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Bedford Town Hall meeting on former UH property set for March 18

By Judith Goldsworth

A Town Hall meeting to give Bedford residents the opportunity to offer input on potential uses of the former University Hospitals Bedford property is set for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, at Ellenwood Recreation Center, 124 Ellenwood Ave. At the Monday, March 3, council meeting, City Manager Mike Mallis discussed possible ideas for the site.

The 11-acre-plus site on Blaine Ave. and the surrounding buildings were awarded to the city in January, following more than two years of legal proceedings in Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court after UH abruptly closed the hospital in the summer of 2022. The property and an additional \$2.1 million were awarded as part of a settlement between UH and the city.

Mallis said a full inspection will be performed on the property, which has endured vandalism and flooding in the almost three years since its closure. He also indicated that asbestos remediation was required, which may be covered by state grant funding.

"Obviously there's a value as far as controlling that site," Mallis said. "And from the start we said we wanted to try to bring back a form of health care to that facility. UH was not willing to do that. There is a necessity to re-establish some type of care, be it an emergency room care, 24-hour care..."

Mallis noted the substantially longer response times in transporting patients from the city of Bedford to Ahuja Medical Center in Beachwood, South Pointe Hospital in Warrensville Heights, and Marymount Hospital in Garfield Heights.

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Spring clocks ahead Sunday!

Daylight Savings Time resumes this Sunday, March 9, at 2 a.m. Set your clocks ahead one hour before bed Saturday night and be on time for Sunday worship services!

Cuyahoga County celebrates newly expanded animal shelter in Valley View with ribboncutting

New space offers dogs a place to socialize, play, learn

Last Friday morning Cuyahoga County celebrated the grand opening of the newly expanded County Animal Shelter, 9500 Sweet Valley Dr., in Valley View. This \$2.7 million investment transforms the shelter, enhancing services and programming, while providing a safe and loving environment for our furry friends, officials said.

"This expansion marks a major milestone for the Animal Shelter," said Cuyahoga County Executive Chris Ronayne. "This is more than an investment in infrastructure, it's an investment in animals and in our residents who will welcome them into their homes."

The 2,100 square foot addition is the first add-on to the building since it was built in 2001. The expansion includes space for indoor playgroups, training and meetings, new signage, new fencing and gates, and new artificial turf for outdoor dog play areas. The expansion includes an overhead door that opens into freshly renovated outdoor play areas.

"The Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter is one of the best county animal shelters in the country," said District 11 County Councilwoman Sunny Simon. "During my time as a county councilwoman, I have seen the work Administrator Mindy Naticchioni has done under the new form of government to increase placement rates and create an environment where I know dogs will be taken care of."

The shelter expansion was made possible with American Rescue Plan Act funding from Councilwoman Simon and the generosity of community donors.

"This investment is a big step forward for the County's animal welfare community, strengthening our ability to engage residents and offer more adoption opportunities," said County Animal Shelter Administrator Mindy Naticchioni. "With more space and improved facilities, we can offer better support to our dedicated staff and volunteers, providing them with the resources they need to help socialize and care for our dogs, while preparing them for lives with their new families."



Cuyahoga County Executive Chris Ronayne, District 11 County Councilwoman Sunny Simon, County Animal Shelter Administrator Mindy Naticchioni and County Director of Public Works Michael Dever and other officials and shelter workers were on hand last Friday morning for the grand opening ribboncutting for the \$2.7 million expansion of the County Animal Shelter in Valley View. Photo by Elena Psenicka

Two indicted by grand jury for fatal shooting of teen on I-480 in Bedford Heights

A Cuyahoga County grand jury has returned an indictment charging Michael Alvarado, 21, and Michael Roman, 30, for shooting and killing 19-year-old Johndiel Rivera on I-480 in Bedford Heights, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley announced Monday.

"These two individuals gunned down a young father who was simply trying to get home from work," said Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley. "Fortunately for the state of Ohio and the public, they committed their crimes on camera."

Prosecutors said that on Feb. 1, 2025, around 3:50 a.m., Rivera was driving home from work on I-480 westbound. Another vehicle allegedly driven by Roman, with Alvarado as the front seat passenger, approached Rivera's vehicle near the Aurora Rd. exit. Prosecutors said they shot Rivera's vehicle multiple times and fled the scene in their vehicle.

