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NN closed for Memorial Day

The Neighborhood News offices at 8613 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Heights, will be closed this Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day.

Deadlines for advertising and news items for next Wednesday's edition will be extended until 12 noon on Tuesday, May 27.

The staff and management wish all our readers a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend. We join with veterans' groups throughout this great land in asking everyone to pause to remember those who gave their lives defending the cause of freedom.

G.H. Town Hall meeting tonight

A Town Hall meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 21, at 7 p.m., at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd. Join Mayor Matt Burke, Council President Avery Johnson and Councilwoman Tenisha Mack to voice your concerns and listen to the work that has been done over the past four years to address gun violence in and around local establishments in Garfield Heights.

RTA Community Open House in S.V.

Residents of the Broadway-Slavic Village and Lee-Miles neighborhoods are invited to participate in an RTA Community Open House on Thursday, May 22, from 4 to 7 p.m., at Stella Walsh Recreation Center, 7345 Broadway Ave., Cleveland, to explore ideas for a transit-oriented community along Broadway Avenue.

The Community Open House is an opportunity to share experiences and ideas, and help create a transit community you want to see on Broadway.

Violent Fugitive Task Force arrests murder suspect in Maple Heights

Earlier this month the U.S. Marshals-led Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force (NOVFTF) arrested Anthony Ortiz, 28, wanted by the Cleveland Police for aggravated murder charges.

On Sept. 28, 2024, 4th District CPD officers responded to the 800 block of E. 134 St. for a burnt-out vehicle. When officers arrived they located the burnt-out vehicle and a deceased body inside. Police said Ortiz was later identified as being involved in the incident and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

On May 7, members of the NOVFTF in Cleveland arrested Ortiz at a residence in the 5400 block of Hollywood Ave., in Maple Heights.

Anyone with information concerning a wanted fugitive can contact the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force at 1-866-4WANTED (1-866-492-6833), or you can submit a web tip. Reward money is available, and tipsters may remain anonymous.

Shooting outside Showcase Bar in Garfield leaves man in critical condition

On Saturday, May 17, at 2:05 a.m., Garfield Heights Police officers responded to the Showcase Bar, located at 5015 Turney Rd., for a report of shots fired with multiple shooters. When officers arrived on scene they located a 29-year-old male lying in the middle of Turney Rd., with multiple gunshot wounds, according to GHPD's Facebook posting.

The Incident News Media Report from GHPD indicated that an officer learned from the bar's security that they had located a firearm in the middle of Turney Rd. Security from the bar also indicated there were at least four people shooting. Officer advised several vehicles had also been hit by gunfire.

The victim was transported to MetroHealth Medical Center and his condition was listed as critical at the time of the report. Two individuals are being held for questioning. Garfield Heights Detectives are currently investigating.

Retiring Broadway School director Barbara Bachtell honored at fundraiser



Shown above are members of the Kiwanis Club of South East Cleveland, which presented a check to Broadway School of Music & the Arts at a fundraiser last Friday which also honored retiring executive director and fellow Kiwanian Barbara Bachtell. From left are: David Thomas, Ione Parry, Tony Brancatelli, former Kiwanian Dennis Althar and honoree Barbara Bachtell. *Photo by Gail Glamm*

On Friday, May 9, Broadway School of Music and the Arts held its 20th benefit concert, Brass & Bubbly, featuring members of The Cleveland Orchestra. This year the event was held at The Darl Center for the Arts at E. 55th and Broadway Ave., and included honors for Barbara Bachtell, who is retiring after 27 years as the executive director of Broadway School.

Guests were entertained by Factory Seconds Brass Trio with a musical program of pieces ranging from the 16th to the 21st century. The musicians were Richard King on French horn, Jack Sutte on trumpet, and Richard Stout on trombone.

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Barbara Bachtell honored

Maple Hts. Council news

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Guests were also entertained by a Broadway School student, William Norris, and his teacher, David Betts, both playing the euphonium. Food and drink was abundant in the eclectic Darl Center and guests were amazed at the vast collection of art and artifacts.

During the concert Bachtell was toasted for her years of service to the community. The Kiwanis Club of Southeast Cleveland presented Broadway School with a \$2000 donation for tuition assistance in her honor. An accomplished artist, she is looking forward to more time in her studio pursuing her passion along with more time with family.

