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Akron-based Famous Supply seeks \$2M in financing to move to old GOJO plant in Maple Heights

By Judith Goldsworth

Famous Enterprises, also known as Famous Supply, an HVAC, plumbing and industrial equipment supplier based in Akron, has announced plans to relocate a distribution center in the former GOJO Industries facility at 5700 Lee Rd. South, which will bring 80-plus new jobs to the city, as discussed at last week's meeting of Maple Heights Council.

The renovation project is expected to cost \$41.5 million. The city awarded a Jobs Creation and Retention Program grant to the company earlier this year.

Famous is in the process of securing a \$2 million loan from Cuyahoga County Council to help fund the project, Planning and Development Director Geoff Englebrecht said at last week's meeting.

Blackwell reported that she and other officials had met with county council members, adding that in order to close a financing gap, Famous was seeking the \$2 million in loan proceeds "to close the deal, and the County Council approved the loan at a very reasonable rate to ensure that Famous Supply opened here in Maple Heights."

Speaking of the over 80 jobs Famous will bring to Maple Heights, Blackwell said, "And these are more than \$20 an hour jobs, for a total investment of more than \$40 million that's being supplied." She also said the company will open its training headquarters in the Maple Heights facility.

BNK property acquisition on second reading

A resolution authorizing an agreement with BNK Heating and Cooling, LLC, for the sale of two vacant parcels of city-owned property on Morgan St., at a cost of \$32,800, was placed on second reading.

At a meeting last month, council passed legislation to approve a \$25,000 Small Business Loan to BNK to help the company relocate to Maple Heights, as it is renovating and moving into the old Post Office building at 16300 Broadway Ave., that has been vacant for many years. Englebrecht said that BNK will be bringing 30-plus jobs to the city.

Blackwell said, "We are hoping that after a public meeting and addressing some concerns of neighbors in that district, that they will have enough parking, and you will see signs going up very soon. This is a huge investment."

Legislation passed

•A resolution authorizing Blackwell to enter into an Aquatic Facility Management Agreement with Hastings Water Works, Inc., for management of the city's Sprayground and concession stand at Stafford Park for the season beginning May 29, 2025, and ending Aug. 18, 2025, at a cost of \$24,984.

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Public Workshop on G.H. zoning updates

A Public Workshop on the Garfield Heights Zoning Code Update will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 19, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd., Room 118, located on the first floor.

The public is invited to come and learn about updates to the city's zoning code, designed to implement recommendations from the master plan. The meeting will provide a first look at the proposed zoning districts, zoning map, permitted land uses and an opportunity for public feedback.

Cuyahoga Heights Red Wolves advance to quarterfinal playoffs

The Ohio High School Athletic Association has announced the football regional semifinal playoff pairings and neutral sites for the third round of the playoffs being held this Friday, Nov. 15.

The Division VII #9 seeded Cuyahoga Heights Red Wolves, who defeated #1 Berlin Center Western Reserve in the quarterfinal playoffs last Friday by a score of 7-6, will face #5 Warren John F. Kennedy at Orwell Grand Valley High School.

The Maple Heights Mustangs were defeated by Gilmour Academy last Friday in the quarterfinal playoffs by a season-ending score of 40-6.

The regional finals are Friday, Nov. 22, and the state semifinals are Friday, Nov. 29. The state championship games will be hosted at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton Dec. 5-7.

G.H. Ward 7 Block Watch meeting

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch, sponsored by Councilwoman Jenn Newrones, will meet Thursday, Nov. 21, at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of St. Benedict School, 13633 Rockside Rd. Guests will be members of the Garfield Heights Fire Department who will discuss holiday fire safety. Nonperishable items or cash donations to help the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry would be appreciated. All are welcome. For more information contact Gail, 216-662-9213.

