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Christmas in July at Garfield Hts. pool Garfield Heights Council passes six-month moratorium on cannabis

By Ellen Psenicka

At a special meeting Monday night of Garfield Heights Council, an ordinance was passed imposing a moratorium on the issuance and processing of all licenses, permits and certificates that would allow the cultivation, processing, distribution or sale of adult use cannabis in the city of Garfield Heights for a period not to exceed six months.

On Nov. 7, 2023, Ohio voters approved State Issue 2, legalizing and providing for the regulation of adult use cannabis. Sections of the Ohio Revised Code permitting and regulating adult use cannabis went into effect on Dec. 7, 2023, and the Ohio Division of Cannabis was provided nine months to implement these rules and regulations.

Garfield Heights Council, with the passage of this ordinance Monday, has determined it needs additional time to review the applicable sections of the Ohio Revised Code as well as the city's Codified Ordinances to establish a plan for the future of adult use cannabis in the city.

Other ordinances and resolutions passed Monday include:

- Releasing the standard easement for the installation and maintenance of a water main to supply water service to the Bridgeview Crossings Project as this project was never developed and, therefore, the easement for water service is no longer needed.
- Preparing plans and specifications and competitive bidding for the Multi-Street Reconstruction & Waterline Replacement Project - Phase 9, and authorizing payment of costs for this project.
- Amending a section of the Codified Ordinances relative to the disbursement of receipts of the city income tax collection for the year 2024, and declaring an emergency.
- Applying for and accepting the Bureau of Workers Compensation Safety Intervention Grant to purchase safety equipment for the city's fire department and service department.

New principal for Holy Name Elementary

Holy Name Parish, 8328 Broadway Ave., Cleveland, has announced that it is welcoming a new principal at Holy Name Elementary School, Marcia Hatcher-Roberts. She comes to Holy Name with a background in public administration and experience in teaching. For the past few years she was the assistant principal at St. Aloysius Elementary School in Cleveland.

Hatcher believes that education is the best bet for positive change in our society. She has concern for the students and their families. "Remember," she told Msgr. Richard Antall, the pastor of Holy Name, "we need to be multi-generational. We are dealing not only with the students but also their parents, grandparents and in many cases great-grandparents."

With two Master's degrees and preparation in the Ursuline College Graduate School of Education, Hatcher brings a great deal to the school. "She wants to bring out the great potential of our students, academically, socially and personally," Msgr. Antall said. "I expect the instructional quality of our program will reflect her dynamism and commitment."

Her first decision at Holy Name Elementary was to start classes the day after Labor Day. "I never believed in classes in August," said Msgr. Antall. "It never seemed right to start before the summer was over. I am thrilled we are back to the traditional calendar."



Marcia Hatcher-Roberts



The 14th annual Christmas in July event held last Saturday at the Dan Kostel Rec Center pool in Garfield Heights, was a huge hit this year with a large crowd and the weather cooperating.

Fun was had by all in attendance with line dancing on the pool deck, getting wacky balloons twisted by More Fun Entertainment's Doug Wilson, some lucky patrons winning prizes, and a great day to be in the pool! Santa (aka Bob Gruszewski) arrived on a surf board with his two elves, Kiera and Nicky, and his big red bag full of toys for all the little ones there.

Big winners of the eight raffle prizes were: Ashley Charles, Akia Ellison, Andrew Cesarski and Lovado Townsend, who all won bikes, and Aniya Younger, Aliya Xayne, Angelina Robinson and Christine Bartunek, who all won pool floats.

Thanks to all the sponsors who made this event possible with their donations: Mayor Matt Burke (2 kids bikes), Clerk of Council Lottie Overby and all Council members (2 adult bikes), and the Recreation Department (bag of toys and pool floats).

This event was sponsored by the city of Garfield Heights, Paul Birk, Sr., director of Parks and Recreation, and coordinated by Mary Nichols. Also a big thanks to the staff at the Recreation Department: Ken Dillon (music), James Bergholz, Nicky Emerson, Melissa Irvine, Chris Migchelbrink, Mitch Walkup, & Kiera Wilson - and all the lifeguards - Sebastian, Sarah, Isa, Isaac, Anita, Aniya and Sanai - who led the line dancing and activities on the pool deck organized by Head Life Guard Makayla Svoboda. And most of all thanks to Santa for coming in on his surfboard to join the festivities!