The orchestra members have been very generous in donating their time for the yearly benefits. Other sponsors of the event was a very generous anonymous donor as well as Rick and Sheila Chiricosta; Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP; Feckanin Group, LLC; KeyBank; Judy and Walter Stuelpe; The Quiet Gardener; Linda Golubski; Councilwoman Rebecca Maurer; and Noteworthy Federal Credit Union.

Maple Heights Council met on Wednesday, May 7, and passed the following legislation:

- To apply for and if awarded enter into a contract with the Cuyahoga County Division of Senior and Adult Services for Community Social Services programs for the city for a two-year period beginning Jan. 1, 2026. The city will use the funding to continue to provide congregate meals and transportation services to eligible participants.
- To apply to the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging for funding to continue certain services provided by the Maple Heights Office on Aging. If approved, the funding will provide for congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation and related programs and activities for qualified residents of the city.
- To amend council's Rules of Order concerning Standing Committees set forth in the city's Codified Ordinances. Councilwoman Edwina Agee has recommended an amendment to add a standing committee entitled "Government Affairs" to review action plans of the Building, Service, Law and Human Resources departments.
- To apply to the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District for a potential grant for the funding of capital infrastructure improvement projects in the city. It is the goal of the city to decrease the sanitary waste that enters the city's storm water system to comply with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Phase II Stormwater regulations.
- To authorize the mayor to renew the city's customer agreement with Flock Group Inc. for an additional two years, 2025 and 2026, to continue to provide automatic license plate detection for the city's police department from 32 cameras on light posts throughout the city, at a cost of \$3,000 per camera, for a total cost of \$96,000.
- To renew the city's agreement with Flock Group Inc. for an additional two years, 2025 and 2026, for gunshot

detection for the city's police department at a total cost of \$140,000.

- To enter into an agreement with Burgess and Niple, Inc. to provide engineering services as the owner's representative for citywide Signals and Efficiency Project (NOACA Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program Award) located in the city of Maple Heights. The city has been awarded \$3,950,000 in funding for the project.

A first reading was held for a resolution recognizing June 2025 as "LGBTQ Pride Month" in the city.

Earn free ticket to Cedar Point at select American Red Cross blood drives

The American Red Cross and Six Flags Entertainment Corporation are teaming up to encourage donors to help save lives this summer. Those who come to donate blood at select blood drives in the Northern Ohio Region this summer will receive a free Cedar Point ticket in addition to other Red Cross incentives.

All those who come to donate at select blood drives will receive one free ticket, valid for entry to Cedar Point, while supplies last. Tickets are valid during the 2025 season and other restrictions may apply.

A blood drive at the Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Dr., Independence, on Monday, July 28, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., is one of the several Cedar Point blood drives happening across Northern Ohio.

To find additional Cedar Point blood drives near you and schedule an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code "CEDARPOINT", call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or download the free Red Cross Blood Donor App.

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Application Submission Period: May 19 thru June 27, 2025

Grant Limit: \$2,500

Program Guidelines (include but not limited to the following)

- Applications can be picked up and submitted in the City's Economic Development Dept. Monday – Wednesday from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM throughout the application submission period.
- Property taxes must be current at time of application.
- Property must be the owner's primary residence for at least one year at time of application.
- Grant funds cannot be used to address open/current Point-of-Sale violations.
- Applicant must have current homeowner's insurance policy on property.
- A homeowner contribution of 5% of the total project cost OR the overage above grant amount is required, whichever is greater.
- Applicant must obtain two (2) comparable project estimates for repair.
- Eligible Project included, but are not limited to: Gutters, Roofs, Painting, Windows, Doors, Stairs and Driveways.
- **Full Program Guidelines are available at: www.garfieldhts.org's Economic Development, Building Dept. & Community web pages.**