Rivera's vehicle then hit the concrete median of the highway and came to a complete stop. Roman and Alvarado later returned back to the scene and fired additional shots into Rivera's vehicle it is alleged.

Hours later, around 7 a.m., the Bedford Heights Police Department responded to a call about an abandoned vehicle on the highway. The police found Rivera still inside the vehicle with multiple gunshot wounds. He was pronounced deceased on scene.

A BHPD investigation revealed Alvarado worked with Rivera. Police said Roman picked up Alvarado and waited for Rivera to leave work. Alvarado and Roman then followed Rivera's vehicle. In addition, Alvarado called off from work for the two days after the homicide.

On Feb. 26, Alvarado was arrested by the BHPD. On Feb. 28, Roman was arrested by the U.S. Marshals' Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force.

On March 3, Alvarado and Roman were indicted on the following charges: one count of aggravated murder, two counts of murder, two counts of felonious assault, one count of discharge of firearm on or near prohibited premises.

Roman was additionally charged with one count of having weapons under disability and one count of involuntary manslaughter.

They will be arraigned at the Cuyahoga County Justice Center at a later date.

Bedford Town Hall meeting on former UH property

Sokol Fish Frys are back!

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Because of the damage to the vacant structures over the past few years, Mallis said that most likely they will have to be demolished. He noted that the city has applied to the State of Ohio for funding and that County Executive Chris Ronayne has ranked the request as his number two priority to get that funding.

Mallis added that if efforts to get a medical facility on the site failed, then the city will look at other uses residents want. "Does the community want housing? Do you want all single family homes? Do you want some retail? That's what this Town Hall meeting is for."

Ordinances passed include

- Contract with Southeastern Equipment Company, Inc., to buy a 2024 Kobelco Mini Excavator for the Water Department, at a cost of \$86,045.
- Authorizing a Memorandum Of Understanding with the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District to provide technical assistance for the storm permit renewal with the Ohio EPA, and assisting the city in complying with EPA mandates. Cost is \$22,000 annually, with a one-time service transfer cost of \$1,000 to SWCD from the city.
- An ordinance authorizing a purchase agreement with Masetta Holdings, LLC, for the purchase of property at 15 North Park St. (the former Nature Stone facility) at a cost of \$435,000 was placed on second reading. The intent of the city, if it purchases the 104-year-old property, is to retain ownership and possibly use it for municipal purposes in the short term, and to complement and maintain the historic nature of the Bedford Commons, which is being renovated this year, Mayor Stan Koci and Mallis said.
- Placed on first reading was an ordinance authorizing a contract with Carpet One to replace the 22-year-old carpeting in the Fire Department, at a cost of \$25,567.15.

Sokol Greater Cleveland will be holding a Friday Fish Fry on March 14, serving from 5 to 7:30 p.m., at Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave., Cleveland.

Dinners are \$10 to \$15 with fried fish, baked fish, shrimp, pierogis and mac and cheese on the menu. All dinners include tater tots, cole slaw, dessert and coffee. Music by Anthony Culkar & Wayne Golob.

NN Freebies offered

The Neighborhood News is giving away in a free raffle two tickets for fish dinners at Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave., Cleveland, on Friday, March 14, serving from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Stop by The Neighborhood News office, 8613 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Heights, to enter the free drawing Monday through Friday, during regular business hours. Deadline to enter the drawing is Monday, March 10, at 5 p.m.

Neighbors on Duty meets

The next Neighbors On Duty meeting will be Wednesday, March 5, at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd., at 6:30 p.m. It is open to all Garfield Heights residents.

Guest speakers will be: GHPD Chief Mark Kaye and Deputy Chief Dale Merchant, Ohio State Rep. Darnell Brewer, Carl Cook with FOCUS Cleveland, Mayor Matt Burke and more. Food and drinks by Flava Catering. Join your neighbors looking out for their neighbors!

