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Help make Trick or Treat on Fleet another success!

By Odetta Jordan
Managing Director

Southeast Cleveland Resource Center

Halloween is just around the corner along with our Community Yahoo's 6th annual Trick or Treat on Fleet on Saturday, Oct. 26, from noon to 3 p.m. This is a free event and open to all. It's a wonderful way for everyone in the community and surrounding areas to get out with family, friends and neighbors and end the summer. Last year we had 3000+ children come out to enjoy this event with their parents.

Because this event is free, we are seeking donations of candy, assorted novelty toys, money and gift cards. We also need volunteers who would like to help and make this event run smoothly. Volunteers check in at 11 a.m., at The Southeast Cleveland Resource Center, 5606 Fleet Ave.

Want to set up a table to hand out candy and your organization's info and/or peddle your wares? It is free and you will just need to supply your own table and candy. Political figures running in the upcoming election are welcome to come and handout info on your platform. Just remember to supply candy for the children. Contact us to reserve a spot. Check in and set up time is 11 a.m.

Please contact us at 440-975-6318 with any questions or to reserve a spot.

Fall Festival fun in Maple Hts. New Bedford police chief sworn in by Mayor Koci

By Judith Goldsworth

At its meeting on Monday, Oct. 7, Bedford Council approved a motion allowing the Ohio Department of Youth Services to relocate a state juvenile correction facility to the site of the former US Bank building at 17500 Rockside Rd., which was announced in a story in last week's Neighborhood News.

Other news from the meeting included the swearing in by Mayor Stan Koci of new Bedford Police Chief Mike Stask, who replaces former Chief Marty Stemple, who retired earlier this month after 35 years of service to the city.

Stask most recently served the BPD as the lieutenant in charge of the Detective Bureau and has held many other roles in the BPD over his years of service.

Koci thanked Stask for his dedication to the department and said, "He's a good friend and a good, good officer. He will certainly lead the department and carry on in the steps of former Chief Marty Stemple."

Following his swearing in, Stask said, "I'd like to thank council and the city administration for this tremendous opportunity. I look forward to maintaining the strong reputation we have in the community."

Later in the meeting, City Manager Mike Mallis also congratulated Bedford Fire Lt. Brian Harting, who was chosen to succeed longtime Bedford Fire Chief Dave Nagy, who is retiring in January 2025.

Mallis said Harting's swearing in will be at the beginning of next year. "It is well deserved, and Lt. Harting is an outstanding individual," Mallis said.

Legislation passed

• Resolution authorizing the city to submit an application to the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency for funding through the Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative.

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Kids at the Maple Heights Fall Festival got to pick out their own pumpkins, decorate them for Halloween and take them home to enjoy.

On Saturday, Sept. 28, the Maple Heights Fall Festival was moved indoors to Milkovich Middle School because of the weather, but that didn't stop everyone attending from having an absolutely wonderful time!

Jungle Terry shared his reptiles and furry friends with residents of all ages. Kids had a blast picking out and decorating pumpkins from the pumpkin patch, and The Townsman Orchestra provided everyone with lively music for all to enjoy. Residents enjoyed food for purchase from Kenny G's Hot Dog Cart and Freaky Fruits, and there was also a fall-themed photo booth for those who wanted to have the perfect backdrop for all of the fun.

Community partners for the event were Cleveland MetroParks Mobile Outreach, Remington College, the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, Cleveland Water Department and others. Thanks to everyone who braved the weather and made the Fall Festival a great success.

New courts at Rec Center



Photo by Wendy Walters

The grand opening of the new basketball and pickleball courts at the Dan Kostel Recreation Center in Garfield Heights, was held last Saturday.

"This is an exciting milestone for our city," said Mayor Matt Burke. "This investment isn't just about adding more facilities; it's about enhancing the quality of life for all our residents." He said the city will be sharing its upcoming recreational programming.

Bullets riddle two homes on Hillside Ave. in Garfield

On Oct. 10, at 9:40 p.m., officers responded to a home in the 4700 block of Hillside Ave., for a report of shots fired and a couple houses being struck.