(See more Christmas in July photos on Page 5)

Summer Academy students to perform at Cleveland Central Catholic High

Jones Road Family Development will present its 2024 Summer Academy performance, "Peace in the City," on Thursday, July 25, in Ironman Center at Cleveland Central Catholic High School, 6550 Baxter Ave., Cleveland. All are invited to this free event which will showcase the skills that the students have been learning and practicing during the six-week Literacy Through the Arts Summer Academy.



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Community police reports

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

Garfield Heights Disturbance

•On July 16, at 2:48 p.m., officers arrived at Hanini Subs, 5701 Turney Rd., for a fight inside. The manager told police one of his employees was fighting with two females after they threw hot fries at him and the owner of the business. The females said the employee was rude to them and after they threw the fries a fight ensued. While an officer was reviewing video of the incident, a family member of one of the females arrived, went inside, grabbed a can of pop and threw it at the employee in question. She left the store, got into a car and pulled away. A traffic stop was made and she was detained. A check with LEADS showed she was driving under suspension.

During the review of the store video and interviews, several family members of both females arrived on scene and attempted to hinder the investigation and ordered police to arrest the workers. The two females in the original altercation, along with the store employee, were

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List of Meetings for August 2024

Monday, August 5, 2024	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 6, 2024	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 14, 2024	Southeast Area Law Enforcement (SEALE) Board of Trustees Meeting (if needed) Work Session - 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting - 12:00 p.m.
Monday, August 19, 2024	Council Summer Session No meeting
Tuesday, August 20, 2024	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 27, 2024	Board of Zoning Appeals (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

It should also be noted that the Board of Building Standards and Appeals, Civil Service Commission, Bedford Arts and Cultural Board, Bedford Historical Preservation Board, Assessment Equalization Board, Public Hearings, Planning Commission, Animal Appeals Board, Board of Zoning Appeals and Tree Board meet **as needed**. Notification of these meetings will be posted at the five most public places in the City per **Ordinance No. 8461-09**.

All Meetings will be held at Bedford City Hall, 165 Center Road, Bedford, Ohio 44146. For agendas and minutes please go to www.bedfordoh.gov, <https://bedfordoh.primegov.com/public/portal>, or call Tracy M. Simons, Clerk of Council, at 440-735-6510.

Tracy M. Simons
Clerk of Council

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cited for disorderly conduct. The female who threw the can of pop was cited for driving under suspension and disorderly conduct and her car was towed.

•On July 17, around 11:30 p.m., officers were dispatched to a home in the 5200 block of E. 102 St., for an Asian male walking around outside with two knives in his hand threatening people. They found the suspect walking on the sidewalk with no shirt and a lighter in his right hand and ordered him to the ground. The suspect ran inside his home and came out with two long kitchen knives and held one in each hand. He started walking toward the officers who had their weapons drawn. Officers again ordered him to the ground but he refused and continued to walk toward them saying "kill me" several times. Police then Tased the suspect, took his knives and placed him in handcuffs. EMS transported him to Marymount Hospital. Police were able to contact the suspect's brothers, who said they would get in touch with their brother's case worker. They also said their brother was on medication for a mental illness.

Recovered Stolen Auto

On July 17, at 3:18 a.m., a male suspect failed to stop for police on Henry St. near Marguerite while driving a Hyundai which was entered stolen out of Parma. This initiated a police pursuit which began on Broadway at speeds reaching up to 90 mph and ended on I-77 north between Fleet and Pershing aves., when the driver fled on foot and a drone was deployed. The suspect was shortly located. Cleveland PD, Newburgh Heights PD and a K-9 from Bedford PD assisted. The passenger in the car also fled on foot while holding an Anderson AR 556 rifle which was in the vehicle at the time of the pursuit. He was not apprehended. The driver was charged with fleeing, receiving stolen property, obstructing and multiple traffic violations.

Theft

On July 19, at 12:46 a.m., an officer responded to the 4400 block of Martin Luther King Dr. for a theft report. The complainant said sometime between midnight and 12:30 a.m., someone stole his three-year-old male French Bulldog named Blue from his fenced backyard. He said

the gate to his driveway was slightly pushed open and he thinks the dog was taken. He said Blue was originally purchased for \$5,000 and has black- and brown-colored fur. The officer toured the area but could not locate Blue.