The meeting is sponsored by Huntington Bank, Lightcomm Designs and Mayor Burke. RSVP by calling Ward 4 Councilmen Avery Johnson or Ward 6 Councilman Clifford Kelley at 216-253-0142 or visit neighborsonduty.org

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Announcements

Mallis announced that this year's annual Ward Meetings will be held in Council Chambers of City Hall, 165 Center Rd., at 7 p.m. on the following Monday evenings: Wards 1 and 6 on March 31; Wards 3 and 4 on April 14; and Wards 2 and 5 on April 28.

He also said the first phase of work on the Union St. bridge is scheduled to start on Tuesday, April 1, and will tentatively run through the middle of July.

Koci announced that the Bedford City Schools are expected to break ground for the new Middle School at the former St. Peter Chanel High School property on Northfield Rd. in May of this year.

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Bedford, Maple Hts. safety forces commended for response to October fire

By Judith Goldsworth

Numerous Bedford police officers and firefighters, as well as several Maple Heights firefighters, were recognized at the Feb. 18 Bedford Council meeting for their response to a large fire at a Forbes Rd. house in October.

The October 31st fire sadly resulted in the passing of a two-month-old boy. However, other occupants of the house were rescued through the efforts of the safety forces, Mayor Stan Koci stated, and all members of the police department, fire department and city officials expressed their respect and condolences to the family.

The ceremony was intended as "a recognition of the job that our safety forces do, day-in and day-out, and every day of the year," Koci said.

Certificates of recognition were presented to the police officers and firefighters commending them for their actions and professionalism in response to the house fire.

Recognized for being on the scene and assisting in the rescue, from Bedford: Patrol Officers Brandon Thompson, Savannah Seldon and Wadell White; Police Sgt. David Kempinski; Fire Chief Brian Harting; Lt. Dave Moore; Lt. Ryan Turk; and firefighters Pat Guhde, Vic DePasquale, Kevin Messich, Pat Velotta and Bianca Inman.

Maple Heights safety forces receiving recognition were: Maple Heights Fire Department Captain Rick Teckmyer, and firefighters Nicholas Foard, Clayton Blahovec and Nico Conforte.

Bedford Police Chief Mike Stask thanked the city for the recognition, adding that dealing with the fire and its aftermath "was extremely tough," given the circumstances. He also commended all the responding firefighters and police officers for their efforts.

Chief Harting stated, "The selfless acts of the Police Department greatly aided the departments in getting in there and helped in rescuing somebody out of that

building." He also gave his thanks to his department and all the members of the responding safety forces.

New firefighters sworn in

Also at the meeting, Koci swore in three new firefighters: Luke Yuravak, Anthony Yanualitis and Drake Force.

All three of the new firefighters thanked officials for the opportunity, saying that they were grateful and excited to be serving the city of Bedford.

Following ordinances passed by council

- Contract with Barnes Roofing, Inc., to replace the gymnasium roof at the Ellenwood Recreation Center at a cost of \$63,110. A portion of a \$150,000 Cuyahoga County Community Development Block Grant awarded to the city will be used towards the project.

- Authorizing acceptance of a Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council 2025 Energized Community Grant, which City Manager Mike Mallis said was around \$32,000. The funds must be used for various energy improvements and can be escrowed for up to 24 months to accumulate multiple grants to use towards a larger project, he stated.

- Contract with Stryker Medical Devices for the purchase of two powered Stair Chairs for the Fire Department, at a cost of \$32,345.86. The equipment, which is intended to assist in life saving services and also to help alleviate back and leg injuries to rescue personnel, will be paid using a credit owed by Stryker in the amount of \$9,587.46, with the remaining balance of \$22,758.40 to be reimbursed by the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation.

- Contract with Valley Truck Center for purchase of a 2025 Ford F-250 truck for the Water Department, at a cost of \$62,477. This will replace a 2006 vehicle.

- Contract with Montrose Ford to purchase two 2025 Ford Interceptors for the Police Department through the State Cooperative Purchasing Contract, at a total cost of \$93,349.50.

- Also approved was a contract with Fallsview Equipment Co., Inc., to outfit, equip and detail both Interceptors, at a total cost of \$39,555.44.

