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Members of the Kiwanis Club of South East Cleveland are shown outside the Red Chimney restaurant in Slavic Village, with Red Chimney co-owner Lou Skantzios, second from left, as things wind down following the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast held at the popular eatery Sunday morning. Thanks go to Lou and his brother, Pete, for hosting the event and to all the neighborhood residents who stopped by and enjoyed a delicious breakfast while supporting the work of Kiwanis in the Slavic Village community. *Photo by Elena Psenicka*

Polish Independence Day celebration at PACC

All are invited to come and celebrate the Independence Day of Poland this Saturday, Nov. 11, at 5 p.m., at the Polish-American Cultural Center, 6501 Lansing Ave., Cleveland. There will be a patriotic artistic program with music and dance performed by students from the Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School and "Piast" Polish Folk Song and Dance Ensemble. Admission is free and open to the public.

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BEDFORD

Veterans Day Services in Bedford will be held Saturday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. at Veterans Park in downtown Bedford followed by another short service at the Bedford Cemetery on Broadway. The Bedford Veterans Memorial Day Parade Committee, in conjunction with the Bedford French Bartlett VFW Post 1082, sponsors the Veterans Day Services. Veterans are invited to share their service experiences. All are invited. For further information contact Dennis Rongers 440-463-0673.

INDEPENDENCE

Last Friday Mayor Gregory Kurtz hosted a luncheon at the Civic Center to honor residents who are veterans or presently serving in the Armed Forces.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS

Veteran's Day Ceremonies will be held on Saturday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. at Veteran's Plaza, 5407 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights, located behind the Garfield Heights Historical Museum. All are encouraged to attend and honor our military veterans.

MAPLE HEIGHTS

The annual Veterans Day Observance in Maple Heights will be held at the Veterans Memorial Honor Roll at City Hall, 5353 Lee Rd., at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11. Maple Heights American Legion Post Commander Al Glontz will lead the event, which will also include Maple Heights police officers. Everyone is asked to meet at the Honor Roll by 10:45 a.m.

Flock cameras helping law enforcement in Bedford

By Judith Goldsworth

The Flock camera system, purchased earlier this year at a cost of \$45,000 to improve safety and security in Bedford, is helping law enforcement agencies not only in the city but also other departments in the area, City Manager Mike Mallis reported at the Bedford Council meeting Monday night.

About 16 Flock cameras, which have been installed at various entrance points in Bedford, are not intended to detect and issue speeding violations, but automatically read license plates of all vehicles traveling in the city to assist law enforcement.

Mallis said one of the license plates that "pinged" in Bedford was a stolen vehicle out of Cleveland. He said the Bedford police were able to identify the vehicle, stop it and arrest the driver.

New firefighters sworn in, other officers honored

Mayor Stan Koci swore in two new firefighters to the Bedford Fire Department at the meeting, Michael Cardaman and Timothy Steuk, and offered his welcome and congratulations.

Fire Chief Dave Nagy commented, "These were definitely the top two standouts in a pretty large pool of people, so we're happy to have them both aboard."

Mallis noted that the new hires bring the department's staffing back to three shifts of nine officers each.

Mallis also thanked the Bedford Fraternal Order of the Eagles for honoring Police Officer Vince LaVallee and Fire Officer Jones as "Officers of the Year" at a recent event.

The Eagles also gave "substantial" donations to the police and fire departments, the Bedford Food Bank, and the Bedford Historical Society at the event, Mallis stated, thanking the organization for their continued generosity.

Legislation on agenda

Passed at Monday's meeting were the following pieces of legislation:

- Resolution authorizing a two-year contract between the city and the Cuyahoga County General Health District for "medical, nursing, sanitary, laboratory and other health services," as required by state law, to Bedford residents. Cost for the services is \$95,330 for 2024 and \$105,192 for 2025.

- Ordinance amending legislation passed in October authorizing a contract with Angelo Benedetti, Inc., for asphalt surface recycling for Northfield Rd. Finance Director Jennifer Howland recommended that the legislation be amended "to reflect payment from a different fund than originally authorized."

