songs, fingerplays and books. Mondays, 11 a.m. Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

Preschool Storytime / No registration required. Join us for rhymes, songs, fingerplays and stories. Thursdays, 10 a.m.

Toddler Storytime / No registration required. Join us for rhymes, songs, fingerplays and stories. Thursdays, 11 a.m.

Play, Learn and Grow / Registration required. Join us for a 5-week series for caregivers and children ages 1-3. Connect with your kids, community experts and other families, plus get information about your growing child. Friday, Oct. 16, 11 a.m.

Submit your Community events
to The Neighborhood News
via Email:
nnews1923@aol.com

Garfield welcomes new patrolman, firefighters

Three new firefighters were recently sworn in by Mayor Matt Burke to the city of Garfield Heights Fire Department and one new patrolman to the GHPD.

Anthony Denny, Aaron Gessinger and Aleksander Cherneta are now beginning a new chapter of service to the community as members of the GHFD, as well as Allen Gera to the GHPD.

"We are proud to welcome these new members to our team and look forward to the dedication, courage and commitment they will bring to protecting our residents," city officials said in a Facebook post.

Girls Club youth event

The Girls Club of Ohio will host its upcoming free Youth Conference, "Putting Your Best Food Forward," on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at The RaJan Center, 9438 Dorothy Ave., in Garfield Heights. The event is open to girls ages 8 to 12 from the Greater Cleveland area.

Organizers said the conference is designed to inspire and equip young women with the skills and confidence they need to navigate the future. Interactive workshops will feature Self-Care and Wellness, Leadership & Team Building, Goal Setting & Financial Literacy, and Arts and Creative Expression. In addition, there will be arts and crafts, live demos, games and prizes, drone and robotics activities and a lunch party.

Registration is free and open now. Space is limited and early registration is advised. Call 216-478-7028 or visit: www.girlsclubohio.org.

Garfield Hts. police news

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

Recovered Stolen Auto

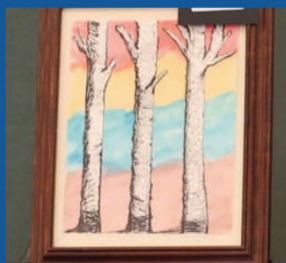
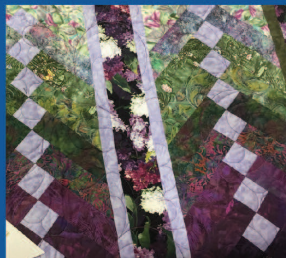
On Oct. 9, at 7:14 p.m., officers were on a routine patrol when they were advised of a stolen vehicle being observed on city cameras in the area of E. 93 St. and Garfield Blvd. They saw a silver Hyundai resembling the stolen vehicle at a stop sign on E. 93 St., facing north near Garfield Blvd. It then proceeded east and began increasing speed. Officers began to follow and confirmed that the vehicle had been stolen from Garfield Heights earlier that day. A pursuit was initiated with speeds reaching between 75 and 90 mph at times. The pursuit continued into Cleveland's Slavic Village and ended at the intersection of E. 59 St. and Fleet Ave., when the Hyundai crashed into another

vehicle. After the crash officers approached the Hyundai as it was pinned between the other vehicle and a pole. Both juvenile males in the Hyundai were sitting on top of each other in the passenger seat. While an officer at gunpoint ordered the pair to show their hands, another officer broke the passenger side window with his window breaker. Both suspects were extracted from the car and placed in handcuffs. Both subjects were released to Cleveland EMS and later transported to MetroHealth Medical Center. Report forwarded to the Juvenile Detective Bureau.

It was noted that an employee of Ohio Aluminum, 4840 Warner Rd., reported his 2013 Hyundai Sonata was stolen from his workplace the afternoon of Oct. 9.

Art EXHIBITION

Jennings



Explore a variety of artistic expressions, that celebrate the creativity and talents of adults 55+.

Wednesday, October 14 | 2:00pm - 8:00pm

Thursday, October 15 | 10:00am - 12:00pm

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Death Notices

MICHELE MARY KING

Michele Mary King, lifelong resident of Garfield Heights, Ohio, born on May 15, 1952, at Marymount Hospital, has passed away in her home from natural causes while in the company of friends and relatives.

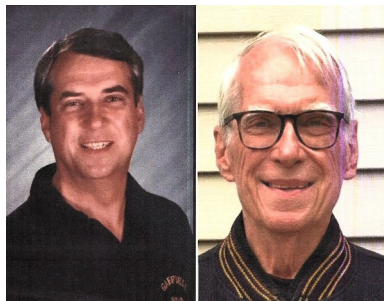
She was a woman of many names but most called her Shelly; her sons called her Mom. She graduated GHHS in 1970 as Shelly Czap and was widow to Mr. David Paul King. She was a good woman who made it a point to be kind to anyone she met throughout the duration of her life and she will be missed dearly by her four sons: Jon, Michael, Brandon, Nicholas, and all those whom she had known with love.

She served as crossing guard to many children at McCracken Rd. and E. 113 St., before her retirement and had always expressed the joy that she took from being involved with the community and its young families.