- Contract with Buckeye Pumps for repairs to the pumps at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, to meet Environmental Protection Agency permit requirements, at a cost of \$19,479.

- Contract with Northeast Ohio Trenching Service, Inc., for the Bedford Commons Expansion Project, at a cost of \$1,642,000.

- Also regarding the Bedford Commons expansion, "in the interest of controlling economic development and the historical nature of the property," council placed an ordinance on first reading authorizing Mallis to enter into a purchase agreement with Masetta Holdings, LLC, for the to buy the property at 15 North Park St. (the former NatureStone property), at a cost of \$435,000.

Announcements

Mallis announced that Cuyahoga County has released a new alert system, called "ReadyNotify Cuyahoga County," an updated public alert system to notify residents of emergencies via their cell phones. Registration is required to receive the alerts. For more information and to register, visit bedfordoh.gov/cuyahoga-county-resources/

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Kids Café: Cleveland Foodbank after school lunch program - youth ages 1-18. Monday-Friday, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Youth Book Club - School-aged. Wednesday, March 5, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Anime Evenings – School-aged. Tuesdays, March 11 and 18, 4-5 p.m.

Catch A Leprechaun - School-aged. Thursday, March 13, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

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By order of the Council of the City of Maple Heights, sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Agent, at Maple Heights City Hall, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio 44137, until 12:00 Noon, local time, on the **13th day of March, 2025** for the **LIBBY ROAD WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT & RESURFACING PROJECT** in the City of Maple Heights, Ohio, NO FAXED COPIES ACCEPTED.

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Each Proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. Each bidder must submit evidence of its experiences on projects of similar size and complexity. The owner intends and requires that this project be completed no later than December 1st, 2025.

Bids will be opened and read at the time and place stated above. Those who submitted Proposals or their representatives are invited to attend.

All contractors and subcontractors involved with the project will to the extent practicable use Ohio products, materials, services, and labor in the implementation of their project. Additionally, contractor compliance with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 123 is required.

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Bids are to be submitted in accordance with the plans and specifications on file in the office of the Purchasing Agent. Sealed bids must be marked, “LIBBY ROAD WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT & RESURFACING PROJECT”.

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Tinita Tillman

Finance Director

City of Maple Heights, Ohio

Banned Book Coffee Chats – Adults. Wednesday, March 19, 12-1 p.m. This month’s title will be "Saving Ruby King: A Novel" by Catherine Adel West. Limited copies of the book will be available to check out.

The Drawing Hour – School-age: Friday, March 21, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Book to Movie Matinee – Family. Saturday, March 22, 12-2 p.m. This month’s book to film feature will be "Dr. Doolittle" by Hugh Lofting. Limited copies of the book will be available to check out.

Preschool Storytime - Youth. Thursday, March 27, 4-4:30 p.m.

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 Orientation Learn about the equipment and policies of the Innovation Centers throughout the Cuyahoga County Public Library. Attending this orientation allows users to utilize the Innovation Centers throughout the library system. For adults 18 years and older. Upcoming session Wednesday, March 19, 6-7

p.m. Registration required.

Canva Basics Join us to learn how to use the free website Canva to create designs and graphics for print or digital media. Monday, March 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Must register.

TEENS

Girl Code/Boy Code Teens can join in this discussion of various types of relationships, healthy boundaries, communication strategies. Thursdays in March, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Teens Innovate Teens explore STEM activities, new technologies and make cool things in the branch’s Innovation Center. Tuesday, March 11, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Cooking for Teens Teens can gain skills in the kitchen by preparing and assembling a vegetarian summer roll. Participants will taste their creations and take home copies of their recipes. Monday, March 17, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

CHILDREN and FAMILIES

Petals and Pages: Flower-Themed Storytime Join us for a flower-themed storytime with an activity. Monday, March 10, 6-7:30 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

Who Were the Buffalo Soldiers? Registration required. Learn more about the African American soldiers who served on the Western frontier following the American Civil War. Thursday, March 6, 7 p.m.

Intro to Indian Classical Music. Registration required. Come for a breathtaking musical and educational performance. Sugata Chatterjee will perform and present on the grammar and history of Indian classical music. March 15, 2 p.m.