Traffic Offense-Fleeing

On July 21, at 8:50 p.m., officers saw a red and white moped going east on Garfield Blvd., towards Turney. They checked the plates and found they were fictitious. They attempted a traffic stop but the moped fled down Garfield Blvd. towards Turney, and at one point, drove close to a toddler at the corner of E. 86 St. and Garfield Blvd. City cameras picked up that incident. The moped driver stopped in front of a home in the 5100 block of E. 88 St., jumped off and began to run. A foot pursuit ensued, a Taser deployed and officers were able get him into custody. Due to the fact that officers suspected he may have had a weapon and thrown it in the area, a search for it was conducted and a loaded 9mm Smith & Wesson pistol was found near the area where the suspect was taken into custody. He was taken to city jail and charged with having weapons under disability, tampering with evidence, fleeing and eluding, obstructing official business, traffic citation, fictitious plates. No bond.

Super Sunday #2

at St. John Lutheran

The next Super Sunday, "What a Blast," will be held at St. John Lutheran Church, corner of Turney and Granger rds., Garfield Heights, on Sunday, July 28, from 3-5 p.m. Children up to 12 years old are welcome to attend.

Registration is needed by July 25. Call the church office, 216-587-4222, or email the church: sjlutheran@att.net to register your children. Forms are available at the website: sjlutheran.net. There is a registration fee of \$5 for the first child and \$3 for each additional child. Call Karen at St. John if you have questions.

Public hearing in G.H. on potential community projects

The city of Garfield Heights will have a public hearing at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, July 29, at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd., to discuss potential projects to be funded with the 2025 Cuyahoga County Community Development Block Grant and Community Development Supplemental Grant programs.

The competitive grant programs help strengthen cities, encourage regional collaboration and improve the quality of life for residents, said city officials. All applications must meet a community development need related to the health or welfare of the community.

Comments or ideas for future projects can be sent to Pat Salemi at psalemi@garfieldhts.org. Any person who wishes to attend and requires special accommodations under the American with Disabilities Act should contact Pat Salemi no later than 72 hours prior to the meeting by e-mail or at 216-475-1100, ext. 2425.



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VILLAGE OF NEWBURGH HEIGHTS
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MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM

The Village of Newburgh Heights is eligible to apply for funding from Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and Community Development Supplemental Funds (CDSG) administered by Cuyahoga County through the Department of Development. Funds can be used for a variety of housing, economic development, and community improvement projects. Residents are invited to attend a public hearing to be held at Newburgh Heights Village Hall, 3801 Harvard Avenue, Newburgh Heights, OH 44105, on August 1, 2024 at 5:30 PM to voice their opinions on local development needs. Residents may also submit opinions in writing to the same address, attention Mayor Elkins.

Posted at Village Hall 7/18/24, The Neighborhood News 7/24/24

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on **Monday, August 12, 2024, 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:

2024-PZ-15 An application from Nate Scott on behalf of Hope Alliance Bible Church for **review and recommendation of a Zoning Map Amendment regarding PPN 781-04-093, a vacant parcel, from Residential Single Family Medium Density (RSF-M) Zoning District to Institutional/Office (I-O) Zoning District to construct a parking lot for the expanded church.**

The Applicants and/or their representatives are required to attend. Members of the public are invited to attend but will only be allowed to speak during the Public Hearing portion of this meeting.

The application and all supporting materials are available for review during normal business hours in the Maple Heights Building Department, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

Leonette Cicirella Johnson
Clerk of Council/PZC Secretary
City of Maple Heights

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July 27: "The Youngsters Camp Out." A History of Summer Camps in the Parks. Generations of Cleveland area kids attended overnight camps scattered throughout the Cleveland Metroparks. Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, the YMCA and several neighborhood settlement houses began operating these camps in the 1920s and many continued to operate into the 1970s. Learn where these camps were located and how they provided fun and education for decades. (Indoor program). 3-4 p.m. CanalWay Center.

