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FREE

Missing 8-year-old Bedford girl found in Bainbridge Township after driving herself there in her family's SUV

Bedford officers were dispatched about 8:55 a.m., on Sept. 15, to an address on Greencroft Rd., for a report of a missing 8-year-old girl and a missing 2020 Nissan Rogue. Family members said they last saw the girl around 7 a.m. A next door neighbor provided the family and officers with ring camera footage that revealed the girl got into the SUV and drove off around 7 a.m. all by herself.

Bedford Heights advised they had received a call concerning a small child driving east on Rockside Rd. in a vehicle matching the description of the SUV but were unable to locate. Flock cameras hit on the vehicle traveling east on Pettibone Rd. Officers were advised through dispatch that Bainbridge PD had found the SUV in the Target parking lot in their city. Bainbridge PD was asked to try to locate the juvenile, who officers later found inside the Target.

Family members of the little girl went to Target to get her and their vehicle. The girl said that during her travels she had struck a mailbox. Damage to vehicle noted.

Sgt. John Ryhter, killed in Korean War, will be buried Friday in Bedford Cemetery with full military honors

By Judith Goldsworth

U.S. Army Sergeant John P. Ryhter, a Bedford native who died in the Korean War in 1950, was recently identified after almost 75 years and will be buried in a graveside ceremony at Bedford Cemetery this Friday, Sept. 20. Residents are asked to line Broadway Ave. in his honor during the route of the funeral procession, Mayor Stan Koci announced at council's meeting Monday night.

A noticeably moved Koci stated that the funeral will be with full military honors.

Koci said, "I'm asking all of the citizens and whoever would like to get out and line the streets of Broadway to salute this man when he goes by. Stand there solemnly, with your flags, and show respect for a man who gave all and is coming home to rest."

The procession will step off at 1 p.m. from Johnson-Romito Funeral Home, 521 Broadway, after private services are held, and proceed southeast on Broadway to Bedford Cemetery, 999 Broadway.

According to information from the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), of the Department of Defense in Washington, D.C., Ryhter was a member of Battery A, 82nd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division. He was 22 years old when he was reported missing in action in December 1950, after his unit engaged in "intensive combat actions" against the Chinese People's Volunteer Army, in the vicinity of Kunu-ri, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, during the Battle of Ch'ongch'on River.

The DPAA stated that in 1954, a set of unidentified remains were recovered from the Camp 5 Prisoner of War Cemetery in Pyoktong, North Korea, and were sent to the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, Hawaii, for interment as "Unknown." In September of 2019, DPAA personnel exhumed the unknown remains and sent them to the DPAA laboratory for DNA analysis, dental and anthropological analysis and other procedures, with the goal of identifying them.

The remains were positively identified as Ryhter's in April of this year, and his surviving family was notified. Although his parents and siblings have all passed, Ryhter has living nephews and a niece, some of whom still live in the area, according to his obituary published by Johnson-Romito Funeral Home. His gravesite will be located near his mother and a brother in Bedford Cemetery.

Rhyter, who also served as a Merchant Seaman and in the Marine Corps in the mid-1940s prior to enlisting in the Army in 1949, has been awarded the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Presidential Unit Citation, and the Republic of Korea War Service Medal, his obituary states.

City Manager Mike Mallis said that Ryhter's remains will be flown home this week. He said Bedford police will be providing a police escort from the airport all the way to Johnson-Romito Funeral Home.



Sgt. Ryhter

Man dies in New York Ave. house fire

A 50-year-old man died Friday following an early morning house fire in the 7600 block of New York Ave., Cleveland, according to multiple media reports.

The man was apparently cooking something on the stove in the downstairs kitchen of the two-family home when the fire erupted.

Granger Road Hill closed for 30 days

Granger Road Hill in Garfield Heights will be closed for the next 30 days, starting Sept. 17, between Transportation Blvd. and Canal Rd., for important storm sewer and roadway improvements. Please follow the posted detour signs.

To present State of City, Schools in M.H.

The 2024 State of the City Address for the city of Maple Heights will be presented by Mayor Annette Blackwell on Tuesday, Sept. 24, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Maple Heights Senior Center, 2nd floor, 15901 Libby Rd.

2024 Joint State Addresses for the Maple Heights City Schools and the city of Maple Heights will be presented on Tuesday, Oct. 1, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., at Milkovich Middle School, 19800 Stafford Ave., presented by Superintendent Olympia A. Della-Flora and Mayor Blackwell.