Election Results

See Page 5 for Local Election Results

CLE City Council OKs price hike for CPP customers

Garfield Hts. High Theatre Dept. to present its fall show

Cleveland City Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 5, both in person in Council Chambers and live streamed. Here are highlights of legislation passed:

CPP electricity rates increased

Council approved legislation that will increase the price of electricity for those who are customers of Cleveland Public Power. The average CPP customer uses about 500 kWh each month and the increase would amount to a \$4.85 increase a month in 2025 and an additional \$3.45 in 2026. CPP has not had a rate increase since 1983.

Reimagining vacant grocery store

Council approved purchasing property at 15900 Lakeshore Blvd., the old Dave's Supermarket, which will be placed into the city's Land Reutilization Program for future redevelopment. The purchase price of \$1,475,000 was determined to be fair market value by the Board of Control for the vacant building and the 4.2 acres it sits on. The location is strategic, with a major expansion of lake front parks nearby and two adjacent plots controlled by the County Land Bank resulting in a 6-acre site. Once the city has control, the plan is to prepare it for redevelopment, including a possible grocery store and other shops and amenities in a mixed use development.

New rules for lights at outdoor parking lots

Council approved legislation updating an ordinance that oversees lighting at outdoor parking lots with 10 or more spots. The legislation was initially sponsored by Councilwoman Rebecca Maurer.

During non-daylight hours outdoor parking lots must be illuminated with 1 to 2.5 footcandles, as recommended by the Illuminating Engineering Society. The purpose is to provide adequate lighting for the safety of residents

and pedestrians and to prevent crime and accidents.

The new rules only apply to lighting installed in lots after the legislation takes effect. An owner that is replacing existing lighting and installing new lighting must comply with these new standards. The penalty for a violation is a first degree misdemeanor with up to a \$1000 fine and 180 days in jail.

Helping with utility conservation

Council approved the city entering into agreements with CHN Housing Partners to administer energy, water and sewer conservation services to low-income homeowners. The cost will be \$250,000.

Council's next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 18.

Letters to the Editor

Failed School Levy

As a 30-year plus resident of Garfield Heights, I am once again astonished that another school Levy has failed. This one was NOT going to raise taxes, but it still couldn't pass. My kids have been out of school for many years, but I still vote in favor of every levy. Do people not understand that better school systems mean higher property values, not to mention better schools for your kids?

Everyone knows that Garfield Heights is way down on the list of quality school systems in the state of Ohio, yet the residents never do anything to fix it. I guess everyone is happy with property values that continually remain the same or go down. The same with the education your kids get in the school. Sometimes we get what we deserve.

Bill Dems
Garfield Heights

The Garfield Heights High School Theatre Department will present its fall show, "Late Bus," by B.D. Samuels, on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 15 and 16, at 7 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, Nov. 22 and 23, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 24, at 1 p.m., at the school's Performing Arts Center, 4900 Turney Rd.

The plot of the play involves a late bus that picks up Garfield Heights High School students at 6:30 p.m., but always comes late. Over the course of a school week we meet the school's collection of mavericks and misfits with no other way to get home. "Late Bus" is a close look at what it means to be in high school in our messy world.

All tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the box office or in advance at garfieldtheatre.org. Credit cards will be accepted for this production and those paying in advance can choose their own seats ahead of time and skip the box office.

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Bedford Reservation

Nov 20: Our Majestic but Troubled Eastern Hemlocks. Did you know Cleveland Metroparks has a native evergreen tree, the Eastern Hemlock? Join Naturalist Alex as we discover a large path of these majestic trees and current conservation efforts to preserve them. Limited parking. 10–11 a.m. Bridal Veil Falls.

Nov 22: Preschoolers - Hike with Me. Bring your preschooler out to explore what used to be a golf course and is now being reclaimed by nature. We will look for any fall colors still holding on to the tree branches. As well as evidence of wildlife enjoying this part of Bedford Reservation. We will walk up a steep hill to get an amazing view of Tinker's Creek below. 10–11 a.m. Astorhurst parking lot. Ages 2–5 years w/adult.