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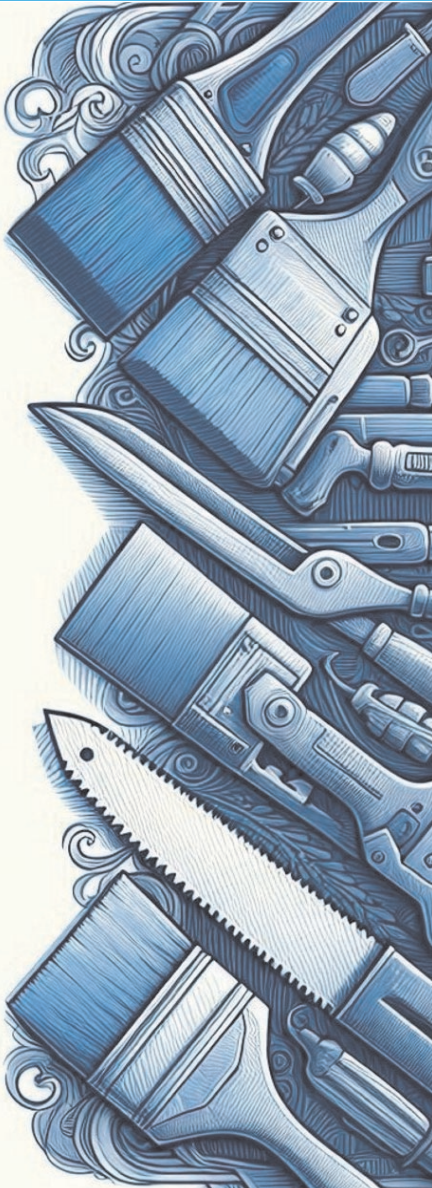
4: \$79,500

5: \$85,900

6: \$92,250

7: \$98,600

8: \$104,950



Community police reports

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

Garfield Heights Felonious Assault

On May 11, at 2:19 a.m., officers on patrol heard two apparent gunshots coming from the Turney Town parking lot closer to The Iconic Lounge, and observed someone running south through the lot. That person approached officers and told them he had been shot. He held up his shirt which revealed a gunshot wound to his lower back area. The GHFD squad was called and an officer rendered the victim medical assistance until the squad arrived. He was asked who shot him and where it had occurred but he said he didn't know and appeared highly intoxicated. He was taken to MetroHealth Medical Center. Dispatch advised that a call had just been received from a female who said her sister had been shot in Garfield Heights and that they were enroute to University Hospitals' main campus in a black GMC Acadia. City camera footage showed the shooting had occurred in front of the Iconic Lounge at Turney Town and two spent shell casings and a black skull cap or face mask were found on the pavement. The video showed a heavy set female, wearing a light-colored shirt and black short skirt, shot the male they had found running in the parking lot outside the Iconic Lounge earlier, after possibly shooting herself in the right leg. Dispatch further advised that a female with long pink hair may have handed the shooter the firearm after reaching the GMC. GHPD officers went to UH to talk to the occupants of the vehicle who were found to be the GMC driver and owner, the female with the pink hair and the female suspect, who was being treated in Metro's Emergency Room for a gunshot wound to her left thigh. Based on the positive identification from the video of the suspect female being the shooter, she was arrested for investigation of felonious assault.

Traffic Offense-Fleeing

•On May 13, at about 4:30 p.m., officers saw a black Dodge Challenger going north on Turney with fictitious plates that were registered to a Kia and had recently fled from other law enforcement agencies. Police attempted a traffic stop at E. 104 St. and Grace Ave., but the Challenger took off. A pursuit ensued with the Challenger going north on E. 104 St. and disregarding stop signs on

several streets. It entered I-480 west at Granger Rd., with police still in pursuit. The Challenger merged onto I-77 north but due to heavy traffic the pursuit was terminated.

•On May 18, at about 11:40 p.m., an officer saw a red Jeep run the red light at the intersection of Turney and Antenucci Blvd. The vehicle then made a westbound turn to Antenucci and gained speed, failing to stop at the red light at Antenucci and Transportation Blvd. A police pursuit ensued on I-480 east to North Randall where the Jeep exited and turned onto Green Rd., then to Harvard Ave., where it came to a complete stop. The driver then got out of the Jeep and began to run. The officer gave chase and the suspect was detained at the parking lot of the Chagrin Highlands Dental Group with no incident. A female passenger was released on scene. Speeds during pursuit varied from about 67 to 100 mph. Driver charged with fleeing and eluding, driving under suspension, reckless operation and red light.

Criminal Damaging-Residence

•On May 14, at 11:15 p.m., an officer followed up on a complaint of criminal damaging in the 12300 block of Granger Rd. The victim said that at about 11:10 p.m., he was lying in bed when he heard a crash from the west side of the house. He went to investigate and discovered that a piece of asphalt had been thrown through his window with the asphalt and pieces of glass landing on the bedroom floor. The victim said he had moved to Garfield Heights a month ago and had no known enemies.

