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Mayor Justin Bibb issues statement City of Bedford to get \$2.1 million yesterday in support of immigrants plus former hospital property in University Hospitals settlement

As the Trump Administration's roundup of illegal immigrants began Monday, dozens have been detained by law enforcement in the Cleveland and northeast Ohio areas. In response, Cleveland Mayor Justin Bibb issued the following statement yesterday.

“As Mayor, I will use my full authority to recognize the humanity of all people in Cleveland.

I fully condemn the concentrated effort to threaten and terrify our most vulnerable populations. Arresting immigrants working in a suburban restaurant does not make us safer. Targeting schools, hospitals, and places of worship is obscene.

Immigrants are human beings. They have elevated our home by contributing their talents and cultures here. They support our economy. They attend our churches. They are our neighbors. Immigrants have been integral to our city's story for generations.

My administration will not engage in the deportation of individuals who have not committed violent crimes. No law requires that we do so. Cleveland police are tasked with protecting public safety, and while we will take action against anybody who commits violent crimes, we are not enforcing general federal immigration law. Our police are not here to play politics or be used as a tool for fear.

The federal government should prioritize their law enforcement resources where they are most needed: combating violent crime and promoting safety across all communities. We stand ready to support federal efforts to combat human trafficking, drug trafficking, gun trafficking — any number of offenses that may involve international actors.

This is a country of laws, and in public office we have all taken an oath to uphold the Constitution. We encourage all Clevelanders to learn more about their rights and access the support they need. Helpful resources are available here:

Cuyahoga County Welcome Center and Health and Human Services, Global Cleveland, Re:Source Cleveland, Legal Aid Society of Cleveland.

Our strength comes from our people, and Cleveland is strongest when we act together. As a united community, we will ensure that Cleveland remains on the right side of history.”



Mayor Justin Bibb

The city of Bedford has reached a settlement agreement with University Hospitals that includes the transfer of the former Bedford Hospital site and surrounding properties to the city and a \$2.1 million payment. This settlement ends a two-and-a-half year legal dispute stemming from UH's controversial August 2022 hospital closure.

Bedford City Council approved the agreement during its meeting last night, with formal filing in Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court expected soon.

“The outcome is a testament to the city's unwavering commitment to advancing the best interests of our residents,” said Mayor Stan Koci. “We fought for the best outcome, ensuring that Bedford will have the resources and opportunities for redevelopment.”

The abrupt closure of UH Bedford Hospital left a critical void in healthcare services, including the emergency department and inpatient care. In response city leaders launched a determined legal battle led by Cleveland attorneys Ray Marvar and Steve Dever. These efforts were driven by concerns over the national issue of racial disparity in the delivery of healthcare services, which created a “medical desert” in a predominantly minority, economically challenged and elderly community on the southeast side of Cuyahoga County where many rely on Medicaid.

Terms of the agreement

Property Turnover: University Hospitals will transfer the Bedford Hospital site, including 11+ acres and multiple buildings, to the city with no restrictive covenants on future use. This paves the way for another healthcare provider to establish a presence in the southeast side of Cuyahoga County or for economic redevelopment of the site.

\$2.1 Million Payment: UH will pay the city \$2.1 million.

Medical Services Continuity: UH will continue operating some medical services at the Bedford medical office building.

Site Preparation: UH will remove hazardous materials and prepare the property for redevelopment within 180 days of the agreement's signing.

City Manager Mike Mallis expressed optimism about the site's future. “This agreement opens doors for redevelopment and provides Bedford an opportunity to reestablish healthcare resources to all residents on the southeast side of Cuyahoga County. We can begin transforming the site into a valuable asset for our community.”

Mallis added that University Hospitals' willingness to reach a resolution and settle this long-standing dispute allows the city to focus on creating opportunities for collaboration and progress that benefit the residents of Bedford and beyond.

Following the settlement the city will be issuing a Request for Proposals soliciting other healthcare providers and developers to present redevelopment plans for some or all portions of the site.

Koci and Mallis extended gratitude to Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court Judge Steven Gall for his patience, which was instrumental in guiding the parties through over two years of negotiations to a successful resolution.

Indicted for murders of two teens

A Cuyahoga County grand jury last Friday returned an indictment charging Phoenix Brown, 18, for the murders of 17-year-old Khalyn White and 16-year-old Julius Barron in Cleveland.