Nov 29: Out in the Parks - Hike & Pie Irons. The LGBTQ+ community is invited to join us for a fall hike through the woods of Bedford. After we travel through the forest, we will enjoy a campfire and learn how to make pie iron pizzas. 10:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Egbert Picnic Area

Nov 30: Morning Burn Hike. Are you feeling stuffed after Thanksgiving? Join Naturalist Emily to take a hike in Bedford Reservation to work off the long weekend leftovers. Bedford is full of stunning fall foliage and wildlife to explore during this hike! We'll take the Buckeye Trail for the first half of the hike, then we'll stop at Tinkers Creek Gorge Overlook to enjoy the view of the gorge before taking the All Purpose Trail back to the

parking lot. Binoculars and hiking poles encouraged; some will be available to borrow. Rain or shine. 9–11:30 a.m. Meet at Alexander Road Trailhead parking lot.

CanalWay Center – Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation

Nov. 24: Hike to the Eagle's Nest. Join Naturalist Justin Willard for a hike to the bald eagle's nest in the Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation. We'll keep our eyes to the sky as we look for eagles and discuss the state of Ohio's eagle population. 1–3 p.m. CanalWay Center.

Nov 27: Nature's Clean-Up Crew - Turkey Vultures. Come by CanalWay Center to learn all about these infamous raptors that are often circling in the sky. Just like people, turkey vultures love leftovers! Check out some fun facts about these birds and create your own turkey vulture craft to take home. Noon–2p.m.

Nov 29: Black Friday Eagle Hike. In northeast Ohio, late fall and early winter are the best times to see bald eagles. Join Naturalist Justin for an afternoon hike along the canal on the day after Thanksgiving. 2:30–4:30 p.m. CanalWay Center.

Nov 30: Preschoolers in the Park - Deer. Bring your family to learn about White Tailed Deer. We will discuss the State mammal of Ohio, do a craft and take a walk to look for evidence of deer in our park. 10:30 a.m.–noon. CanalWay Center. Ages 2–6 years w/adult.

Nov. 30: Cart Tour - Towpath Trail – Steelyard Commons to Canal Basin Park. Historical Interpreter Doug Kusak drives the 7-passenger cart as he drives home the importance of trails, science, history and interagency cooperation in the drive for reconnecting Cleveland. Meet at Steel Heritage Center in Steelyard Commons. 1–3:30 p.m. Registration required. Fee \$10.

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NOTICE FOR SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING

The Planning Commission of the Village of Newburgh Heights will meet on Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 6:00pm in the Village Hall Council Chambers located at 3801 Harvard Ave. in Newburgh Heights.

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Approval of Minutes (10/24/2024)
- Review of a rezoning of parcels located at 3963 E 54 St and 3959 E 54 St from Residential to Parkland (PPN 511-16-094 and PPN 511-16-095).
- Public comment
- Action
- Adjournment

If there are any questions regarding this meeting, email: mpickering@newburgh-oh.gov
 Notice posted at Village Hall November 11, 2024
 Notice posted in The Neighborhood News on November 13, 2024

Red Cross Blood Drive

A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Friday, Nov. 29, at the Garfield Heights branch library, 5409 Turney Rd., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information or to make an appointment to donate blood, visit www.redcrossblood.org or call the American Red Cross at 800-RED-CROSS (800-733-2767).

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BEDFORD BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD A MEETING ON **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2024**, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF BEDFORD CITY HALL AT **6:00 P.M.** TO CONSIDER THE APPEAL OF THE FOLLOWING:

A. Jennifer Pride wishes to install a second driveway on her property to avoid having to use Northfield Rd. The applicant is seeking a variance from:

903.02 SPECIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS FOR DRIVEWAY APRONS.
 (d) Noncommercial Driveway Aprons.
 (4) Number of driveway aprons.
 A. Each lot shall have only one driveway.

ATTENTION: THE APPLICANT'S ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY, AND FAILURE TO ATTEND WILL RESULT IN DENIAL.