•On May 19, at 2:43 a.m., officers were dispatched to a home in the 12900 block of Rockside Rd. The complain-

ant said an unknown black male wearing a ski mask had broken out her front window and was running eastbound on Rockside Rd. When officers arrived the woman told them that shortly before she called police, she had been lying down in her bedroom when she saw someone in front of her house. She looked out the window and saw the male set his bike down on the sidewalk and then saw him walking towards her front door; that's when she heard glass shatter. When she went outside to confront him he got back on his bike and fled east on Rockside. Officers said it appeared that two rocks had been thrown through the double pane glass window. She said she has been having ongoing issues with a group of unknown juveniles that she had an altercation with recently and believes it's them. She was advised to follow up with the Detective Bureau.

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Councilwomen Maurer, Howse-Jones selected to join National Community Responder Cohort program

Cleveland City Councilwomen Rebecca Maurer and Stephanie Howse-Jones were selected last week to join the Community Responder Cohort, a national initiative led by Local Progress, a network of elected officials working to advance racial and economic justice. As part of the program, the councilwomen traveled to Pittsburgh, PA, from May 15–17, for a hands-on training experience focused on community-based public safety models.

The Community Responder Cohort is designed to support local leaders in developing and expanding alternative emergency response systems, especially for individuals in mental or behavioral health crises. It promotes models that center care and compassion rather than traditional law enforcement approaches. During the Pittsburgh visit, participants toured Allegheny County Emergency Services, which has implemented similar community response programs with promising results.

Local Progress, founded in 2012, includes a broad coalition of local officials from across the country, including mayors, district attorneys, city council members and school board leaders, who are committed to building a multiracial democracy grounded in equity and justice.

Councilwomen Howse-Jones and Maurer have already taken steps to advance alternative response models in Cleveland. In November 2024, they introduced Tanisha’s Law with Councilman Charles Slife, a proposal which aims to allow behavioral health professionals and trained community practitioners to respond to nonviolent emergency calls related to mental and behavioral health.

Through the Community Responder Cohort, the councilwomen will also participate in a second immersion trip to Chicago, IL, along with a series of digital learning sessions that bring together local government leaders nationwide.

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Bedford/Bedford Heights

The annual Memorial Day parade will begin on Monday, May 26, at 10:15 a.m. at Bedford City Hall. The parade will proceed to Center Road and go to the Bedford Commons, and then will travel to the Bedford Cemetery for the concluding service.

Cuyahoga Heights

The Village of Cuyahoga Heights will hold a Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 26, with step-off at 10 a.m., at Klima Gardens, proceeding south on E. 71 St. to the Village Hall War Memorial, where services will be held.

Garfield Heights

Garfield Heights Memorial Day tributes honoring deceased veterans of all wars and conflicts will be held on Monday, May 26, with a parade stepping off from Mapleleaf School, 5764 Turney Rd., at 10 a.m., followed by a service at the Veterans Plaza next to the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd.

All are invited for a "Preview" Open House at the updated Garfield Heights Historical Museum, 5405 Turney Rd., on Memorial Day. The museum will be open Monday from noon to 2 p.m., immediately after services at the Veterans Plaza.

Independence

The city of Independence has a full morning of Memorial Day events planned to recognize the commitment of those members of the military who lost their lives while defending and protecting the United States.

On Monday, May 26, the morning begins with the Independence Historical Society's open house at Historic Hall from 8 to 11 a.m. The Historical Society will have its Memorial Muffins available for purchase and the museum will feature a military display. To order muffins and view additional details, visit www.independencehistoricalsociety.com.

At 9:30 a.m., Mayor Gregory Kurtz will welcome residents during the Public Square ceremony and deliver his Memorial Day Address. Father Matt Jordan of St. Michael Catholic Church will offer the invocation.

Guest speakers will include Councilperson and Retired Major

James P. Trakas, commanding officer of the Ohio Military Reserve, who will place the floral at the Veterans Memorial Monument on Public Square; Captain Carl F. Asseff, retired from the U.S. Navy; and a placing of floral by Patricia Woodrick, a lifetime member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary. The Independence High School Marching Band will perform a musical tribute before Father Matt reads the closing prayer.

The procession will then make its way to Maple Shade Cemetery for graveside services.

After the services and procession, the Independence High School Marching Band will host a fundraising hot dog cookout at Discount Drug Mart, 6160 Brecksville Rd., from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Maple Heights

Memorial Day observances in Maple Heights will be held on Monday, May 26, when our military veterans will be honored and remembered at the Honor Roll Veterans Memorial Wall in front of City Hall, 5353 Lee Rd., Maple Heights. Line up begins at 10:45 a.m.; service at 11 a.m.