Police secured the scene and conducted a security sweep of the houses struck by bullets and the immediate area where spent casings could be seen in the roadway, but no suspects were found. Officers then checked the welfare of those inside the houses struck and everyone checked okay.

One of the victims of the house shootings told police he heard about 15 gunshots being fired around his home, and a few of them struck the left side of his house and made it through to the inside striking items in his dining room. The victim's granddaughter said she was over visiting and was parked in the front of the house and both her back windows were shot out. The victim's daughter told police her car was parked in her dad's driveway and was also struck and a passenger window was shattered, along with the left brake and tail light damaged from bullets. A neighbor told police that she and her boyfriend

were sitting in their living room with their three children when they heard gunshots and saw a few bullets come into their home. She said no one was hurt but it very much scared them. Surveillance video showed that around 9:38 p.m., a black sedan is shown going north on Hillside and shooting guns at both houses in question. The video shows bullets being shot from the vehicle, striking the homes, cars and cameras. Police recovered a total of 30 spent casings from the scene. Report forwarded to the Detective Bureau for follow-up.

Council committee meeting

A Cleveland City Council meeting Committee of the Whole will be held on Friday, Oct. 18, at 10 a.m., at Stella Walsh Neighborhood Resource and Recreation Center, 7345 Broadway Ave., Cleveland. The committee will have an operational review hearing on the Departments of Public Works and Parks and Recreation. Public welcome.



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RTA Public Transportation Workshop Join RTA for a workshop about utilizing local public transit services. Monday, Oct. 21, 2-3 p.m.

Word Advanced Features Learn about the advanced formatting features available in Microsoft Word, including tab stops, styles, headers and footers. Monday, Oct. 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Registration required.

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. Tuesday, Oct. 22, 6-8 p.m.

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New Bedford police chief sworn in by Mayor Koci

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The city is seeking a grant of about \$500,000 which would be used to connect the Bedford Reservation and Viaduct Park with a trail going all the way down Willis St. and connect with the Bedford Commons and the area identified for the Commons expansion.

- Ordinance for the city to accept a grant award in the amount of \$48,723.36 from Gametime and to enter into a contract with Gametime for park improvements at Taft Park, with the city's total cost being \$83,900.69.
- Ordinance authorizing a contract with XL Excavating to demolish the former Dr. Pidala podiatry office building at 890 Broadway Ave., at a cost of \$28,800.
- Ordinance authorizing a contract with Mr. Excavator, Inc., for the Greencroft Road Culvert Replacement Project, at a cost of \$361,636. Mallis said the work is expected to be completed within 45 days of the start date.
- Ordinance authorizing a contract with Assured Partners Ohio, LLC, for Cyber Risk Liability Insurance through Travelers Bond & Specialty Insurance, to continue to mitigate any cyber attacks the city may experience, at a cost of \$23,569. Finance Director Jennifer Howland stated that she was able to negotiate more coverage at a lower price for the insurance, which begins Nov. 1.
- Ordinance amending the city's 2024 budget, to make additional appropriations for current expenditures.
- Ordinance authorizing Mallis to enter into a Community Cost Share Agreement with NOACA for the Community Cost Share Storm Sewer Equipment Purchase, to be

paid to the city in the amount of \$19,066.25.

- Ordinance authorizing a contract with KTS Equipment for the purchase of a Brush Bandit Model 15XP to replace a 2007 chipper for the service department, at a cost of \$66,016.50.
- A motion to accept the Planning Commission's decision to deny Bloom Behavioral Health's request to open a counseling office in the Historic District because of parking requirements mandated in a city ordinance.

Announcements

Mallis announced there will be a Trick-or-Treat event at the Parks and Recreation Department at Ellenwood Recreation Center, 124 Ellenwood Ave., on Saturday, Oct. 19. Preregistration is required. Call the department at 440-735-6570 or visit bedfordoh.myrec.com for more information.

Ward 1 Councilman Steve Salvi announced that he arranged to have Bedford native Sgt. John Ryhter honored at Arlington National Cemetery recently. Ryhter, who was killed in action in the Korean War in 1950, was buried with full military honors in Bedford Cemetery on Friday, Sept. 20, when he was positively identified after almost 75 years.