“The amount of violence committed by young people is plaguing our community,” said Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley. “We need to hold violent criminals accountable for their actions, and with this indictment today, my office is doing just that.”

On January 12, 2025, a black 2020 Kia Soul was reported missing near Lee Rd. and Harvard Ave. in Cleveland.

Two days later, on Jan. 14, around 1 a.m., the Cleveland Division of Police, the Cleveland Division of Fire and Cleveland EMS responded to a call that the same stolen Kia Soul had crashed into a utility pole near Warner Rd. and Jeffries Ave. in Cleveland. While on scene police observed Brown fleeing the scene on foot. Police pursued Brown and he was ultimately arrested by CDP with his clothing covered in blood.

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Community police reports

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

Garfield Heights Theft

On Jan. 21, at 9:50 a.m., an officer spoke by phone with a woman who said that on Jan. 17, she had a package containing an Apple iPad valued at \$300 delivered to her residence in the 4800 block of E. 109 St. She said the package was delivered at 6:28 a.m., and when she went to get the package at 10 a.m., it was gone.

Suspicious Vehicle

On Jan. 23, at 6:11 p.m., officers responded to the 5200 block of E. 100 St. for a suspicious vehicle, a grey Jeep Cherokee, that had been occupied and parked idle on the street for about 15 minutes. Police parked one cruiser in front of the suspect vehicle and the other behind it, blocking it in. Stop sticks were also placed underneath the Jeep if the driver were to attempt to flee. Police approached the Jeep and found a black male appearing to be asleep while seated in the front seat. They also observed a digital scale, several marijuana packages and a firearm on the passenger seat of the vehicle in plain view. More officers were called to the scene for assistance, and after they arrived the male awoke and unlocked the car door. Police secured the firearm and unloaded it. The gun had one bullet in the chamber and an inserted extended magazine containing 15 rounds.

The suspect, later discovered to be 16 years of age, was asked to exit the Jeep and was placed in handcuffs. Inventory of the vehicle turned up more ammunition, an extra magazine and more suspected marijuana and a substance closely resembling mushrooms. The suspect was accepted into the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Center. The report was forwarded to the Juvenile Detective Bureau for further investigation.

Aggravated Robbery

On Jan. 27, at 6:10 p.m., two victims, a woman and her son, met an officer at the GHPD to report an aggravated robbery which had occurred prior to their arrival. The son said he had met with an unknown male to sell shoes and jeans in front of Valley Lane Apartments. His mother had accompanied him in her car which was parked on the street in front of the apartments. The suspect male approached the car and asked to try on one of the shoes the victim was selling. That was when the suspect brandished a silver pistol and pointed it at both the son and his mother and said, "Give me the shoes and jeans." They complied and the suspect ran across the street in between apartments and the victims drove off to the police station. Report forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

Call Crime Stoppers with anonymous tips

Crime Stoppers provides an anonymous telephone number, Text Tips and Web Tips and cash rewards to encourage citizens to volunteer vital information helpful to law enforcement agencies.

The 24/7 hotline number, 216-252-7463, allows the caller to remain anonymous. The phone does not have a caller ID function and calls are not recorded.

Those with information can also text TIP657 plus your message to 274637, or can submit information online at www.25crime.com.

Subaru Brings 'Loves to Help' event to Lincoln Elementary in Maple Hts.

Lincoln Elementary School in Maple Heights hosted Subaru last Thursday as part of its "Subaru Loves to Help" initiative with Ken Ganley Subaru of Bedford. The event provided essential items to students identified through collaboration with Lincoln’s dedicated teachers.

Classes were invited down to the school cafeteria one at a time, and each student received a new pair of high quality socks and shoes.

Subaru's "Loves to Help" program exemplifies the company’s commitment to community service and child well-being, and the school district officials said they look forward to continuing to support the students and families in the community.

Xavier U. Dean’s List

Richard Trojanski of Maple Heights, has been named to the Dean’s List at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, for the fall 2024 semester. He is pursuing a Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree.

Indicted for murders

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Police located White and Brown inside the vehicle with gunshot wounds to the head. They were both pronounced deceased on scene.