Tracy M. Simons, Clerk
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Community police reports

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Garfield Heights

Theft

On Oct. 28, at 12:43 p.m., an officer was dispatched to Mr. Hero's restaurant, 5130 Turney Rd., for a theft report. The complainant, a delivery driver for Sysco Food Distributors, told police he was making his food delivery to Mr. Hero and saw a suspicious vehicle in the area of his tractor trailer. While he was in the process of making his delivery he noticed three boxes of frozen food had been stolen. He said the side freezer door was unsecured during the delivery and he assumes the suspect had been able to enter and take the three boxes. He later saw the subject vehicle, a brown/black Nissan Altima or Honda Civic with dark window tint, parked with its hazard lights on several houses west of his trailer on McCracken Rd. The driver confronted the suspect, a black male, six-foot tall with a large beard, while he was seated in his vehicle. He fled the scene on foot when the delivery driver approached. As the male fled the driver saw three boxes of frozen food on the suspect vehicle's passenger seat. They contained two boxes of frozen shrimp and one box of frozen mahi-mahi worth \$192.17. Suspect and his vehicle were unable to be identified.

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on **Monday, November 18, 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(s):

2024-PZ-22 An application from Rodney Dennis of Levels Barber & Beauty College requesting Approval of a Conditional Use Permit under Sects.1280.04(J) and 1280.04(R) of the MH Codified Ordinances to operate a Beauty and Barber College as a Personal Services Business in a General Commercial (GC) Zoning District at 20880 Southgate Park Boulevard, 1025, 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.

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

The Neighborhood News
November 13, 2024

Traffic Offense-Fleeing

On Nov. 5, about 3:35 p.m., two officers were on patrol when they received a license plate alert from a city camera for a Kia Forte stolen out of Cleveland and spotted it at a gas pump at Gas USA on E. 131 St. occupied by one black male. The officers entered Gas USA parking lot and the Kia driver immediately pulled away at a high rate of speed cutting off other vehicles on E. 131 St. During the pursuit the suspect driver ran stop signs, ignored speed limits, drove over a lawn on MLK and drove into a vacant lot on Thornhurst and jumped out of the car while it was still moving. He fled on foot south and jumped over a chain link fence. The Kia continued rolling into the back yard of a home on Thornhurst and crashed through a wooden fence and came to rest there. Officers then searched the area for the suspect with drones and canine units, which led them to the garage of a home in the 13000 block of Christine Ave. While officers were on scene a black male juvenile matching the description of the suspect came out the front door of the home. He was sweating and had grass, leaves and other yard material in his hair. He told police he had purchased the Kia from a kid he went to school with on the west side for \$30. He said when he saw the officers he took off because he knew the car was stolen.

Officers spoke with the owner of the home on Christine and she said the juvenile suspect had come to the front door and was sweating profusely. He told her he had a heart condition and wasn't feeling well and showed her a large scar on his stomach. She said they invited him in and were talking with him when they heard the police sirens outside and became concerned. She told him to leave and he walked outside to the police. The woman said she had no idea who he was and did not want him to come back. The juvenile was arrested for receiving stolen property, fleeing and eluding, burglary, criminal damaging and several traffic citations.

Assist Other Departments

On Nov. 6, about 12:48 p.m., officers received an alert from a city license plate reader for a black Dodge Dart entered as a felony vehicle and to stop and hold it for

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processing per the Cleveland Police Department. It was used in numerous shootings in Cleveland and Cleveland Heights. A GHPD officer located the car on E. 104 St. at McCracken Rd., and it then pulled into the driveway of a home in the 10300 block of Plymouth Ave. Officers conducted a traffic stop and told the driver to get out of the car and lay on the ground. He was then put in a patrol car. A passenger, identified as the driver's mother, said she works at a dialysis clinic and her son had just picked her up from work. She said her work bag was on the front seat and continued inquiring about retrieving her bag. CPD had advised that anything that was inside the vehicle had to remain there. She was asked by police if there was a gun in the car and she said no. While waiting for CPD to arrive to tow the car the woman continued asking about her bag and was becoming agitated that it would not be released. CPD arrived and towed the vehicle and CPD detectives contacted a GHPD officer and told him they had located a handgun in the mother's work bag and that the gun was entered as stolen out of Richmond Heights. Her son has a lengthy CCH (computer criminal history) for drug and weapon offenses and is prohibited from possessing a firearm. His mother does not have a CCH.