- Ordinance for a contract with Nerone & Sons, Inc., for installation of five valves that control the primary at the city's Wastewater Treatment Plant, at a cost of \$8,050.

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Flock cameras helping law enforcement in Bedford

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Because of safety concerns, including proximity of the valves to electrical lines, the city decided to contract out for the installation work, Mallis said.

- Ordinance for a contract with Thompson Hovan Heating and Cooling for replacement of a boiler in the Meter Building of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, at a cost of \$19,250. Mallis explained that the new boiler will replace equipment that had been installed in the 1930s, and that was no longer operable or repairable.
- Ordinance for a contract with Comfort Systems USA for purchase of a Three-Ton Mitsubishi Ductless Mini Split Air Conditioning System for the computer/server equipment room of the Municipal Center, at a cost of \$15,700.

Following recent changes in Ohio Revised Code and the

need to conform to state code, council approved several revisions at Monday's meeting, as recommended by Howland:

- To amend previous legislation regarding investment of surplus funds, authorized investments, limitations and procedures, and to repeal other sections;
- To amend contract procedures to raise the city manager's discretionary spending authority from \$10,000 up to \$15,000, and to increase the threshold for public bidding from \$50,000 to \$75,000. Mallis said the city will still be required to obtain quotes for submission to city council;
- To amend the city's purchasing policy guidelines to conform with the requirements of state code and clarify procedures;
- To approve an update to the city's debt management policy and debt disclosure policy;
- To approve and create "an investment policy which is in compliance with and refers to and incorporates Ohio Revised Code to more efficiently invest public funds and to comply with best practices."

Announcement

Mallis said Bedford police were participating in the annual "Shop With A Cop" event in which area police officers accompany young residents on a special shopping trip to pick out holiday gifts for their families. The police department is looking for donations to help sponsor children for the event.

Community Police Reports

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

GARFIELD HTS.

Felonious Assault

On Oct. 29, at 1:17 a.m., dispatch received a call for an accident with possible shots fired. When police arrived on scene at Transportation Blvd. and E. 98 St., they met a male who said he had been involved in an accident there with a black vehicle and a white truck. He was not very clear as to what had happened. The noted vehicles left the area prior to police arrival. The victim said he was in the intersection when one of the cars hit him head on, and at some point parties in one or both of the cars began shooting at the other. Officers located a single shell casing in the middle of the intersection along with broken glass. The victim's car sustained heavy front end damage. He was taken to Marymount Hospital for shoulder pain.

Assault

On Nov. 4, about 5:30 p.m., all GHPD officers on duty were advised that a patrolman had asked for backup because of a large disturbance at the Sunoco gas station, 6009 Turney Rd., with a large group of juveniles physically fighting in the parking lot. As the other officers began arriving, several of the juveniles took off, but three of them remained on scene and said they had been victims of assault. One of the suspects was located in the rear lot of 12929 Rockside Rd., and was positively identified by the victims on scene at the gas station and was taken into custody. The remaining officers responded to a habitual problem residence where they believed the remaining suspects were fleeing to. They found a juvenile male there who was positively identified by the victims on scene and a juvenile female who allegedly assaulted one of the victims on scene and brandished a knife. They were both transported by police to city jail. The main victim in the assault said he was at the Sunoco station with his mother, father and sister and a fight ensued with a juvenile male known to the victim. As they fought, about 10 other juveniles who were with the aggressor joined in the fight assaulting the victim, his sister and mother. Three juveniles were taken into custody to be charged with aggravated rioting and possession of marijuana.