Police Chief Todd Hansen will read the names of the 56 service members who were killed in action in World War II, Korea and Vietnam from the city of Maple Heights.

Newburgh Heights

For over 70 years, American Legion Post 627, Newburgh Heights, has been honoring our veterans on Memorial Day with a parade through the village. This year will be no different. The Legion Family – Veterans, Sons of the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, American Legion Riders and Root Social Club – will once again parade through the village to the USS Maine Memorial and the American Legion Memorial in Washington Park on Monday, May 26.

The parade will step off at 10 a.m., from Washington Park School, rain or shine. Joining the members of the Legion will be Mayor Trevor Elkins and the Village Council members, several Scout Troops, the Newburgh Heights sports teams and the Newburgh Heights Fire and Police departments. The American Legion Auxiliary will present Miss Poppy Harley Cafardi, and Master Poppy Jason Seymour, Jr., who will, along with Mayor Elkins, place a wreath at the USS Maine Memorial and will join Commander Jim Rodes and Auxiliary President Kimm Bunch to place a wreath at the American Legion Memorial.

Grand Opening for BNK Heating & Cooling in M.H.

Ward 7 Block Watch to meet in Garfield Heights

Maple Heights recently welcomed BNK Heating & Cooling to the community with Mayor Annette Blackwell and other city staff in attendance at a grand opening ribboncutting last Friday. BNK's newest location is at the former Post Office building at 16300 Broadway Ave., in Maple Heights. The company has invested close to \$1 million in this property and are currently expanding to a nearby property across the street. Visit www.bnkheating.com/ to learn more about its services and service areas.

The grand opening comes as Maple Heights prepares for its annual Restaurant Week from May 27 to June 2, where residents are encouraged to support local businesses, particularly restaurants. Mayor Blackwell is excited about the chance to continue to build up Maple Heights one business at a time.



Shown in the photo at the ribboncutting are, from left: Mayor Annette Blackwell, and BNK owners Bill Kalka and his wife, Oksana.

The Garfield Heights Ward 7 Block Watch, sponsored by Councilwoman Jenn Newrones, will meet Thursday, May 29, at 7 p.m., at St. Monica's outdoor pavilion off Rockside Rd. Guest speaker will be a representative from the Garfield Heights branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library to talk about programs, activities and services that are being offered. Nonperishable items for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry would be appreciated. All are welcome. For more information call Gail, 216-662-9213.

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CanalWay Center-Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation

May 24: Drop-By - All About CanalWay. Come by CanalWay Center to discover the rich history and beauty of Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation. Meet one of our resident animals, explore photos showcasing the center's past and present, and get your nature and history questions answered by a knowledgeable naturalist. Noon–2 p.m.

May 25: Behind-the-Scenes Animal Care. Have you ever seen a turtle or snake eat its meal? Come watch a naturalist feed the reptiles, amphibians and fish that live in our nature center and meet our animal ambassadors up-

close. Please note that some of the animals eat live food such as worms or fish. 11 a.m.–noon, CanalWay Center.

May 25: Drop-By - Kids Beginner Birdwatching. With May comes the return of all of our favorite Ohio summer birds. Drop by CanalWay Center to learn about the birds you might see in your own backyard. We'll have binoculars to practice using and a fun bird craft to make. Noon–3 p.m. Ages 5-10 years.

May 31: Preschoolers in the Park - Fishing. Bring your preschooler to Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation to learn the basics of fishing. Using cane poles and worms, we'll teach the basics of fishing in a relaxed setting. With any luck, we'll catch a few fish to identify as we unwind along the canal. Meet us in the valley — just follow the signs from the CanalWay Center parking lot to the canal. 10:30 a.m.–noon. Ages 3–6 years w/adult. Registration required: 10 people.

May 31: Cart Tour - Towpath Trail. CanalWay Center to Steelyard Commons. 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. We'll talk about watersheds, canals, trails, steel plants and other groovy things. 12:30–3 p.m. Meet at CanalWay Center. Fee: \$10.50. Registration required. 7 people.

May 31: Bird Walk for Afternoon Birders. Early summer is an excellent time to look for colorful seasonal birds like bright orange Baltimore orioles, rose-breasted grosbeaks, indigo buntings, and many others. Sleep in and then join a naturalist on a leisurely afternoon stroll as we search for these special birds. Beginner birders welcome. Binoculars available for loan. 4–5 p.m. Meet at

CanalWay Center. Terrain: paved, natural surface, some hills, 1–2 miles.