July 28: Story Time Sunday! Join Naturalist Emily to start your Sunday off with a relaxing reading of a nature-based story! We'll begin at Canalway Center then walk down to the Ohio and Erie Canal for story time. We'll take in all the morning sights and sounds of nature while enjoying a book under the shade! After, we'll head back to Canalway Center to make our own bookmarks to take home! 10-11:30 a.m. Terrain: paved, hill, less than 1 mile.

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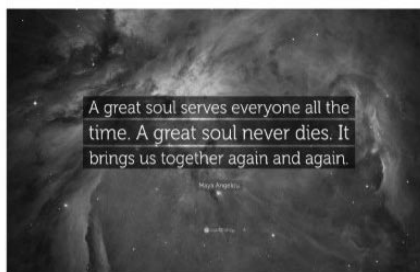
Cuyahoga River By Boat: Historical Interpreter Doug Kusak or Historian/Archivist Judy MacKeigan will be your guide on a 2-hour Cuyahoga River boat ride. We'll provide a river view while we discuss famous fires on the river, bridges, cargo ships, area geography, history, watersheds, trails, industry, reclamation, and so much

more. It's two hours of quality time exploring parts of the Cuyahoga River's federal navigation channel. River traffic and bridge operation affect our route. Tuesdays and Thursdays in July. Tour times: 4-6 p.m. or 7-9 p.m. Meet at the Merwin's Wharf dock. Fee: \$20. Online registration is required.

August 15: Bus Tour: Roscoe Village. Explore the influence of the Ohio and Erie Canal with a visit to Roscoe Village, a recreated Canal Era town. We will stop for a short visit at Canal Basin Park, the original northern terminus of the canal. Then we will head down to Roscoe Village in Coshocton, Ohio to visualize how Cleveland may have looked when the canal was in operation, before industry, steel and concrete changed the landscape. There will be time in Roscoe Village for lunch (on your own) and browsing the shops in the village. 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Merwin's Wharf. Age: adults. Fee: \$100 per person includes transportation, entrance fee and snacks. Lunch at on-site restaurants on your own. Bring refillable water bottles,



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If you are unable to make it but would like to share a picture, memory, or words of support, please send it to Lisa Buzalka, 337 Wolf Ave., Wadsworth, OH 44281 or email buzalka@neo.rr.com so that we can share it with others who will be attending.

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Post 309 Ham Dinner

American Legion Post 309, 15521 Broadway Ave., Maple Heights, will hold a Christmas in July Ham Dinner on Wednesday, July 24, serving from 4 to 7 p.m. The menu includes ham, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread, butter and dessert. Donation is \$13 per dinner. Dine-in or carryout; open to the public. Call to reserve your dinners, 216-662-7768.



Jones Road Family Development Corporation



Jones Road Family Development Presents our 2024 Summer Academy Performance:

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Sun shines on PAAC Polish Picnic

Organizers at the Polish-American Cultural Center, John Paul II, 6501 Lansing Ave., Cleveland, wished for a picture perfect day for their Polish Picnic last Saturday on the PACC grounds and their wishes were certainly granted!

Under sunny, blue skies picnickers feasted on delicious, homemade Polish food prepared on site along with a cash bar featuring imported Polish beer, a Kids Zone with a bouncy house as well as Polish vendors selling one-of-a-kind gifts.

A special guest appearance from DJ Bryan Palacz from the Polish Freight & Music Company, music by the Tom Katrenich Orchestra and a raffle for cash prizes highlighted the family-friendly event.



Good Polish food, live Polish music and lots of children's activities made for a special day Saturday at the Polish American Cultural Center. *Photos by Elena Psenicka*

Business Breakfast in Garfield Heights

A Business Breakfast was held last Friday at the Garfield Heights Civic Center featuring leaders from both the State of Ohio and Cuyahoga County's Department of Development. Guest speakers Monica Womack, chief of the Ohio Department of Development, and Vaughn Johnson, deputy director of the Cuyahoga County Department of Development, shared local and statewide funding resources and opportunities to the small business owners and representatives in attendance.



Shown at the Business Breakfast, from left, are: Garfield Heights Council President Avery Johnson, Vaughn Johnson, Monica Womack, Mayor Matt Burke and Ohio District 18 Representative Darnell T. Brewer. *Photo by Elena Psenicka*

FirstFruits Festival at The Rock Church

Friends of the Bridegroom Ministries will sponsor a FirstFruits Festival at The Rock Church, 9403 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Heights, on Saturday, July 27, from 1 to 5 p.m. There will be Circle Tent Evangelism, worship music, skits and monologues and open baptism.