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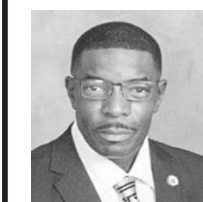
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a. *Deosola LLC & Lam Foodservice will appeal the Building Commissioner's determination that the property located at 115 Northfield Rd., Bedford, Ohio 44146, does not maintain grandfather status as a residential use in a B-2 District.*

Tracy Simons, CMC
Clerk of Council
Board of Zoning Appeals Secretary
Posted NN: November 8, 2023

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Death Notices

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He graduated from Max S. Hayes High School, where he also learned the auto mechanics trade. He then proudly served four years in the U.S. Navy as a Machinist Mate and achieved the rank of Second-Class Petty Officer. John also worked for Yale in Cleveland, which later became Ohio Materials Handling Inc., for a total of 34 years. He worked his way up through the company from lift truck mechanic to service manager to regional sales manager, touching many lives in the process. John also ran for Garfield Heights City Councilman, Ward 5, was a Committee Chairman for the Democratic party and served as an assistant pack leader for Cub Scout Pack 220.

He had a keen sense of humor and a contagious laugh that would light up any room and a tough spirit that could weather any storm. He was a lover of animals and an avid gardener. He also suffered many medical challenges throughout his life but always put his trust in God and fought the good fight to the very end. God bless him and may he rest in peace. Arrangements by Latek & Rybicki Family Funeral Homes.

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Reward now at \$22,500 to find Keshawn Williams

Cleveland Missing has announced the United States Marshals Service has pledged \$5,000 in reward money toward the Keshawn Williams AMBER Alert/missing person case. An anonymous community member has also contributed an additional \$5,000 bringing the total reward money up to \$22,500 for information leading to the whereabouts of Keshawn Williams.

Anyone with information in reference to Keshawn Williams is asked to contact the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force at 1-866-4WANTED or you can send a web tip at the following webpage: <http://www.usmarshals.gov/district/oh-n/index.html>. Tipsters can remain anonymous.

Keshawn was reported missing on June 20, 2023, and

the missing person report was escalated to an AMBER Alert. He was last seen in the Fleet/Gertrude Ave. area of Slavic Village.

Keshawn remains missing and the public's help is needed to bring him home, said Newburgh Heights Police Chief John T. Majoy, who is also president of the Cleveland Missing Board of Directors and chairman of the Northeast Ohio AMBER Alert Committee.

St. Monica Craft Fair

The St. Monica Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, Nov. 25, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., in St. Benedict School, 13633 Rockside Rd., in Garfield Heights. Admission is \$1 per adult. There will be a wide variety of crafters and vendors for your holiday shopping. And Santa will be making an appearance! Limited vendor space is available. Please email stmonicarespectlife@gmail.com with any questions.

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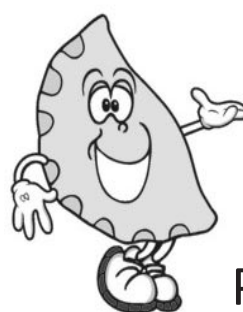
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Expanding business to bring new jobs to Maple Hts.

The city of Maple Heights recently authorized a Job Creation Grant Award for Vendors Exchange International, LLC (a.k.a. "VE Solutions"). The grant will provide a rebate through the form of payroll tax reimbursements and is contingent on the company's relocation of its corporate offices, related executive staff, construction of a product showroom and new manufacturing facilities to currently vacant space at 16501 Rockside Rd.

The advanced vending and retail supply manufacturer

plans to add 70 new jobs in Maple Heights within the first year, totaling approximately \$5,500,000 in estimated new annual payroll expenditures.

"The arrival of new businesses like VE Solutions to our city promises increased opportunities for residents, youth engagement, economic resilience and continues the city's progress toward consistently strong fiscal health. We are so pleased to welcome VE Solutions to our community here in Maple Heights and know it will be an asset to the

broader public," Mayor Annette Blackwell stated.

VE Solutions is also pursuing funds through Team NEO-Jobs Ohio to build out the empty space and repair a freight elevator. The grant arrangement with Maple Heights is scheduled to last for five years.