On January 23, 2025, Brown was indicted on two counts of aggravated murder, four counts of murder, four counts of felonious assault, one count of receiving stolen property, one count of tampering with evidence and one count of having weapons under disability. He will be arraigned at the Cuyahoga County Justice Center at a later date.

The investigation remains ongoing.



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List of Meetings for February 2025

Monday, February 3, 2025	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 4, 2025	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 12, 2025	Southeast Area Law Enforcement (SEALE) Board of Trustees Meeting (if needed) Work Session - 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting - 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 18, 2025	Council Work Session - TBD Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 19, 2025	Planning Commission (if needed) Work Session - 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 25, 2025	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 the Clerk of Council, at **440-735-6510**.

Tracy M. Simons, CMC
Clerk of Council

NN: 1-29-25

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on **Monday, February 10, 2025, 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):

2025-PZ-02 An application from Tamiaka Bush of Braid Academy Beauty School requesting Approval of a Conditional Use Permit under Sects. 1278.04(I) and 1278.04(Q) of the MH Codified Ordinances to operate a Beauty School as a Personal Services Business in a Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District at 5166 Warrensville Center Road, Maple Heights, Ohio, 44137.

2025-PZ-03 An application from Ovia Wilson requesting Approval of a Conditional Use Permit under Sect. 1278.04(H) of the MH Codified Ordinances to operate an Adult Day Center in a Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District at 5242 Warrensville Center Road, Main, Maple Heights, Ohio, 44137.

2025-PZ-04 An application from Vasilij Kaeka of BNK Heating and Cooling LLC requesting Approval of the following: 1) a Variance from the requirements of Sect. 1296.07 to install a moving script sign; and 2) a Variance from the requirements of Sect. 1296.09 of the MH Codified Ordinances to install a sign that is 596 sq. ft. larger than the maximum allowable size for a commercial sign on property located in the Central Business District (CBD) Zoning District at 16300 Broadway Avenue, 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

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January 29, 2025

Bedford Council authorizes settlement with UH over former hospital closure

By Judith Goldsworth

After two and half years of discussions and negotiations between the city and University Hospitals that started when UH abruptly closed its Bedford Hospital facility in the summer of 2022, the city will receive \$2.1 million and the former hospital's buildings as part of a settlement reached in Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, City Manager Mike Mallis said at the council meeting last week.

Mallis explained the terms of the settlement during council's unanimous vote on a resolution authorizing the settlement agreement with UH. The legislation also resolves the dispute.

Following the authorization, Mayor Stan Koci said, "Now we can start publicly talking about things and what we would like to see there. Later, in a month or two, we'll have a Town Hall meeting open to the public so we can get some of your input and what you might like to see there and do there."

Promoted firefighters, new police officer sworn in

Also at last week's meeting, Koci swore in Fire Chief Brian Harting, Assistant Fire Chief Timothy Grote, Lieutenant Stephen Bowser and Lieutenant Michael Scabbo to their new promotions in the Bedford Fire Department, and administered the oath of office to Patrol Officer Gregory Pitts III as the newest officer in the Bedford Police Department.

Harting thanked city officials for the promotion. "They've always supported me over the last 25 years of my career," he said. "They allowed me to participate in a lot of opportunities and programs that put me in a position to be ready to lead the department." He also thanked recently retired Chief Dave Nagy for his service and guidance and all the fire department members.

Security cameras coming to Commons

Thanks to a \$50,000 donation from the Bedford AutoMile, the city will be installing security cameras in the Bedford Commons and the Historic District, after council passed legislation approving a contract in that amount with Business Network Team to perform the work.

Mallis said 11 cameras will be installed in the Commons and Broadway Ave. areas. "Those Broadway cameras are license plate reading cameras... I think it will add a sense of security, especially with the significant improvements to the Commons and the expansion that we're planning for later this year."

Other ordinances passed

•Amending previous legislation to enter into a contract with GPD Group for engineering services

within the city for 2025. Mallis said GPD has assisted the city over the past several years with a variety of professional services and projects, and passing the legislation will continue that practice.

•Amending the Transportation Services contract with Senior Transportation Connection, LLC, for transportation services for senior and disabled residents. Mallis said the rates increased slightly for this year.

•Contract with Atlantic Emergency Solutions for body and paint repairs to a 2020 squad vehicle in the fire department, at a cost of \$29,158.50. The costs of repairs will be reimbursed to the city under warranty from the squad manufacturer, Mallis said.