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Christmas in July pool party fun in Garfield Heights



Shown are more photos from the 14th annual Christmas in July event held last Saturday, July 20, at the Dan Kostel Recreation Center pool in Garfield Heights. Special thanks go out to photographers Mary Nichols and Wendy Walters, and of course, the NN's own Elena Psenicka, for these wonderful pictures of a fun-filled afternoon.

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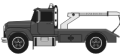
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Foreign delegation tours Morganic Gardens in Cleveland’s Slavic Village



Shown is former Cleveland City Councilman Tony Brancatelli (sixth from left), with the delegation of foreign agricultural experts from around the world who visited Morganic Gardens in Slavic Village recently to learn the unique way lead levels were remediated at the gardens to an acceptable level.

"It was pretty exciting to host a tour at the Morganic Gardens last week with a foreign delegation of agriculture professionals from around the world to discuss U.S. agricultural trade and food safety," Slavic Village's Tony Brancatelli said in an exclusive to The Neighborhood News.

Morganic Gardens is one of the oldest community gardens in the city of Cleveland. It was founded over 30 years ago by the late Cleveland police officer Dan Kane, and became the first Summer Sprout garden, according to Green Map. It is located in a dense, historic pocket neighborhood in Slavic Village known as Warszawa and is right around the corner from the Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus.

The delegation was invited to the United States under the auspices of the Department of State’s International Visitor Leadership Program and arranged by the American Councils for International Education.

The site visit was coordinated by County Extension Director Nicole Debose from Ohio State University. The OSU Extension manages the Summer Sprouts program for community gardens which has been existence since 1976. It provides soil testing, seeds, starter plants, soil amendments, tilling services, raised bed materials, educational outreach and support to over 100 participating gardens such as Morganic Gardens.

The reason for the visit from these international leaders was to see firsthand the results of an ambitious clean up to lower an elevated lead level that was discovered in the spring of 2021 when annual testing was done at the gardens prior to planting.

At that time the lead levels came in over the allowable amounts and would have prevented the gardens from opening. Brancatelli worked with the Ohio State Extension staff and the State EPA on a resolution that was proposed to use a special blend soil mix that Kurtz Bros

created by utilizing ash and river sediment that could be tilled in with existing soil to absorb and lower lead levels. The new soil was brought in and tilled with the existing soil. After a period of time the soil was tested again and this new technique of remediation worked and the lead levels were lower and the community garden was able to open.

Dr. Jeff Hattey, professor of Soil Science at Ohio State University, led the tour discussion and gave specific details about the material used and the quantifiable results that proved to be successful in lowering the lead levels to create a clean and useable garden site.

He went on to give more background on what Ohio State Extension does and their research in improving conditions throughout the environment with soil management and urban agriculture. Brancatelli lectured the foreign delegation on the history of Morganic Gardens and the industrial Slavic Village neighborhood.

"The professionals had many questions and were impressed with the outcomes and the collaboration with the community, the University, city and State EPA," Brancatelli said. "The gardens looked great and members of the delegation also saw the many community gardens and trails that we have here in Slavic Village."

John Adams Class of '74 50th Reunion

The John Adams High School Class of '74 will hold its 50th Reunion on Sunday, Sept. 1, from 6 p.m. to midnight, at Mediterranean Party Center, 25021 Rockside Rd., Bedford Heights, OH 44146. Tickets are \$80 single, \$150 couple. Please RSVP to: John Adams Reunion, P.O. Box 201024, Cleveland, Ohio 44120. Certified checks or money orders payable to: John Adams 50th Class Reunion. Send Zelle payments to: Bevgls@aol.com and include (Memo: JAHS Reunion Dinner Ticket). For more information, contact Walter Jones, president, at 216-496-4784.

Bedford State of City Address

The Bedford State of the City Address, presented by Mayor Stan Koci and City Manager Mike Mallis, will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 27, at Ellenwood Center, 124 Ellenwood Ave., Bedford. Doors open at 11:30 a.m.; lunch at 12 noon; address at 12:30 p.m.

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