Enter to win tickets to Christmas Connection

The Neighborhood News has several tickets to this year's Christmas Connection, the shopping event of the season, being held at the I-X Center Nov. 17-19. Just stop in to The Neighborhood News office, 8613 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Heights, during regular business hours and enter to win. Deadline is Monday, Nov. 13.

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New Jobs Creation, Retention Grant bringing vending company to Maple Hts.

By Judith Goldsworth

The effects of a new Jobs Creation and Retention Grant recently approved by Maple Heights Council was further explained by Planning and Development Director Joe Duffy in his report to council at its meeting last week.

Duffy thanked council for passing the legislation in October, authorizing the agreement between Mayor Annette Blackwell and Vendors Exchange International LLC, which will move the company's advanced vending and retail supply operations, and consequently a multi-million-dollar payroll, from Brookpark Rd. in Brooklyn, to an unoccupied 41,000-square-foot building in the Dar-Tech complex at 16501 Rockside Rd.

As part of the agreement, the city will award the company, also known as VE Solutions, an annual grant payment in the form of a rebate, equal to 50% of the income tax withheld on the employee payroll for a period of five years, beginning January 1, 2024.

Also as part of the agreement, VE Solutions must maintain a minimum payroll of \$5 million per year, and employ at least 70 employees annually in the city.

The plan is to add the 70 or more new jobs within the

first year, totaling approximately \$5.5 million in estimated new annual payroll expenditures, Duffy stated.

VE Solutions was founded in 1963 as "a technology driven vending machine refurbishments business," according to the company's website, which also states that it "is a leader in the development and distribution of value-based innovative products for the vending market."

Duffy stated that the company will relocate its corporate offices, related executive staff, showroom and new manufacturing facilities to the Rockside Rd. location, "as they have outgrown their existing facility."

Duffy said, "We are really excited to bring 75 wage jobs for a range of different skill sets in the city. I did speak with them today on a separate matter, and they mentioned that they actually are looking to extend their lease to seven, or potentially 10 years, at the Dar-Tech facility. So that's great news."

Besides the agreement with Maple Heights, VE Solutions is also pursuing funds through Team NEO-Jobs Ohio to build out the empty space and repair a freight elevator, Duffy stated

Legislation passed

Passed at last week's meeting were the following resolutions:

- Authorizing Mayor Annette Blackwell and Service Director Tony Ciresi to accept the Oct. 30, 2023 quotation by Valley Freightliner, Inc., to purchase a Freightliner Cab and Chassis (new truck for snowplow purposes) for \$109,819 through the ODOT Cooperative Purchasing Program.

- Authorizing Blackwell to enter into a Competitive Retail Electric Service Contract with Nextera Energy Services Ohio, LLC, for an initial term of 36 months with an estimated start month of December 2023. This follows an analysis and review by Finance Director Tinita Tillman of current rates and fees the city is paying for electric services to city buildings and properties, and consultation with NOPEC "regarding lower rates and fees available from electric suppliers in the region," according to the legislation.

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Mayor Annette M. Blackwell
City of Maple Heights



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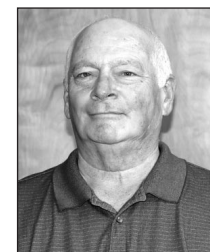
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SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Bedford (Bedford Heights/Oakwood Village) Branch Library

Here are some more of the **FREE** programs coming up in November at the Bedford Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, located at 70 Columbus Rd., Bedford, Ohio 44146. For more information, or to register for any program, please call 440-439-4997.

Family Storytime -All ages with caregiver, Tuesdays, Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28, 6 p.m. Join us in the evening for a relaxing selection of stories, songs and fingerplays.