•Retroactively reclassifying previously advanced funds to transferred funds within the Northfield/Rockside Meadowbrook West Fund and to transfer the remaining cash balance to the Capital Improvements Fund. Finance Director Jennifer Howland explained that the funds were originally advanced in anticipation of the Meadowbrook Resurfacing Project, but the project was cancelled.

•Authorizing Mallis to enter into an agreement with Julian & Grube, Inc., for compilation services for the 2024 City of Bedford Audit, at a cost of \$16,300.

•Authorizing Mallis to enter into a contract with GPD Group for actions relating to the city's Ohio EPA permit, at a cost of \$36,610.

•Amending previous legislation authorizing Mallis to amend a contract with American Roadway Logistics for the 2024 Road Marking Program, at a cost of \$53,486, which is a \$3,493 increase from the original amount of \$49,993.

•Placed on first reading was an ordinance authorizing a contract with Barnes Roofing, Inc., for replacement of the roof over the gymnasium at the Ellenwood Recreation Center, at a cost of \$63,110.

•Also placed on first reading was an ordinance authorizing Mallis to enter into a contract with Simplex-IT to replace multiple obsolete computers and other devices in the city, at a cost of \$53,969.04.

Announcements

Mallis announced that the city's Planning Commission will be reviewing a project from the Bedford

City Schools which involves new construction on the former Chanel High School property on Northfield Rd. The project is expected to include a new 80,000 square-foot+ school building for grades 6-8, as well as a 10,000 square-foot administration office facility. Estimated cost is over \$30 million, and the proposed construction timeline is from March 2025 through August of 2027, with a recommendation to be presented to council at an upcoming meeting.

Mallis also announced that the Cleveland Metroparks will be performing deer culling operations at the Bedford Reservation through Friday, March 14, and the entire reservation will be closed during the culling process. Signage will be posted at the park entrances.

Free smoke alarms in CLE

The Cleveland Fire Department and American Red Cross will provide and install smoke alarms for Cleveland residents at no cost. Call 216-361-5535 to apply for your free smoke alarm. It could save your life!

G.H. Block Watch to meet

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch, sponsored by Councilwoman Jenn Newrones, will meet Thursday, Jan. 30, at 7 p.m., in the cafeteria of St. Benedict School, 13633 Rockside Rd. Guest speaker will be Frankie Hughes, Garfield Heights recreation coordinator. Nonperishable items for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry would be appreciated. All are welcome. For more information contact Gail, 216-662-9213.

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CLE City Council passes bill to empower, educate tenants on their rights

Cleveland City Council held its regular meeting Monday night and passed legislation to provide a \$1 million grant for tenant resources and outreach programs to increase tenant stability.

The grant will come from federal revenue recovery funds to go to the United Way of Greater Cleveland which will act as the city’s fiscal agent for the program. Various programs and services will be established or expanded to help tenants, including a centralized contact number that will connect tenants with a trained and specialized team to triage their call and identify resources best suiting their needs.

Other services include providing housing rights education and emergency housing services to provide direct tenant emergency assistance through cash assistance, short term housing and hotel vouchers. There will also be legal and mediation assistance to provide mediation services pre-and post-eviction filing, along with educating tenants on legal rights and options, pre eviction.

Land leased for native seed garden

Council also approved leasing three land-locked parcels located north of I-90 near Waterloo/Marginal rds., to Meadow City Native Plant Nursery, a native plant seller in the city’s North Collinwood neighborhood. The \$900 lease is for three years. The company plans to develop a native seed garden on the property.

Working for pay equity

Council introduced legislation that prohibits Cleveland businesses with 15 or more employees from inquiring, screening or relying on salary history of an applicant in deciding whether to employ the applicant. The legislation would also require the company to provide the salary range of the position. Any person may allege that a violation of Section 669.02 has occurred by filing a written complaint with the Fair Employment Wage Board within 180 days of the alleged violation.

At least 22 states and dozens of other cities, including Cincinnati, Columbus and Toledo, have successfully implemented similar legislation, to lead to more equitable compensation practices across the United States. Prohibiting employers from asking about a job applicant's salary history can help ensure that compensation is based on the qualifications, experience and responsibilities of the position rather than the applicant’s identity or background.