Both addresses are open to the public. Reservations are only required if attendees are purchasing light refreshments. Call Maple Heights City Hall for more information.

Rep. Darnell Brewer to present Small Business Summit tomorrow in Garfield

State Rep. Darnell Brewer will host a Small Business and Entrepreneurs Summit on Thursday, Sept. 19, from 5-7 p.m., at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. Ways to find funding for small businesses and startups will be discussed.

Invited guests and speakers include Deputy Director Vaughn Johnson, Cuyahoga County Deputy Director of Economic Development, and Monica Womack, Ohio Chief of Minority Business Development.

There will also be a special recognition ceremony for new District 18 small business owners. Registration not required.

Polish Harvest Festival at PACC Saturday

The Cleveland Dozynki - Polish Harvest Festival - sponsored by the Cleveland Polka Association and the Polish-American Cultural Center, will be held on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 1 to 6 p.m., at the Polish-American Cultural Center, 6501 Lansing Ave., Cleveland, OH 44105.

Music will be by John Góra & Górale from Toronto, Canada, featuring polkas and Polish and American dance music. Admission is \$18 (18 and under free).

There will be delicious Polish food, imported and domestic drinks, folk dancers, museum tours, vendors, 50/50 & basket raffles. For more information call 330-461-1772.

Bedford Planning Commission to review state request to relocate juvenile correction facility to city

By Judith Goldsworth

At the Bedford Council meeting Monday, City Manager Mike Mallis reported that the Bedford Planning Commission this week will be reviewing the Ohio Department of Youth Services' second request to relocate a state juvenile correction facility at the former US Bank building at 17500 Rockside Rd. It has been over two years since council denied the Planning Commission's decision to grant the Department of Youth Services' (DYS) first request for a special use permit for the facility.

The new application by DYS, proposing a 130,000-square-foot facility to house 72 youth offenders and employ 294 personnel, would represent a \$90 million construction project, Mallis said. "Their operations will include administrative offices, support services, educational and vocational training, life skills and college courses. There will also be recreational, behavioral health, healthcare and reentry services. The facility would be a 24-hour, 7-day-a-week operation."

The reason council voted the initial application down in June 2022, Koci said, was "because at the last minute, the Friday before we were voting on it, the state sent an e-mail to us. There was a 120-person cap on the number of youth that could be in there, and they sent an e-mail to us saying they wanted it to be unlimited. That's why we voted no, and they went away."

Koci explained that in the interim, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine has proposed establishing 11 or 12 smaller youth detention facilities throughout the state, with smaller inmate populations, instead of four larger facilities.

Responding to a question from another resident on whether locating the facility in the predominantly industrial area of Rockside Rd. near the Maple Heights border would be an allowed use, Law Director John Montello stated, "We have had this matter thoroughly vetted by seasoned attorneys... there is a thorough analysis that this is not a prohibited use. So Planning has the ability to allow this facility."

Mallis said that the Planning Commission's decision will be considered by council at its next meeting on Monday, Oct. 7, at 7 p.m.

Sewer rates may go up next year

Placed on first reading was an ordinance that may raise sewer rates for property owners by 10% beginning Jan. 1, 2025, to cover additional expenses and capital improvements of the city's Wastewater Treatment Plant and sewer system. The minimum sewer charge may be increased by about \$3 per month, Mallis said. He said this would increase revenue and allow the city to borrow more for these capital improvement projects.

Passed at the meeting

- An ordinance to set the city's water rates for 2025. The rates will actually represent a 3% reduction for property owners next year. Also passed was another ordinance for a 30% discount in water and sewer base rates, effective in 2025, for senior citizens and disabled persons with a household income of \$37,907 or less in 2023.
- A resolution authorizing Mallis to seek financial assistance from the Ohio Public Works Commission State Public Works Program to fund a capital infrastructure improvement project, the Solon Road Reconstruction.
- An ordinance authorizing a contract with Cenweld Truck Bodies & Equipment for the purchase of a new stainless steel dump bed for the sludge hauler truck body for the Waste Water Treatment Plant, at a cost of \$48,125.
- An ordinance authorizing a contract with Eclipse Companies, LLC, for sanitary sewer repairs to Southwick Dr. and First St., at a cost of \$72,159. Mallis said the sewers are too deep for city personnel to excavate and make repairs safely.
- Placed on second reading for further discussion was an ordinance authorizing a contract with XL Excavating to demolish the city-owned structure located at 890 Broadway Ave. (the former Dr. Pidala office) at a cost of \$28,800, and to be paid from Cuyahoga County Community Development Block Grant funds.