Homeschool Hangout -Grades 2 - 5, Friday, Nov. 10, 2 p.m. Join us for fun, engaging, STEM-based activities. Perfect for homeschoolers looking to connect with other students. **MUST REGISTER**

Board Game Night -Adults, Monday, Nov. 13, 7 p.m. Did you know November is International Games Month? Come celebrate at the Bedford Branch by playing board games. We'll have a variety of old favorites and newer options to play, with something for everyone. If you have a favorite board game at home feel free to bring it to play as well. Light refreshments will be provided. **MUST REGISTER**

Ellenwood Book Discussion: "The Therapist" -Adults, Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2 p.m. Attend our November monthly book discussion at Ellenwood Community Center. This month we're reading and discussing "The Therapist," by B.A. Paris. Copies of the book will be available at the Bedford Branch library and Ellenwood Center one month before the date of the discussion.

Chapter Book Champs -K-5, Wednesday, Nov. 15, 6:30 p.m. Whether you have finished the book or not join us for activities and a book discussion based on the following books: November 15 - "Amari and the Night Brothers" by B. B. Alston. Registration will close one week before the program. If you want to attend after registration closes, please call the Bedford Branch at 440-439-4997.

Engineering Hour -K-5, Thursdays, Nov. 16, 30, 3:30 p.m. Use your imagination and the materials provided to build, play, create and learn.

Gratitude Chain -K-5, Wednesday, Nov. 22, 3:30 p.m. Investigate and express your gratitude with a simple contemplative craft.

Using the Library's Digital Resources -K-5, Friday, Nov. 24, 3:30 p.m. Come learn about and explore the digital resources available to you with your library card.

Teen Writing Group, Saturday, Nov. 25, 11 a.m. Explore new writing prompts, share with your peers, and make new friends! **MUST REGISTER**

African American Authors Book Group -In-Person or On-ZOOM. All adults welcome. Thursday, Nov. 30, 7 p.m. The African American Authors Book Group meets the last Thursday of the month. November Book: "The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times" by Michelle Obama. Join us for a lively discussion of this timely book. This title is available in different formats - regular print, large print, Book on CD, eBook and eAudio. **MUST REGISTER**

Garfield Heights Branch Library

Here are more of the **FREE** programs available in November at the Garfield Heights Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 5409 Turney Rd. Call 216-475-8178 to register or for more information.

ADULT PROGRAMS

AARP Fraud Watch Basics Join AARP to learn about the latest scams, how to avoid them and what to do if

you've been targeted. Wednesday, Nov. 15, 7-8 p.m. Registration required.

Miniature Books Come and learn how to turn scrap paper into miniature books! Thursday, Nov. 16, 7-8 p.m. Registration required.

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Independence Branch Library

Here are some of the **FREE** programs being offered in November 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.

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Booktalkers / Registration required. Chat about your recent reading adventures with Ms. Dottie and Ms. Kathy. Group members can share books they've enjoyed and will walk away with some great book suggestions! Tuesday, Nov. 14, 3:15 p.m.

Best in Show Stuffie Competition / Registration required. Children can bring their favorite stuffed animal to the library for crafts, a runway walk and awards. Saturday, Nov. 18, 2 p.m.



The City of Maple Heights and St. Andrew Eastern Orthodox Church in cooperation with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank will have a Mobile Food Pantry on the third Thursday of each month. We will be open on the following Thursdays throughout the 2023 Year

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Cuyahoga County’s Division of Job and Family Services (CJFS) staff will be placed at three nonprofit locations - Greater Cleveland Food Bank, Cuyahoga County Public Library – Garfield Heights Branch, and the Friendly Inn Settlement, Inc. Neighborhood-based services will improve residents’ access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Medicaid benefit programs, county officials said.

“Improving access to critical services means bringing the government to the people,” said Cuyahoga County Executive Chris Ronayne. “We have to meet residents where they are to ensure that everyone has access to vital social services and resources.”

The neighborhood locations will reduce barriers to access like transportation and digital inequality that may make it harder for customers to apply for and remain connected to Federal benefits programs. County caseworkers also aim to assist customers in the community partner agencies with speaking to CJFS eligibility specialists about applying for benefits, case status questions and renewal of benefits.