Garfield Park Reservation

May 21: Wednesday Woodland Wander. Join a naturalist on a hike on and off the beaten path as we explore Garfield Park's many trails. We'll admire woodland wildlife like woodpeckers, mature trees, and listen to the sounds of small waterfalls and riffles in nearby creeks. 3–5 p.m. Meet in front of Garfield Program Center. Terrain: natural surface, hills, 3 miles.



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Bedford (Bedford Heights/Oakwood Village) Branch Library

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The Village of Newburgh Heights is eligible to apply for funding from Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and Community Development Supplemental Funds (CDSG) administered by Cuyahoga County through the Department of Development. Funds can be used for a variety of housing, economic development, and community improvement projects. Residents are invited to attend a public hearing to be held at Newburgh Heights Village Hall, 3801 Harvard Avenue, Newburgh Heights, OH 44105, on June 3, 2025 at 5:30 PM to voice their opinions on local development needs. Residents may also submit opinions in writing to the same address, attention Mayor Elkins.

Posted at Village Hall 5/15/2025; The Neighborhood News 5/21/25

Summer Lunch -Kids ages 18 & younger, 12-1 p.m. Monday through Friday during the summer we collaborate with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank to provide children with free healthy lunches at select branches. The Summer Lunch program is open to all kids ages 18 and younger.

Disasters on the Lake Erie Islands - Adults. Tuesday, June 3, 7 p.m. Beautiful and deadly, the Lake Erie islands off the coast of Ohio have seen their fair share of disasters. The Victory Hotel on South Bass Island at Put-in-Bay was once the largest hotel in the nation. But the grand residence was reduced to ashes after a spark quickly became a raging, uncontrollable inferno. Reports of smallpox on Pelee Island resulted in mass hysteria and the quarantine of an entire island. At the Toledo Harbor Lighthouse, one lighthouse keeper was frozen in for days with his deceased colleague until he could make a desperate escape. Wendy Koile chronicles the fiercest calamities to shatter the tranquility of these solitary shores. Wendy Koile is fascinated with obscure Ohio and maritime history. She has authored four books focusing on lost tales of Ohio. Book sales and signing to follow event. **MUST REGISTER**

Google Sheets - Adults. Friday, June 6, 9:30 a.m. Learn how to enter, modify and organize data using Google's free web-based spreadsheet application. A Google account is needed to participate in the class. **MUST REGISTER**

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Ellenwood Book Discussion - Adults. Wednesday, June 11, 2 p.m. This book discussion is held on the second Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m., at Ellenwood Center, 124 Ellenwood Ave., Bedford. Copies of the books are available at both Ellenwood and the Bedford Library a month before the discussion date. June 11: "The Fury" by Alex Michaelides.

Teen Wellness Wednesday (Yoga) - Teens (Grade 6-12). Wednesday, June 11, 6 p.m. Join us for yoga with Little Zen Yoga! Yoga mats are provided. A release form must be signed by a parent/guardian prior to the event. Release forms are available at the reference desk. **MUST REGISTER**

Cleveland Public Library: Fleet Branch

Fleet Campus, 7224 Broadway Ave., Cleveland, is hosting some wonderful **FREE** programs this month for youth, adults and families. For more information or to register for any programs, please call 216-623-6962.

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

Banned Book Coffee Chats – Adults. Wednesday, May 21, noon-1 p.m. This month's title will be "The Color Purple" by Alice Walker. Limited copies of the book will be available to check out.

Fix-It CLE - Saturday, May 24, 2 p.m. Have a broken item or piece of clothing that needs repair? Come to a free workshop where coaches teach and assist you with repairs.

Used Book Sale - May 27, 28 and 31, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Please come browse through our large selection of Books, DVD's and Music CDs. Cash only. On the last day, fill up a bag of materials for \$10 each. **NO LIMIT!** All sales are final.

Book to Movie Matinee – Families. Saturday, May 31, noon-2 p.m. This month's book to film will be "Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh." Limited copies of the book will be available to check out.