Wednesday Night Book Discussion. No registration required. Please join us for a casual and lively book discussion of "The Personal Librarian" by Marie Benedict. The books will be available about one month before discussion date. Wednesday, March 19, 7:15 p.m.

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NOTICE OF BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING

The Village of Newburgh Heights Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 6:00pm in the Village Hall Council Chambers located at 3801 Harvard Ave. in Newburgh Heights.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes (05/29/2024)

III. Review of a rezoning of parcel located at 4051 E 44 St (PPN 511-12-049) from Commercial to Residential.

IV. Public comment

V. Action

VI. Adjournment

Posted at Village Hall, Village Facebook, The Neighborhood News and mailed, March 5, 2025
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Independence Branch Library

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Thursday Afternoon Book Discussion. No registration required. Please join us for a casual and lively book discussion of "The Personal Librarian" by Marie Benedict. The books will be available approximately one month before the discussion date. Thursday, March 20, 2:15 p.m.

Spring Gnome Crafting. Registration required. Welcome the vibrant colors and joyous spirit of spring with our hands-on workshop, Spring Gnome Crafting. Friday, March 21, 12 p.m.

TEENS

Tween Tote Bags with Cricut. Registration required. Personalize a drawstring bag with designs made on a Cricut cutting machine. Materials for this program are provided free of charge. Saturday, March 8, 2 p.m.

VolunTeens. Registration required. Volunteer at the library, earn service hours. We will work on a project benefitting the library or for a need in the community. Tuesday, March 18, 6:30 p.m.

CHILDREN

Baby & Toddler Storytime. No registration required. Birth – 35 months with caregiver. Join us for rhymes, songs, fingerplays and books. Mondays, 11 a.m.; Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

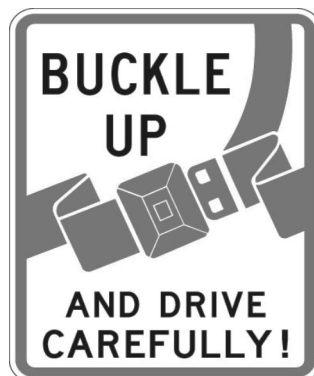
Preschool Storytime. No registration required. Ages

3 – 5 (but not yet in kindergarten) with caregiver. Join us for rhymes, songs, fingerplays and stories. Thursdays, 10 a.m.

Toddler Storytime. No registration required. 19 – 35 months with caregiver. Join us for rhymes, songs, fingerplays and stories. Thursdays, 11 a.m.

Focus on 4's and 5's. Registration required. Preschool children 4 and 5 years of age and their caregivers are invited to join us for stories, songs and a focus on skills to prepare for kindergarten. Wednesdays, March 12 – April 16, 11 a.m.

Kindergarten Countdown - Art of Celebration. Must register. For children entering kindergarten in Fall 2025 with caregiver. Join us as we help your child build kindergarten readiness skills in a program aligned to Ohio's Early Childhood Standards. Session to focus on the arts. Wednesday, March 12, 11 a.m.; Thursday, March 13, 10 a.m.



NOACA to host Open House

The Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency is seeking public comments and feedback for upcoming projects listed in its FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program.

Residents throughout NOACA's service areas are encouraged to weigh in on proposed projects planned for Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina counties. The public comment period will run through April 14.

Several public engagement opportunities will be offered during the comment period. NOACA will host an open house locally on Wednesday, March 19, from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. at ODOT District, 5500 E. 98 St., Garfield Heights, and other locations where the general public can ask questions about the specific scope of projects and funding. Registration is not required.

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Criminal Damage-Residence

On Feb. 22, at 1:04 p.m., police responded to a home in the 11600 block of McCracken Rd., where the complainant told them that at some point the night before, someone had shot into his home. A bullet strike was seen on the eastern side of the home in the rear window. A bullet had entered the window screen, traveled into the corner of the window frame, passed through wood and drywall and come out the interior bedroom wall, with the spent round laying on the floor. No shell casings were located outside the immediate area of the neighborhood. No one was home at the time. A neighbor said she heard a gunshot at about 9 p.m. on Feb. 21, and then heard a vehicle as if it were a drive-by. Another neighbor said his wife had heard gunshots the night before. A third neighbor told police she had heard approximately three gunshots about 9 p.m. the night before and a fourth neighbor had the same account of the incident. The complainant

will see if his surveillance camera captured the incident.