Firefighters sworn in

Koci swore in three new firefighters, Andrew Hudak, Bianca Inman and Luke Rodak, to the Bedford Fire Department.

Mayor Stan Koci, also a former longtime Bedford firefighter, congratulated the three new firefighters on their posts, adding, "Study, take every class that you can, make the job better when you can. And that makes for a better department, a better city and a better you."

Hyacinth Community Block Club to meet

The Hyacinth Community Block Club will meet this Thursday, Sept. 19, at 6:30 p.m., at Elizabeth Baptist Church, 6114 Francis Ave. There will be presentations on a tree planting at Hyacinth Park by the Western Reserve Land Conservancy and the Red Cross regarding free smoke detectors.

The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District will also be presenting an update on the status of its Southerly Tunnel and Consolidation Project that is currently underway in the Broadway/Slavic Village neighborhood.

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Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, October 1st 2024, commencing at 12-1pm and 5-6pm at the Village of Cuyahoga Heights, Village Hall, 4863 East 71 Street, Cuyahoga Heights, Ohio 44125, the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council ("NOPEC"), on behalf of the Village of Cuyahoga Heights, a NOPEC member, will hold public hearings with respect to the Plan of Operation and Governance for the aggregation of competitive retail natural gas (the "Aggregation Program"), as authorized by such member pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 4929.26 and 4929.27. The Aggregation Program will apply to all eligible customers of retail natural gas within the Village of Cuyahoga Heights, without the prior consent of each customer for NOPEC's natural gas opt-out natural gas program and with prior consent of each customer for NOPEC's natural gas opt-in program. NOPEC seeks to provide competitively priced natural gas for consumers by selecting a supplier through a negotiation process and leveraging the combined resources and buying power of member communities in NOPEC. The Plan of Operation and Governance addresses the following topics regarding the Aggregation Program: (1) goals, operations and funding; (2) consumer participation; (3) customer care; (4) organizational structure and management of NOPEC; and (5) the steps toward establishing the Aggregation Program.

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Community police reports

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

Garfield Heights

Criminal Damage

•On Sept. 9, at 12:15 p.m., an officer was dispatched to Ridgeview Apartments, 4900 E. 141 St., and met with the apartment manager and the apartment's maintenance man, who showed the officer four spent shell casings and one live round in the north parking lot. The maintenance man said one of the vacant apartments had a sliding glass door window that was shattered and he had found a bullet fragment in the living room floor of that unit. Police then spoke with a tenant who said she had heard what sounded like several gunshots coming from outside in the parking lot around midnight. Another tenant had called the apartment manager earlier and said she had heard gunshots and then saw two cars leaving the parking lot going south toward E. 141 St., in the direction of Broadway Ave.

•On Sept. 13, at about 9:21 p.m., an officer responded to a home in the 4800 block of E. 86 St., for a report of criminal damaging. The caller said an unknown dark-colored vehicle had pulled into her driveway and three males got out of the car and knocked on her door several times asking for the "twins" to come outside. A short time later she heard the sound of glass breaking so she called police. She said the glass from her side door was broken out and the suspects attempted to open a window in the rear of the house but were unsuccessful. She said the suspects then left in an unknown direction. Police advised the woman to call if the parties return.

Theft

•On Sept. 11, a woman went to the police station to report that on Sept. 10, her son had left his bicycle outside the Garfield branch library between 6 and 7 p.m., and when he went out to get his bike it was gone. She said a library staff member had the theft on video and would turn it over to police.

•On Sept. 12, at about 7:19 p.m., police responded to a report that an unknown male had stolen her son's bicycle from the front yard of a friend's house while he was there visiting. The incident was captured on surveillance video and showed a black male wearing a red hooded sweatshirt and black sweatpants taking the bike from the front lawn. The next day a Garfield Heights city worker found the bike in the bushes at Turney Rd. and Antenucci Blvd.

Breaking & Entering

On Sept. 10, shortly before midnight, police were dispatched to Fifth Third Bank, 9301 Vista Way, for a report of breaking and entering. An employee with bank security said surveillance video showed a man wearing a navy blue hoodie and pants and tan boots and what appeared to be gloves enter the bank, climbed over the teller line area and appeared to be putting items in a backpack. There was an apparent four-minute time delay before GHPD received the call from Fifth Third security. Officers toured the area for the suspect and located a shattered window on the north side of the bank where the suspect appeared to have entered/exited the bank. No suspect was located inside the bank, where several papers and rolls of coins were scattered and rummaged through behind the bank teller's line. Coin trays were located in the parking lot area near where the shattered window was located. Detective Bureau is following up.