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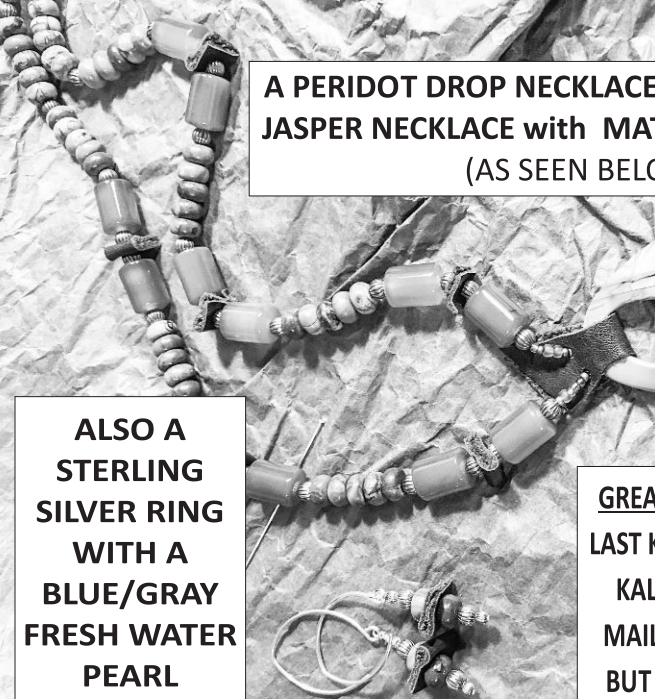
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ADULTS

Eleanor Roosevelt: A Whole New Light - Part 2. Registration required. Eleanor Roosevelt’s list of accomplishments is staggering. Join us for a deeper look into the life of one of the most influential and admired people in United States history. Wednesday, June 4, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night Book Discussion. No registration required. Please join us for a casual and lively book discussion of "This Time Tomorrow" by Emma Straub. The books will be available approximately one month before the discussion date. Wednesday, June 18, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday Afternoon Book Discussion. No registration required. Please join us for a casual and lively book discussion of "This Time Tomorrow" by Emma Straub. The books will be available approximately one month before the discussion date. Thursday, June 19, 2:15 p.m.

Candle Decoration Craft. Registration required. Join us for a fun and relaxing crafting session and take home your own custom-designed candle! Saturday, June 21, 2 p.m.

“Jaws” - 50 Years of Terror. Registration required. Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of “Jaws” and take a look behind-the-scenes of this iconic film. Monday, June 23, 7 p.m.

TEENS

Teen Stop-Motion Animation Day 1. Registration required. Create your own movie using Stop Motion for iPad during this 2-day workshop! Bring a flash drive or we can email your video to you. Bring your own figures to animate or use the ones we have on hand. Wednesday, June 11, 2 p.m.

Teen Stop-Motion Animation Day 2. Registration required. Day 2 we will build on what we worked on from Day 1. Thursday, June 12, 2 p.m.

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Toddler Storytime. No registration required. 19 – 35 months with caregiver. Join us for rhymes, songs, fingerplays and stories. Thursdays, June 5 – July 31. 11 a.m.

Play, Learn and Grow. Registration required. Join us for a 5-week series for caregivers and children ages 1-3. Connect with your kids, community experts and other families, plus get information about your growing child. Mondays, June 2 – 30, 11 a.m.

Summer Fun for Everyone. No registration required. Drop in for reading, art, science, technology, engineering and math challenges. For grades 1 – 6. Tuesdays, June 3 – July 22. 1:30 p.m.

Kindergarten Countdown – Water. Registration required. Join us as we help your child build kindergarten readiness skills in a program aligned to Ohio's Early Childhood Standards. This session will focus on water. For children entering kindergarten Fall 2025 with caregiver. Thursday, June 26, 10 a.m.

I Love to Read with Blake Bailey. Registration required. Get ready for an unforgettable show that includes magic, juggling, audience participation, and Blake's trusty sidekick, Sealo the Seal! **Saturday, June 28, 11 a.m.**

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The bid documents, specifications and drawings may be examined without charge online at www.cvelimited.plancycle.com. To become a Registered Bidder, documents, specifications and drawings must be purchased at either www.cvelimited.plancycle.com, SE Blueprint at 2035 Hamilton Avenue Cleveland, OH 44114 or SE Blueprint at 520 South Main Street, Suite 2411 Akron, OH 44311 at the cost of \$100.00 + tax and delivery which includes bid registration, one hard copy set of the bid package and one complete set of pdf files. Additional sets of bid documents can also be ordered online at www.cvelimited.plancycle.com or by emailing seblue@seblueprint.com, calling 216-241-2250 or visiting an SE Blueprint location.