Park expansion

Legislation was introduced to allow the city to purchase property from St. Theodosius Church, located between Starkweather and Professor aves. in Tremont, to expand “Lucky Park” and amending a contract with Tremont West Development Corporation relating to maintaining and improving the park.

Changing how CDCs get funding

Legislation was introduced that would change the way neighborhood development corporations are funded by creating a Neighborhood Development Subfund that may be used without federal grant restrictions faced when using Community Development Block Grants. Many municipal projects eligible to receive Community Development Block Grants are funded using General Fund dollars.

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Bedford Reservation

Feb. 5: Secret Quarry Hike. Discover hidden treasures! Join a naturalist on a hike through a rugged and deep forest to discover a hidden surprise: a well secluded, abandoned sandstone quarry with impressive cliffs and boulders. 10 a.m.–noon. Tinkers Creek Gorge Overlook. Terrain: ice and snow possible.

Feb. 7: Winter Waterfalls - Friday Hike to the Falls. Bundle up and join us for a walk to a hidden waterfall just outside downtown Bedford. This beautiful spot may feature frost-covered trees, depending on the weather. Dress warmly and be prepared for potentially slippery paths. 2–3 p.m. Viaduct Falls parking lot.

Feb. 28: Overlook to Overlook Hike. Explore the rugged beauty of Bedford Reservation's upland forests and ravines as we gaze down into the Tinker's Creek Gorge. On this rigorous hike we will pass by two scenic overlooks and two waterfalls. Limited parking. Sturdy shoes recommended. 2–5 p.m. Little Overlook parking lot. Terrain: ice and snow possible.

CanalWay Center – Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation

Feb. 1-28: Hunt of the Month. There are so many ways to enjoy the outdoors in wintertime. Take a little break, come in and search for 20 images of winter fun! Find all 20, and you'll earn a prize. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. CanalWay Center.

Feb. 1: Preschoolers in the Park - Squirrels. Join us for a fun and educational program about Ohio squirrels! Bring your preschooler to learn about these fascinating mammals, including the groundhog, the largest of the rodent species. We'll share

some interesting facts and then take a short walk to explore squirrel homes in the park. 10:30–11:30 a.m. CanalWay Center.

Feb. 1: Hike to a Hidden Ravine. Discover a lesser-known ravine with towering trees and scenic views of the Cuyahoga Valley below as a naturalist leads you on a rugged hike. 1–3 p.m. CanalWay Center. Terrain: ice and snow possible.

Feb. 1: Boulevards of Oaken Dreams. In this presentation Historical Interpreter Doug Kusak attempts to drive home the importance of how William Stinchcomb, residing in the former "auto capital of the country," helped to influence the design of your Cleveland Metroparks. 3:30–5 p.m. CanalWay Center.

Feb. 2: Behind-the-Scenes Animal Care. Have you ever fed a worm to a turtle or a fish to a snake? Come help a naturalist feed the reptiles, amphibians and fish that live in our nature center and meet our animal ambassadors up-close. 11 a.m.–noon. CanalWay Center.

Feb. 2: Drop-by - Groundhog Day. Join us to learn why groundhogs might not be out enjoying their namesake holiday. We'll share stories, engage in crafts and explore some fascinating groundhog biofacts. Noon–2 p.m. CanalWay Center.

Feb. 8: Fight the Frost, noon-4 p.m. Stop by CanalWay Center to beat the winter blues! With a mix of indoor and outdoor activities, there's something for everyone to enjoy at this fun and free family event. Winter Walks, Snowshoeing Try-It (6 inches of snow required), Snowflake Science Skit, Winter Weather Demonstration, StarLab Indoor Planetarium Experience, S'mores, hot chocolate and campfire marshmallows.

The StarLab experience is a fascinating way to explore the winter night sky indoors! It's a great opportunity to learn more about astronomy and the wonders of the night sky during the day. The Snowflake Skit is fun and educational way to show how snowflakes form, from water droplets and dust particles that grow into beautiful, unique crystals floating in the sky.

Garfield Park Reservation

Feb. 4: Garfield Nature Kids - Monthly Nature Exploration at Garfield Park. Join us each month to discover the natural beauty of this reservation. We'll investigate a different nature topic through stories, outdoor exploration and enjoy a delightful morning together. 10–11:15 a.m. Garfield Program Center. Ages 3–6 years w/adult.