Suspicious Person

On Sept. 11, about 12:30 p.m., police responded to CVS, 11223 Granger Rd., on a report that a woman had been in the bathroom there for about an hour. Employees directed police to the bathroom where the woman inside had just opened the door. The woman told officers she was just cleaning herself up and was getting ready to leave. When she was asked if she had any CVS property on her she became argumentative and refused to give police her name, birth date or Social Security number. She did eventually give police her name and was found to have two active warrants, one through the Lake County Sheriff's Office which said to advise and release the woman. She did not have any CVS property on her person during the investigation. She was issued a summons for failure to disclose personal information and was advised on her warrants and trespassing at CVS.

Assault

On Sept. 13, shortly before 3 p.m., several GHPD units arrived in the area of S. Highland and Turney Rd. in connection with a caller stating the suspects who had assaulted her brother earlier that day were in front of Mr. Hero. Police located the juvenile suspect and two other juvenile males and all were detained. The victim said that while leaving that day from Garfield Heights High School he was jumped by several juveniles, and while walking home approximately 10 juveniles had walked up to him and pushed him to the ground and punched him several times. After the assault stopped the victim called his sister to come pick him up and as they were driving he recognized the juvenile who had punched him. The suspect was transported to city jail and booked and housed. Request Juvenile Bureau to follow up.

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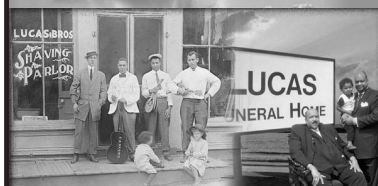
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A ribboncutting for the new Garfield Heights Democratic Party Headquarters in Garfield Commons was held last week with free pizza and ice cream for all those attending. Voter registration was included in the event and a chance to meet candidates running for office in November.

Shown in the middle of the photo above is Cuyahoga County Democratic Chairman David Brock, with Garfield Heights Democratic City Leader Frank J. Wagner and Garfield Heights Mayor Matt Burke to the right of Brock, along with many other Democratic officials in city and state elected offices and those seeking support in the upcoming election. Photo by Elena Psenicka

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- Inhouse Storytime** - School aged. Thursday, Sept. 26, 4-4:30 p.m.
- Design Your Own Mini Tote Bag** - School aged. Friday, Sept. 27, 2-3 p.m.

Independence Branch Library

Here are some of the **FREE** programs being offered at the Independence Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, located at 6361 Selig Dr., Independence. For more information or to register for any program, please call 216-447-0160.

ADULTS

Wednesday Night Book Discussion. No registration required. Please join us for a casual and lively book discussion of "The Measure" by Nikki Erlick. The books will be available approximately one month before the discussion date. Wednesday, Sept. 18, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday Afternoon Book Discussion. No registration required. Please join us for a casual and lively book discussion of "The Measure" by Nikki Erlick. The books will be available approximately one month before the discussion date. Thursday, Sept. 19, 2:15 p.m.

Upcycled Greeting Cards. Registration required. Learn how to cut and fold upcycled greeting cards into small gift boxes perfect for jewelry or other small objects. Materials will be provided; however, customers are welcome to bring their own greeting cards to transform. Greeting cards must be simple, single-fold, two panel cards without three-dimensional decorations or other elements. Saturday, Sept. 21, 2 p.m.

TEENS

DIY Night Lights. Registration required. Create a cool night light using Cricut vinyl cutouts. Several designs to choose from. Tuesday, Sept. 24, 6:30 p.m.

CHILDREN

Focus on 4's and 5's. Registration required. Pre-school children 4 and 5 years of age and their caregivers can join us for stories, songs and a focus on skills to prepare for kindergarten. Wednesdays, Sept. 18–Oct. 23, 11 a.m.

Jungle Bob's Animal Show. Registration required. See live animals up close and learn fun facts that make them all unique. Saturday, Sept. 28, 2 p.m.