Weapon Offense

On Nov. 10, at 5:52 a.m., two officers responded to the 4600 block of Osborn Rd. for a report of a van striking mailboxes. Three mailboxes at three addresses all in the 4700 block of Osborn Rd. were hit. The white van was located in a ditch in front of one of the homes whose mailbox had been struck. Officers approached the van and saw a passed out male driver and a black Glock with an extended magazine hanging out of his pants. Responding units positioned their cruisers to the rear and front of the van blocking him in if he were to wake up and accelerate. They also put stop sticks underneath the van. A police sergeant deployed a ballistic shield, holding it to the front right passenger window while another officer had his firearm pointed at the passed out suspect. Once officers were all in position, loud commands were given: "Police, Police, Wake Up!" The suspect did not respond and continued to sleep. An officer quickly used a tool to shatter the front right passenger window and opened the door and reached in and grabbed the suspect's gun. Other officers got in the van and grabbed the suspect's hands. The gun, which was found to have 22 bullets in the extended magazine, was removed and safely secured. The suspect was placed in handcuffs, patted down for further weapons which was negative, and taken into custody for OVI. A search of the van found a sandwich bag containing marijuana and two open containers of wine and tequila. The suspect was taken to city jail, where he refused to submit to a blood alcohol test. He was found to have one prior OVI and some weapons offenses. He was charged with improper handling of firearms in a motor vehicle, traffic citations, OVI - refusal, using weapons while intoxicated, failure to control and open container.

Animal Cruelty

On Nov. 11, at 8:41 p.m., an officer responded to a home in the 11200 block of Plymouth Ave., for a dog that was abandoned in front of the residence. The officer found a black and white pitbull tethered to the front porch. There was also a black garbage bag on the porch containing a dog crate. The dog had a collar with the name "IP Man" on the tag. The homeowner said the dog was abandoned by his stepson's girlfriend. The dog was taken to the city kennel. Report forwarded to the Garfield Heights prosecutor's office for review.

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The Voters Have Spoken

The contentious presidential election is over now with voters all across the state of Ohio largely going to Republican candidates in the presidential and U.S. Senate races, with Cuyahoga County one of the last bastions for Democrats.

The U.S. Senate race in Ohio saw three-term Democrat Sherrod Brown defeated by Trump-endorsed Republican and political newcomer Bernie Moreno, helping to give the Senate a slim Republican majority. Whether the U.S. House of Representatives will be majority Republican or Democrat, however, is still undecided as of press time.

In local races, voters passed a proposed bond issue and tax levy for the Cleveland Municipal School District, while tax levy renewals in Garfield Heights were defeated as was a proposed charter amendment to allow the use of traffic photo-monitoring devices on Interstate 480 within the corporate boundaries of Garfield Heights.

The following are the unofficial voting results from the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections for the 2024 Presidential Election of Tuesday, November 5, for local issues and races in The Neighborhood News readership area.

STATE-WIDE

ISSUE 1

Proposed Constitutional Amendment to create an appointed redistricting commission

Yes 327,778
No 179,752

COUNTY-WIDE

Proposed replacement of excise tax on cigarettes to benefit Cuyahoga Arts & Culture

Yes 362,850
No 145,591

CITY OF CLEVELAND

Proposed bond issue and tax levy for the Cleveland Municipal School District

For 67,460
Against 33,599

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS

Proposed Charter Amendment to allow the use of traffic photo-monitoring devices on Interstate 480 within the corporate boundaries of the City of Garfield Heights