“This partnership is a natural extension of the work we do every day at Cuyahoga County Public Library to help county residents access and maintain benefits,” said Chief Public Services Officer Pamela Jankowski. “The Garfield Heights Branch is a trusted community hub where residents know they can turn for support. Hosting CJFS onsite will make it easier for them to get the assistance they need.”

Eligibility specialists will assist customers at the Garfield Heights Public Library, 5049 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights, on Wednesdays, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

In addition to connecting customers with SNAP and Medicaid benefits, staff can assist with setting up an online account through the Ohio Benefits Self-Service portal, where customers can track the status of their case, make updates, and submit applications and renewals for benefit programs.

Staff are also able to assist with applications and inquiries about other benefit programs, including Ohio Works First cash assistance, Prevention, Retention and Contingency emergency cash assistance and Childcare benefits.

For more information about Cuyahoga Job and Family Services, visit cjfs.cuyahogacounty.us. Cuyahoga County residents can also apply for SNAP, Medicaid or Cash Assistance online.

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- Authorizing Blackwell to enter into an agreement with James G. Zupka, C.P.A., Inc., to prepare and file the annual Generally Accepted Accounting Principles finan-

cial statements for the city for the year ending Dec. 31, 2023, for an anticipated total project cost of \$13,600.

- Authorizing Blackwell to enter into a contract with the Ohio Auditor of State and Independent Public Auditor Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc., pursuant to Ohio Revised Code, to audit the city for the fiscal periods January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2027, for a combined total for all periods of \$125,000.

Announcements

Police Chief Todd Hansen said that at a recent American Automobile Association East Central Safety Awards event in Independence, the Maple Heights Police Department received a "Gold Traffic Safety Award" for its efforts last year. "We have increased our traffic patrols and the numbers show we're moving in the right direction," he said.

Human Services Director Linda Vopat announced that the Bedford Fraternal Order of the Eagles donated \$1000 towards the Maple Heights Food Pantry, which will be used to replace a freezer that broke down recently, and thanked the Bedford FOE for their donation.

Vopat also announced that the city's Holiday Lighting

Ceremony, featuring a visit from Santa Claus, will be held at Maple Heights City Hall, 5353 Lee Rd., on Sunday, Nov. 26, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Agee announced that the last District 7 Block Watch meeting of the year will be held on Thursday, Nov. 16, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Alpine Senior Living, 5500 Northfield Rd.

To speak on Lutheran high schools at St. John Lutheran



Joe Gray, the assistant superintendent of the Cleveland Lutheran High School Association, will be at St. John Lutheran Church, 11333 Granger Rd., Garfield Heights, on Sunday, Nov. 12, for worship and to share news about improvements at both of the Cleveland Lutheran high schools, especially Lutheran East.

He will also share how Lutheran East can be supported financially and in other ways. Gray will be available after worship to answer questions and talk about enrollment.

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Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging is working with community partners to support vaccine events in your area. WRAA is offering a \$25 grocery gift card for individuals who receive a vaccine at community vaccine events.

To learn more visit: areagingolutions.org/programs-services/what-s-happening/

Flu

COVID-19

Seasonal vaccines should be an important part of your plan for good health. The flu and COVID-19 vaccines will be available this fall. Talk with your primary care provider or pharmacist if you have questions.

Learn more at www2.cdc.gov/nip/adult/matched/

For more information on how WRAAA can help you plan for good health go to areagingolutions.org/public-health/

For vaccine contact or scan:

Cuyahoga County Board of Health
Phone 216-201-2000 or visit ccbh.net



Cleveland Department of Public Health
Phone 216-664-2324 or visit clevelandhealth.org



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A Prayer for Veterans

Lord God, Almighty Father,
creator of mankind and author of peace,
as we are ever mindful of the cost paid
for the liberty we possess, we ask you to
bless the members of our armed forces.
Give them courage, hope and strength.
May they ever experience
your firm support, gentle love and
compassionate healing.
Be their power and protector,
leading them from darkness to light.
To you be all glory, honor and praise,
now and forever.

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