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Garfield Heights Community Forum focuses on safety of district’s students



Top Dawg leader Mario Hauser, Garfield Heights Mayor Matt Burke, Moms Onna Mission leader Chloe Ervin-Dozier, State Representative Darnell T. Brewer (OH-18), and Garfield City Schools Superintendent Dr. Richard D. Reynolds (all identified in photo from left to right) were panelists at a Community Town Hall Forum last Thursday, Sept. 12, at the Civic Center regarding overlapping issues of afterschool opportunities, safety, security and more. *Photo courtesy of the Garfield Heights City Schools*

Safety for students in Garfield Heights schools took center stage last Thursday, at a Town Hall Forum at the Civic Center in the wake of an Instagram posting on Sept. 9, which threatened violence against several Garfield Heights and Maple Heights schools.

At Thursday's meeting Mayor Matt Burke praised local law enforcement for their quick action, which saw a 13-year-old girl on Cumberland Dr. in custody a little over six hours from when the Instagram posting was brought to the attention of Garfield Heights police.

"We can't ask for better police protection than that," Burke told the dozens of parents, city leaders and residents attending the meeting.

Chloe Ervin-Dozier of Moms Onna Mission, a new group advocating for area students, asked that parents and other adults volunteer at least one hour a day to assist the scholars in the community by creating an environment where they can learn and thrive.

Mayor Burke pointed to afterschool programs as a way to keep the youth busy and engaged. He said the city has installed pickleball and basketball courts at Debelak Park and is working on programs for football, Zumba, line dancing and basketball leagues, among others.

Garfield Heights City Schools Superintendent Dr. Richard Reynolds called for volunteers to welcome children to school and make sure they get home safely. He said security measures in the schools now include full metal detectors, x-ray machines, added resource officers and counselors, and a city/school collaboration that puts student safety first.

State Rep. Darnell Brewer said he is the voice of the people in his district bringing their wishes to the legislature. "It means a lot when I advocate for the people to be able to say I have the superintendent, mayor and council behind me. It is certainly true in Garfield Heights."

Death Notices

EDWARD J. WIGDALSKI

Edward J. Wigdalski of Sagamore Hills passed away peacefully on Thursday, Sept. 12, at the age of 73. Ed is survived by his wife of 50 years, Sandra (nee Siemborski); his children, Sarah (Mike) Crupi, Adam Wigdalski, and Stephanie (Jon) Denham; his beloved grandchildren Grant Crupi, Dean Crupi, Jack Edward Denham and Emma Denham; his loving sisters Jane (John) Konkoli, Betty Murray, and Mary (Marty, deceased) Garrett; and his 16 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Edward and Elizabeth Wigdalski.

Ed and Sandy came from two loving families that were intertwined since their childhood growing up together in Garfield Heights. From their days at St. Therese, Ed's high school years at Chanel High School, then Bowling Green State University, Ed and Sandy were sweethearts who celebrated their 50th anniversary in May. Ed adored



being with Sandy and always put family first. He provided help and love to everyone without asking for anything in return. Ed was often a first call for his children, siblings, nieces and nephews when it came to car advice, life questions and for a quick joke.

Ed's other love was his work. He took over Atlantic Brake and Ignition from his father at a young age, then opened Turney Auto Parts in Garfield Heights in 1975. Ed worked seven days a week for years building a business, a client base and a life for his family. He was recognized by the city of Garfield Heights in 2016 as a longstanding business owner and community leader. He maintained clients and friends and customers through all 42 years of ownership, and to this day. Once the store became Federated Auto Parts in 2016, Ed remained there, working part time beside the same men who worked for him at Turney. Ed worked as long as he could - until this July - loving the work, the customers and the network he had built.

Friends and family may call at The Ferfolia Funeral Home, 356 W. Aurora Rd., (OH Rte. 82), Sagamore Hills, where memorial visitation will be held Friday, Sept. 20, from 4 to 8 p.m. Family and friends are invited to gather at St. Barnabas Catholic Church, 9451 Brandywine Rd., Northfield, OH. 44067, where Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, Sept. 21, at 10 a.m. Inurnment All Saints Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to the Cleveland Zoological Society in memory of Ed and Sandy Wigdalski, Cleveland Zoological Society, 3900 Wildlife Way, Cleveland, OH 44109 or online at ClevelandZooSociety.org/memorial.



TIM OBOJSKI

Tim Obojski, age 64, passed away on September 5, 2024, in Cleveland, Ohio, the city where he was born and lived his entire life. Tim is survived by his brother, Paul, and sisters, Barbra and Monica. He was preceded in death by his mother, Bernie (nee Strzyzewski) and father, Thomas Obojski.