Yes 3976
No 5062

Renewal of existing levies for the Garfield Heights City School District

For 3630
Against 5059

VILLAGE OF VALLEY VIEW

Proposed tax levy to provide funds for parks and recreational purposes

For 750
Against 413

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE DISTRICT 18 (Two-year term)

Juanita O. Brent, Democrat 48,736
Justyn Anderson, Republican 5,775
Write-in 37

HOUSE DISTRICT 19 (Two-year term)

Phil Robinson, Democrat 35,908
Kenny Godnavec, Republican 27,224

HOUSE DISTRICT 22 (Two-year term)

Darnell T. Brewer, Democrat 34,467
Milan Wesley, Republican 5,480

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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 11

(Vote for not more than 1)

Shontel Brown, Democrat 229,628
Alan Rapoport, Republican 57,779
Sean Freeman, Nonpartisan 5,874
Write-in 364



Bedford (Bedford Heights/Oakwood Village) Branch Library

Here are some of the **FREE** programs coming up 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.

Understanding Healthcare Decisions - Adults. Saturday, Nov. 16, 10 a.m. Learn what happens when you can't make your own health care decisions. Understand differences between healthcare power of attorney, living will and DNR documents. Additionally, an ethicist from the center will speak on what happens during an ethics consultation service at Cleveland Clinic. Healthcare power of attorney forms and other literature will be available. Presented by Network for Connecting Communities & Bioethics from Cleveland Clinic. **MUST REGISTER**

Chapter Book Champs - Grades 3-5. Saturday, Nov. 16, 3 p.m. Whether you finished the book or not, join us for activities and a book discussion based on the following book: November 16 - "The Puppets of Spelhorst" by Kate DiCamillo. **MUST REGISTER**

Internet Basics - Adults. Friday, Nov. 22, 10 a.m. Learn how to use web browsers and search engines to navigate the internet. This class will also discuss how to stay secure while searching for and submitting information online. Prerequisite: Computers Basics or experience using a mouse. Classes start promptly! We cannot hold seats for attendees who arrive after an in-person class has started. Anyone not on the registration list will be given an available seat on a first-come, first-served basis. **MUST REGISTER**

Upcycled Greeting Cards - Adults. Saturday, Nov. 23, 11 a.m. 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. **MUST REGISTER**

Self-Care Saturday - Grades 6-12. Saturday, Nov. 23, 11 a.m. Ease your mind with calming activities. Art, yoga, writing, and more! A release form must be completed by a parent/guardian prior to the program in order to participate. **MUST REGISTER**

Garfield Heights Branch Library

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

Adults

Innovation Center Hands-On Help Bring in a project you're working on and get help from a staff member. A previous Innovation Center orientation is required. Monday, Nov. 25, 6-8 p.m.

Children & Families

Music and Movement Children of all ages, with a caregiver, can join us weekly for music and movement-themed stories, songs and activities. Wednesdays, 10-10:30 a.m.

La Hora Del Cuento: Spanish Language Storytime Come for a fun session with rhymes, games, movement, stories and more in Spanish! This storytime is offered in Spanish, but the lead artist helps with translations in English if needed. Monday, Nov. 18, 6-6:30 p.m.

Kindergarten Countdown Children entering kindergarten and their caregiver are welcome to join us for fun activities to build skills for kindergarten readiness. Wednesday, Nov. 20, 6-7 p.m. Registration required.

Hundreds enjoy Czech Holiday Fair

Maple Heights Senior Center selling Peterson's Gourmet Nuts and Snacks



Sokol volunteers serve up homemade Czech dinners Saturday at the Czech Holiday Fair at Bohemian National Hall. Photo by Tony Brancatelli

The annual Czech Holiday Fair was held last Saturday at Bohemian National Hall in the North Broadway neighborhood of Cleveland's Slavic Village and was a huge success. Hundreds attended to enjoy homemade Czech dinners in the lower dining hall while the ballroom was busy with vendors selling imported Czech and Slovak gemstones, jewelry, ornaments, crystal, vintage pottery, Czech glass, embroidered shirts and so much more.