May God bless her, keep and protect her; and may God bless all with a mercy in the days ahead. A memorial will be held at St. Andrew Orthodox Church at a future date to be determined.

ROBERT SLEDZ

Robert "Bob" Sledz, age 83, of Rocky River, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Oct. 9, 2026. Husband of Ingrid for 59 years, father of Beverly (Don), Barbara and Mary (Jim). Son to Harriet and Roman Sledz (both deceased). Brother to Carol Hines (John) (both deceased), Ronny Sledz (deceased) and Larry Sledz (deceased) (Joan).



Bob grew up in Garfield Heights and graduated from St. Stanislaus High School in 1961. Following high school Bob was an electrical apprentice at Cleveland Twist Drill Company, and has remained lifelong friends with those colleagues. He went on to attend John Carroll University where he earned both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees.

In 1967, Bob began a 35-year career with the Garfield Heights School District. He taught biology, physics, chemistry and developed an astronomy program using distance-learning technologies for six other school districts.

Following his retirement from teaching, Bob served as president of The Cleveland Astronomical Society from 2004-2014.

Upon his second retirement in January 2014, he became

chairman of the St. Stan's Alumni Committee and editor of THE SPIRE, a semiannual newsletter that helped classmates stay connected and kept alumni informed of upcoming events.

Friends will be received at Golubski Funeral Home, 5986 Ridge Rd., Parma, OH 44129 on Sunday, Oct. 18, from 4-8 p.m.

Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, Oct. 19, at 11 a.m., at the Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus. (Please meet at church.)

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus in the name of Bob Sledz, 3649 E. 65 St., Cleveland, OH 44105.

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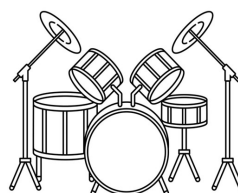
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LEGAL NOTICE

BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A **SPECIAL WORK SESSION** ON **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026**, IN COUNCIL CAUCUS OF BEDFORD CITY HALL AT 5:00 P.M. TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:

A. REVISIONS TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT ZONING.

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PUBLIC HEARING AMENDED

A Public Hearing will be held on **Monday, October 19, 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-42 An application from Michael Grieshammer seeking approval of a Conditional Use permit to cultivate micro-scale gourmet mushrooms (oyster and lion's mane) as an accessory use inside an existing single-family dwelling to sale wholesale to local restaurants under Section 1272;1298.22 of the MH Codified Ordinances in Residential Single Family-Medium (RSF-M) Zoning District at 15038 Janice Dr., Maple Heights, Ohio 44137.

2026-PZ-43 An application from Jaci Mays seeking approval of a Conditional Use permit approval to reimage the exterior of Rally's front tower, canopy including, Exterior Insulation and Finish System (EIFS), paint and LED fixtures under Section 1280 of the MH Codified Ordinances in a General Commercial (GC) Zoning District at 5497 Warrensville Center Road, Maple Heights, Ohio 44137.

2026-PZ-44 An application from Chase Bank seeking approval for lot split under Section 1240 and 1280 of the MH Codified Ordinances in a General Commercial (GC) Zoning District at 5446 Warrensville Center Road, Maple Heights Ohio 44137.

2026-PZ-45 An Application from Carol Wall seeking approval of a Conditional Use permit under Section 1278.04 (Q) to operate a Hair and Nail Salon as a Personal Services Business in a Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District at 5396 Lee Rd., 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.

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A Correction, and a Confession

By Tom Kaschalk

Last month's piece, "The Assassin Next Door," placed the White Eagle saloon and hall at the northwest corner of East 65th and Gertrude. A sharp-eyed local architectural researcher got in touch shortly after publication to set the record straight: wrong corner.

The White Eagle actually stood on the southwest corner, directly across Gertrude Ave., about 40 feet from where we pointed you. It is also a vacant lot today. In my defense, the two corner buildings looked remarkably alike, and a pair of empty lots doesn't come with signs pointing to the right patch of grass.

The building, shown here in a county property record from the late 1950s or early 1960s, later operated as the Double X Bar. That's a fitting bit of continuity for a corner that kept serving drinks under one name or another.

Everything else in last month's story stands as reported: Paul Czolgosz ran the saloon, the Sila Club met upstairs, and Leon took his "first lessons in enmity to the government" there. Only the patch of grass needed to move about 40 feet.

Thank you to our reader for the catch and for the photo. Every lot has a story. Apparently so does the lot directly across from it.



The southwest corner of E. 65th and Gertrude Ave., shows the building which was the White Eagle Saloon and Hall. Courtesy of the Cuyahoga County Archives circa 1960

Bedford Hts. Council news

Bedford Heights Council met on Tuesday, Oct. 6, and passed legislation to purchase two new trucks for the service department from Allstate Ford of Youngstown LLC: a new 2027 Ford F250 at a cost not to exceed \$56,275.00; and a new 2027 Ford F350 at a cost not to exceed \$71,525.00.

Second readings were held for an ordinance to establish an automated traffic enforcement program in the city and setting penalties for violations; and a resolution to enter into a Master Services Agreement with Sensys Gatso USA, Inc., for fixed-location traffic enforcement services.

Both these pieces of traffic camera-related legislation will be on third and final reading at a future meeting and a vote taken for possible council passage.

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