Tim was an active member of St. Stanislaus Church where he found spiritual solace and a community of faith that mirrored his dedication to service. He was a dedicated employee of the Cleveland Water Department, a career that spanned many years and reflected his commitment to his community.

Tim attended St. Stanislaus Primary School and South High School and further advanced his education at Tri-C. Beyond his professional life, he was passionate about gardening, a hobby that not only brought him immense joy but also beautified his neighborhood and provided a sanctuary for local wildlife.

His family and friends will remember him for his kind nature, his green thumb and his quiet dedication to both his faith and community. Tim's legacy will live on in the gardens he tended and the positive impact he had on those around him. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements in care of Fortuna Funeral Home. (216) 641-0046

Garfield Hts. Ward 7 Block Watch meets

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch, sponsored by Councilwoman Jenn Newrones, will meet Thursday, Sept. 26, at 7 p.m., at the St. Monica Church outdoor pavilion off Rockside Rd. Nonperishable items for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry would be appreciated. All are welcome. For more information call Gail, 216-662-9213.

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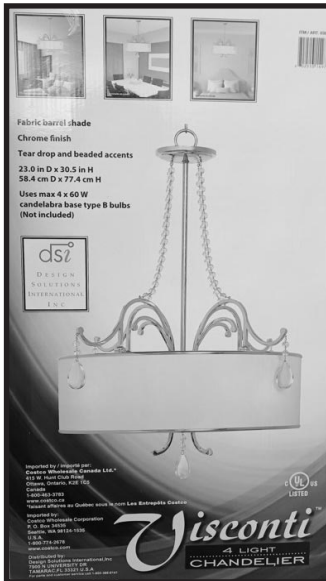
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Sept. 27-30: Bedford Fall Cart Tours. Join us for a cart tour through scenic Bedford Reservation. Enjoy the ride as we are shuttled from one location to the next. We will get out to stretch our legs and visit Viaduct Falls, Bridal Veil Falls, and Tinker’s Creek Gorge Overlook. This experience will hopefully yield some fall colors as well. 1 – 3 p.m. Viaduct Park parking lot. Fee: \$10. Terrain: paved, natural surface, hills, stairs, 1 mile. Registration 6 people.

ICE SKATING LESSONS FOR FALL SEASON

The ice rink at the Dan Kostel Recreation Center in Garfield Heights at 5411 Turney Rd., is scheduled to open for the season this Monday, Sept. 16.

Learn to Skate classes are offered throughout the season as well as Beginner Learn to Play Hockey.

Learn to Skate classes: Held on Wednesdays beginning Sept. 25, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., and also on Saturday mornings, 10:15 to 11:15 a.m., beginning Sept. 28. Skate rental is included with all lessons at no additional charge.

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All details are on the website – www.garfieldhts.org – Parks & Recreation Department, or call 216-475-7272.

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Sept. 22: Drop-By - Backyard Animal Adaptations. Have you ever seen wildlife around your yard or neighborhood? Northeast Ohio backyards have more than what meets the eye. Come by CanalWay Center to check out some local wildlife. We’ll talk about different skills like who uses smell for defense. Which animal has "thumbs." After exploring you can make your own track book to take home to help you identify who has been in your own backyard! 2 – 4 p.m.

Garfield Park Reservation

Sept. 25: Evening Bird Walk. Admire the birds and wildlife that take refuge around the new boating pond and Wolf Creek in Garfield Park. Binoculars will be available for loan as a naturalist showcases new trails and spots to discover our winged neighbors. 6–7 p.m. Garfield Park Center. Terrain: natural and paved surfaces, some hills, 1.5 miles.

Sept. 27: On the Beaten Path - Exploration Hike. Garfield Park has a popular paved loop trail that is adored by many, but did you know there are other trails that take you deeper into the forest? Explore these lesser-known paths with a naturalist as you tickle your inner adventurous side. 5 – 6:30 p.m. Meet at Garfield Park Center. Terrain: natural surface, hills, 3 miles.

Sept. 28: Wolf Creek Streamside Walk. Learn about and see ongoing efforts to restore and revitalize Wolf Creek, a tributary to Mill Creek that is highly impacted by urban development. We will explore recent stream restoration efforts, look for birds and wildlife that have returned to the stream valley, and ponder ongoing challenges. 2 – 4 p.m. Garfield Park Center. Terrain: paved, natural surface, hills, 2 miles.

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