Criminal Damage-Auto

On Feb. 23, at about 10:11 a.m., an officer responded to a home in the 4400 block of E. 131 St., where the complainant told him that within the last two days someone had damaged his truck, a 2019 Ford F-150. He parked it in his driveway where someone had slashed both right side tires, keyed it on both sides, smashed the right side mirror, put sugar in the gas tank and stole the vehicle's radio. No surveillance systems were located in the area.

Animal Complaint

On Feb. 23, at about 3:02 p.m., an officer was sent to a home in the 12000 block of Grannis Rd. for a dog attack. Dispatch advised a male had shot at a dog during the attack. The male who had shot a round told the officer his French bulldog was just attacked by two Cane Corsos in his front yard. As the officer got out of his car, two black Cane Corsos came charging out of the backyard of a home in the 12700 block of Grannis Rd., at the French bulldog and officer. The officer drew his gun and one of the males on scene advised that the Cane Corsos were his dogs and corralled them into his yard and locked them up inside the home. Their owner came back outside and told the officer he thought his driveway gate was broken. The owner of the French bulldog told police that he and his wife and dog were in their front yard during the original attack. The two Cane Corsos ran across the street. One of

them latched onto his dog's neck and the other his dog's rear end. Blood spatters were visible in the snow. The man then ran into his home, got his firearm and ran back outside, shooting a round into the ground to scare the dogs. His French bulldog sustained minor lacerations to his nasal area and rear end. Report will be forwarded to the animal warden.

Theft

On Feb. 25, an officer spoke by telephone with a woman who said between 5 p.m. on Feb. 24, and 8 a.m. on Feb. 25, persons unknown had entered her unlocked garage in the 8200 block of Garfield Blvd., and stolen an air compressor. She said her daughter's locked 2024 Honda had been entered and the following items taken: phone charger, pair of shoes and juice boxes. There was no damage to her vehicle.

Free legal help at library

If you have been in legal trouble and need help, a free event will be held today, Wednesday, March 5, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Garfield Heights Branch Library, 5409 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights 44125.

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K-Kids is a student-led community service club for elementary school students under the umbrella of the Kiwanis Club of Garfield Heights. It teaches members to improve their world by helping others through community service projects.

R/C offers free A1C tests for blood donors in March

The American Red Cross of Northern Ohio is helping to bridge access to health care for blood donors by providing free A1C testing, commonly used to screen for diabetes and prediabetes, on all successful blood, platelet and plasma donations in March.

One-third of people lack access to regular primary care in the U.S., where diabetes affects 1 in 10 people and nearly a quarter of those living with it have been undiagnosed, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The free A1C screening aims to help address this gap by giving blood donors valuable information to maintain their health and well-being.

Visit RedCrossBlood.org, use the Red Cross Blood Donor App or call 1-800-RED CROSS to book a time to give in March and learn more about your health. Additionally, all who come to give blood, platelets or plasma March 1-31 will receive a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. See RedCrossBlood.org/March for details on both offers.

You can also make a financial donation at redcross.org/GivingDay on March 26, to support people with disaster services such as emergency shelter, food, relief supplies, basic health care, emotional support and financial assistance.

The Red Cross is also installing free smoke alarms and sharing home fire safety information with families in at-risk communities through its Sound the Alarm events. Volunteers are needed for events happening across Northern Ohio April 26-May 10, 2025. No experience necessary; training will be provided. Register and learn more at soundthealarm.org/noh.

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Garfield garden meeting

Garfield Heights will host an informational meeting about its Community Garden program at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 19, at the Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. Returning gardeners and anyone new wanting to participate are encouraged to attend.

The city has two community garden areas located at Hy Court Park and behind the Garfield Heights High School with access available off E. 97 St. For additional information about the gardens, call Karyn Anel at 216-475-1100, ext. 2430, or e-mail kandel@garfieldhts.org.

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