Feb. 12: Wednesday Woodland Ramble. Venture off into the woods with a naturalist as we explore Garfield Park's natural surface hiking trails. We will look for woodpeckers, deer and other wildlife as we admire mature trees. 10 a.m.–noon. Garfield Park Program Center (meet outside). Terrain: ice and snow possible.

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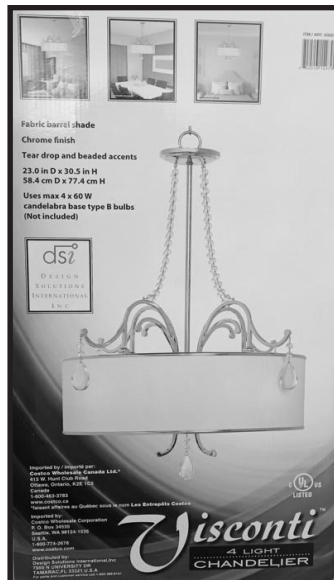
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G.H. Council passes bill to let Planning, Zoning Code govern rezoning process

By Ellen Psenicka

Garfield Heights Council met Monday night and passed an ordinance to put an amendment to the city charter on the May 6, 2025, ballot that would allow the Planning and Zoning Code to govern land use changes.

The city charter now requires any changes to land use or to the existing zoning map be governed by the Planning and Zoning Code of the Codified Ordinances of the city of Garfield Heights, but would not be granted final approval without a majority of the electorate okaying the change at the next primary or general election.

The amendment, if passed by voters in May, would mean approval of zoning changes will be guided solely by the city's Planning and Zoning Code without having to go to the electorate.

Mayor Matt Burke said businesses hoping to locate to Garfield Heights and those already here who want to expand their operations can wait months for a primary or general election to take place so voters can approve the zoning change. He said the present system hinders progress and can lead to companies locating outside the city where business can be conducted in a timely manner.

Also passed was a resolution for the city to apply for and accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council sponsorship funding of \$3,500 to be used for community events for 2025.

A resolution for the city to apply for the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District 2025 Community Recycling Awareness Grant was approved by council which will provide funding for the city's two Community Shred Days, the cost of advertising the Household Hazardous Waste collection and the shred dates throughout the community and to purchase materials to educate residents.

The next meeting of Garfield Heights Council is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 10, at 7 p.m.



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.

Baby Craft, Birth-35 months with parent/caregiver, Saturday, Feb. 1, 2 p.m. Drop in for a seasonal baby craft using our hands and feet. We'll use nontoxic washable paint, but dress to get messy.

Music & Movement Storytime, Tuesdays, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, 10 a.m. Join us for a fun, interactive storytime featuring music and movement.

Family Storytime - All ages with caregiver, Tuesdays, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, 6 p.m. Join us for stories, songs and fingerplays.

Art Quest - Grades 2-5, Fridays, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, 4 p.m. Join library staff as we learn about famous artists and try our best at replicating their style!

Movie Matinee, Saturday, Feb. 8, 2 p.m. Come screen a family-friendly film at the library! Popcorn included! **MUST REGISTER**

Reading With Heart. Find Your Next (Book) Love, Monday, Feb. 10, ALL DAY. It's difficult to know what to read next. Let us choose for you! Stop by the reference desk for a real treat: your next great read.

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Computer Basics. Wednesday, Feb. 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Learn the basics about computing devices, including identifying hardware, using a mouse and keyboard and navigating the desktop environment. Computer settings, file management and mobile devices will also be discussed.

Art & Color Therapy. Saturday, Feb. 8, 2-3 p.m. Join us as we discover peace through art and color therapy!

DIY Lipbalm. Friday, Feb. 14, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Create your own lip balm in the flavor of your choice using skin-loving ingredients. All supplies provided. Open to grades 2-5.

Excel Advanced Methods and Tools. Wednesday, Feb. 19, 1-3 p.m. Learn how to use some of the advanced functions available in Excel, including lookup, logical functions and conditional summary functions. Other topics include data validation, Goal Seek, Scenario Manager and Data Tables.

African Art: Secular and Spiritual (virtual), Saturday, Feb. 22, 2-3 p.m. The Cleveland Museum of Art will share ritual and royal objects of African art.

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