CPA Anniversary Dance

The Cleveland Polka Association's Anniversary Dance will be held on Sunday, Oct. 20, at the Holiday Inn Rockside, on Rockside

Community police reports

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

Garfield Heights

Inducing Panic

On Oct. 7, at 10 a.m., police were dispatched to Trinity High School, 12425 Granger Rd., regarding a threat made towards the school. When police arrived the school was on a "soft lockdown," meaning no one could enter or exit the school. Officers spoke with the principal of the school who played them the disturbing voice mail the school had received at 1:58 a.m.. Officers heard a female say that someone was going to bring a gun to the school possibly named (name deleted from police report) and shoot students. A phone number was attached to the call which came back to a West Virginia area code. The school dismissed students one at a time to their parents

or guardians. All school functions were cancelled and the school was closed Oct. 8 and reopened Oct. 9.

Criminal Damage Other

- On Oct. 3, at 3:51 p.m., police were dispatched to the Dan Kostel Recreation Center, 5411 Turney Rd., for four juveniles who were being monitored on the city camera system. A juvenile was seen trying to damage a basketball hoop outside the center while another was seen climbing on the basketball hoop. The juveniles admitted to entering the basketball court and tampering with the basketball hoop. On security footage the day before, the juveniles can also be seen disassembling a tennis net and climbing on the shed next to the court and throwing shingles on the ground from the roof. When police arrived they asked the juveniles to leave and took two of them to their residences and released the other two to their mothers.

- On Oct. 10, at about 12:30 p.m., police were dispatched to Open Pantry, 4541 E. 131 St., regarding criminal damaging at the store. An employee said a male customer attempted to buy \$6.50 worth of items but his credit card was declined. The customer became irate and said his card had been charged. While the employee was trying to explain the situation to the customer, he became aggressive and started to throw things off a shelf. Then he knocked over several cookie shelves and tried pulling over the pop machine cooler. The male then left the store and fled in a white Audi sedan. Police did not locate the suspect or the Audi and advised the business owner to call police if the suspect came back.

Criminal Damage Auto

On Oct. 5, at 3:30 a.m., police were dispatched to an apartment in the 4800 block of Turney Rd. for a criminal damage report. The caller stated she observed three juveniles in a gray Kia

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Community Police Reports

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Soul attempting to pry open the driver's side door of her Kia Sportage which was parked on Richland Ave., then fleeing when she confronted them. Security footage of the incident showed a suspected juvenile male wearing a red hooded sweatshirt and a black mask trying to break into the car while the other suspected juveniles stood and watched. No entry was made to the vehicle. Officers toured the area for suspects with negative results.

Drug Abuse

On Oct. 9, about 5:21 p.m., officers were called to the Shell station at 6004 Turney Rd., for a welfare check. After completing the check a Shell employee pointed out to police a male slumped in his vehicle while parked near one of the gas pumping stations. The male awoke when approached by the officers and appeared confused. He was found to have an active warrant through Parma PD and was placed in handcuffs. One of the officers noticed his eyes failed to constrict and dilate when ambient light was shone on them and it appeared to police the male may have ingested an illicit narcotic before his encounter with them. The suspect denied officers consent to search his car and a canine was later brought to the scene from Solon PD, which gave a positive indication of suspected narcotics inside the vehicle. GHPD began a probable cause search and found two "snort" straws, with a white powdery substance on each straw, a used meth pipe, and a piece of folded notebook paper containing what appeared to be methamphetamine. Also found was a small baggy containing another folded piece of paper containing a brownish powder consistent with fentanyl. The male was arrested, taken to city jail, placed on a hold for further investigation from SEALE narcotics and held for felony drug investigation.

Drug Activity

On Oct. 10, about 12:35 p.m., police stopped a vehicle traveling south on Turney Rd., near Mapleleaf School, for tinted windows that were too dark. When speaking

with the driver the overwhelming odor of marijuana was immediately apparent to officers. He was also found to have a suspended driver's license. Inside the car was found a book bag with 88 individual packages of marijuana, THC cartridges and five packages containing 3.5 grams of mushrooms. The suspect also had a total of \$1,465 in cash in his pocket of various denominations. He was placed under arrest and taken to city jail and held for investigation and results of drug testing.