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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.

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

The Asphalt and Concrete Repairs Maple Heights Senior Center Accessibility Project Phase 1 is partially funded by the Cuyahoga County Department of Development Block Grant Program. A bidder/contractor will be deemed committed to the Department of Labor's goals and timetables for the Cleveland, Ohio area as specified in the Notice of Requirements for Affirmative Action to ensure Equal Employment Opportunity Executive Order 11246 by submitting a properly signed bid. Each bidder must ensure that all employees and applicants for the employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability or veteran status.

A copy of the Bid Specification package for the Asphalt and Concrete Repairs Maple Heights Senior Center Accessibility Project Phase 1 will be available for review by all potential bidders at the offices of the Cuyahoga County Department of Development located at 2079 East Ninth Street., 7th floor office 7-303, Cleveland, Ohio 44115.

Small Business Enterprises (SBE's) are encouraged to participate on this project. The goal for SBE participation is 35% of total contract award for this project.

A Pre-bid Conference for the Asphalt and Concrete Repairs Maple Heights Senior Center Accessibility Project Phase 1 will be held at 1:00 P.M. local time on the 22nd day of May, 2025 in the 1st Floor Meeting Room at the Maple Heights Senior Center, 15901 Libby Road, Maple Heights, Ohio 44137 for all interested parties. Information will be disseminated concerning proper completion of bid package documents.

The right is reserved to accept any bidder, to reject any or all bids, and to waive informalities should it be deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Maple Heights to do so.

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, “**ASPHALT AND CONCRETE REPAIRS MAPLE HEIGHTS SENIOR CENTER ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT PHASE 1**”

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Miss Poppy, Master Poppy greet Cuyahoga Heights officials at council meeting



Mayor Jack Bacci introduced the American Legion Post 627 Miss Poppy, Harley Cafardi, and Master Poppy Jason Seymour last Wednesday, prior to the Cuyahoga Heights Council meeting on May 14.

Harley earned her eligibility through her great-grandfather, James Rodes, Sr., US Navy, World War II. Jason earned his eligibility from the Sons of the American Legion through his grandfather, Norbert Priebe, U.S. Army, Korea. They are shown above with Mayor Bacci.

Garfield Heights again showcased at Cleveland Planning & Zoning Workshop for second year

The city of Garfield Heights has announced that its current Zoning Code Update Project was showcased at the prestigious Cleveland Planning & Zoning Workshop held on Thursday, May 15. This marks the second consecutive year that Garfield Heights has been highlighted and asked to present during a panel discussion at the American Planning Ohio Chapter's annual conference.

This year's presentation focused on the city's innovative approaches to modernizing its zoning code, aimed at fostering smart growth, promoting economic development and enhancing community engagement. City officials and the project's steering committee shared insights into the inclusive planning process, emphasizing transparency, adaptability and strategic visions for the future.

"Being recognized two years in a row reflects our dedication to thoughtful, forward looking city planning," said Mayor Matt Burke. "Our zoning code update is not just about regulations, it's about creating a vibrant, resilient future for the city of Garfield Heights."

The APA Cleveland Planning & Zoning Workshop is a premier event that brings together planning professionals statewide, local government officials and community leaders to discuss best practices in city planning and development.

For more information about Garfield Heights' Zoning Code Update Project, please contact Assistant Economic Development Director Janice Tubbs at 216-475-1100, ext. 2437, or visit <https://garfieldhts.org/339/Zoning-Code-Update-Project>.

Hydrant flushing in G.H.

Beginning this week the Garfield Heights Fire Department will begin the annual flushing and inspection of the 1,300 fire hydrants in the city. The work will be performed Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., depending on the weather. It should take about 8 weeks to complete. The work will begin in Ward 1 and end in Ward 7.

Call Sandy at the Garfield Heights Fire Department, 216-475-4053, with questions.



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Garfield Heights Memorial Day Parade and Service Monday, May 26, 2025



Garfield Heights Memorial Day tributes honoring deceased veterans of all wars and conflicts will be held on Monday, May 26, 2025.

There will be a parade followed by a service at the Veterans Plaza at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Road.

The parade assembly will begin at 9:15 a.m. at Mapleleaf School, 5764 Turney Road.
The parade will step off at 10:00 a.m.

If you wish to participate, make a monetary donation, or have any questions, please contact Jennifer Newrones, 216-478-9977 or jnewrones@garfieldhts.org.