The food line in the dining hall was out the door all day long with fair-goers relishing the homemade pork, dumplings and sauerkraut dinners, paprikash, chlebicky and many other Czech treats.

"The marionette performance was wonderful and guests truly enjoyed the show," said Sokol Greater Cleveland board member Tony Brancatelli, and the Czech museum had a steady flow of visitors all day.

"Thanks to the many volunteers who cooked, served, cleaned and made the overall fair a wonderful experience showcasing the historic Bohemian National Hall and the Slavic Village neighborhood," he said.

The 2024 Maple Heights Senior Center Peterson's Gourmet Nuts and Snacks Fundraiser is now underway!

This is the largest fundraiser of the year for the Maple Heights Senior Center and the monies raised enhance the programming utilized by the seniors throughout the year.

New this year, there are two ways you can order: In person and online. If you'd like to order in person, hard copies of the order forms will be available at the Senior Center.

Payment via cash or check is due at the time of ordering, and the deadline for in person orders is Nov. 27, 2024. If you are interested in ordering online, the link to order is here: <https://fundraising.kingnut.com/default?afid=45>. These orders will be shipped and there is a shipping charge. The deadline to order online is Dec. 31, 2024.

These gourmet nuts and snacks make great holiday gifts, said fundraising organizers, so please consider ordering and supporting the Maple Heights Senior Advisory Site Council.



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Akron-based Famous Supply seeks \$2M in financing to relocate to old GOJO plant

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•An ordinance authorizing Blackwell to accept an Oct. 4, 2024 Lease-Purchase Financing Proposal from Leasing 2, Inc., for financing the city's purchase of a Sutphen Heavy Duty Custom Pumper for the Fire Department, in the amount of \$869,861.

At the recommendation of Law Director Frank Consolo, council moved to once again postpone two pieces of legislation that would raise the annual salaries of the safety director, a position currently held by Blackwell, and the annual salaries of council president and all seven members of city council, retroactive to Sept. 1, 2024.

A resolution authorizing Blackwell to enter into an agreement with 16256 Broadway LLC, for the sale of vacant city-owned land at 5488 Morgan St. through the Land Bank at a cost of \$13,500, was removed from the agenda.

City receives audit award

The Maple Heights Finance Department, headed by Director Tinita Tillman, along with Mayor Annette Blackwell and other city officials, were honored for the third year in a row with a "Clean Audit Award" for Fiscal Year 2023 from Ohio Auditor of State Keith Faber's office at last week's council meeting.

Katie Semo, Northeast Ohio regional liaison for Faber's office, attended the meeting to present the award for the department's exceptional achievement.

Semo praised Tillman and her department, including Office Manager Jennel Liederbach, Accountant Doreen Jordan, Finance Specialist Maya Watson, and Finance Specialist Maria Murillo for their efforts, stating, "You have received this award for your dedication for the third year running. This is really special and pretty amazing, and really shows a lot of fiscal integrity here in Maple Heights."

Announcements

Fire Chief Dan Syten, Police Chief Todd Hansen and Human Services Director Linda Vopat all expressed their thanks to the Bedford Eagles Club for its recent generous donations to their respective departments.

Syten also announced that free smoke detectors are still available for installation by the fire department. For more information and to set up an appointment, call 216-662-6035.

Chief Hansen announced the annual "Shop With a Cop" will be held this year on Saturday, Dec. 14. Tickets for the fundraiser benefitting area youth are \$1 apiece or six

for \$5, and are available anytime at the police department, he said.

Vopat announced the next Mobile Market will be held at St. Andrew's Church, 16029 Maple Park Dr., on Thursday, Nov. 21, from 9-11:30 a.m. She also expressed her thanks for donations to the Maple Heights Food Pantry from Costco, Aldi's, Giant Eagle, Kokosing Asphalt and Whole Foods markets.

The annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony will be held at Maple Heights City Hall, 5353 Lee Rd., on Sunday, Dec. 1, from 5:30-7 p.m., Vopat said. Christmas music, a visit from Santa and refreshments will be featured.

Neighborhood News Freebies offered

The Neighborhood News is giving away four pair of tickets to the play "Late Bus," presented by the Garfield Heights High School Theatre Department at the Performing Arts Center, 4900 Turney Rd.

All tickets are for the Sunday, Nov. 24, matinee performance and will be given away in a free drawing. Stop by The Neighborhood News office, 8613 Garfield Blvd., to enter, Monday through Friday during regular business hours. Deadline to enter the drawing is Thursday, Nov. 21, at noon.

The NN will also be giving away tickets in a free drawing to the annual Christmas Connection holiday shopping extravaganza visiting the I-X Center in Cleveland Nov. 22-24. Stop by the NN office by Friday, Nov. 15, at 5 p.m. to enter.

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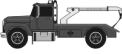
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Church community honors Ione Parry Saturday for over 50 years of service

Mrs. Ione Parry, executive director of Jones Road Family Development, was honored last Saturday for her over 50 years of service to Jones Road Church, the Slavic Village community and the children she has mentored, nourished and loved throughout the decades. And let's not forget the free hunger meal program on Sundays at the church which she initiated in 1987, making sure everyone who wants a hot meal gets one.

Mrs. Parry and JRFD continue to sponsor Literacy Through the Arts Summer Camps for neighborhood children that seek to build young readers by giving them access to training in the arts and providing nutritious meals, as well as offering after school tutoring programs, with job opportunities for teenagers and so much more.

Thanks go out to Bernice Hanzel, Faith Lloyd-Smith, Sherelle Thomas and the Thomas Family, Irene Scibrowski and Diasha Smith for making Saturday's special event possible and to the many who brought desserts for the reception and those who attended to honor a very special lady.

Photos by Ellen Psenicka



State offers help with winter energy bills

With winter just weeks away, the State of Ohio is committed to ensuring that all Ohioans stay warm this season by helping to ease the burden of high energy bills, officials said.

From now through March 31, 2025, income-eligible Ohioans can receive one-time assistance with their home energy bill through the Ohio Department of Development's Home Energy Assistance Winter Crisis Program.

"When temperatures drop this winter, no one should have to worry about if they can afford to keep their home warm," said Lydia Mihalik, director of the Department of Development. "Every year, this program serves as a lifeline for thousands of Ohioans, ensuring they can stay safe and comfortable during our coldest months."

The Winter Crisis Program assists Ohioans facing service disconnection, those who have already been disconnected, individuals needing to establish new service, those required to pay for a service transfer, and those with a Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) default or who need to make their first PIPP payment. It also supports households with 25% or less of bulk fuel in their tank to maintain service. Qualifying households must have a gross annual income at or below 175% of the federal poverty level. For a family of four, that is \$54,600.

Last year the Winter Crisis Program assisted nearly 77,000 households in Ohio, providing a total of \$23.5 million in benefits.

Households serviced by a Public Utilities Commission of Ohio-regulated utility must sign up for PIPP or another payment plan if there is still an outstanding balance on the utility bill after receiving assistance.

Ohioans can start their application online but must schedule an appointment with their local energy assistance provider to complete the application. Depending on the agency, the appointment may be in person, on the phone, or remotely. The application and list of providers can be found online at energyhelp.ohio.gov.

**GARFIELD HEIGHTS
ZONING CODE UPDATE**



**PUBLIC
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The **City of Garfield Heights** invites you to learn about updates to the City's **zoning code**, designed to implement recommendations from the master plan. This will provide a first look at the **proposed zoning districts, zoning map, permitted land uses**, and an opportunity for **public feedback**.

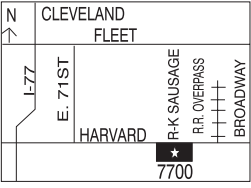
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