2 Maple Heights High School students injured after fight turns bloody

Two Maple Heights High School students were injured last Tuesday, Oct. 8, when a fight broke out between them in one of the classrooms at the school and landed one of them in the hospital after being stabbed with a box cutter.

The students had been fighting with each other in the recent past and had some disagreement in class last Tuesday morning, MHPD said. Prior to the physical altercation the two involved students exchanged words in the classroom and then squared up with each other and began physically fighting.

During a break in the fight one of the involved students got a box cutter from his bookbag and began fighting again with the other student. The student with the box cutter cut the other student on the forehead and abdomen. Security officers and police arrived and detained both parties.

The student that was cut was treated by Maple Heights Fire Department personnel and transported to MetroHealth Medical Center to be treated further for non-life-threatening injuries and was in stable condition. The student that had the box cutter cut his own hand during the altercation and was taken to Marymount Hospital for superficial injuries.

The student with the box cutter was transported to the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Center and is being held for charges of felonious assault. The investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information related to this case is urged to contact the Maple Heights Detective Bureau: 216-587-9624 or Detectives@mhpd-ohio.com

Information can also be supplied to Crime Stoppers.

G.H. Ward 7 Block Watch

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch, sponsored by Councilwoman Jenn Newrones, will meet Thursday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m., in the cafeteria of St. Benedict School, 13633 Rockside Rd.

Guests will be Garfield Heights Police Officer Joseph Timko and K-9 Officer Ike. Nonperishable items or cash donations to help the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry with the approaching holidays would be appreciated. All are welcome. For more information contact Gail, 216-662-9213.

NN Freebies offered

The Neighborhood News has two tickets to give away in a free raffle drawing for the Sunday, Oct. 20, Cleveland Polka Association's Anniversary Dance at the Holiday Inn Rockside in the Impulse Lounge, from 1 to 5 p.m. Music by The Polka Generations from Chicago.

Enter to win the tickets by stopping in to The Neighborhood News office, 8613 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Heights, Monday through Friday, during normal business hours. Deadline to enter drawing is Wednesday, Oct. 16, at 5 p.m.



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Library Happenings

Vote FOR G.H. Schools

There are so many reasons to cast your vote in this coming election. As a former graduate of Garfield Heights High School, one of those reasons for me is Issue 50. Issue 50 will renew our schools funding for core education, programming, building safety and security, technology, science, and equipment and operations. Voting on school levies like Issue 50 is a way for residents like you to directly impact our school district for the better. Issue 50 will ensure that our students are properly equipped with the fundamental resources needed to excel in their education. Please join me in supporting our school district by voting for Issue 50. Remember that voting for Issue 50 will NOT increase your taxes but it will definitely benefit the

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Maple Heights Branch Library

Here are a few of the **FREE** programs being offered at the Maple Heights Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library. To register, please call 216-475-5000, or visit: cuyahogalibrary.org/events.

Monday Evening Book Discussion, Monday, Oct. 21, 7-8 p.m. Join us for a lively and thoughtful book discussion of "Camino Ghosts" by John Grisham.

Plumbing Basics, Tuesday, Oct. 22, 7-8:45 p.m. Join us for a hands-on class to help demystify the world of plumbing.

Curvy Chic: A Masterclass for Effortless Style, Thursday, Nov. 7, 6:15-7:30 p.m. Author Linda Peavy will discuss how to elevate your style and self esteem.

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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

Vintage Vision: Crafting Art from Retro Sewing Patterns. Registration required. This program offers a creative journey through the nostalgia of vintage fashion, inviting participants to repurpose retro sewing patterns into unique artworks. This workshop provides a space for art enthusiasts to unleash their creativity while celebrating the enduring allure of retro style. Saturday, Oct. 19, 12 p.m.

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Issue 19

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What is Issue 19?

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18,356 vehicles

were observed traveling 75+ mph in just six days on I-480*

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Per the amendment, at least **one half (50%)** of net collections from traffic camera violations **MUST** be used towards the City's...

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