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Council puts water, sewer bill increase in Bedford for 2026 on first reading

By Ellen Psenicka

Water and sewer bills in Bedford may be going up next year, according to legislation passed for a first reading Monday night at council's August meeting.

Finance Director Jennifer Howland said the city of Cleveland is raising water rates and Bedford would have to follow suit with a proposed 3.75% hike for residents and businesses in 2026 if the legislation passes.

Howland said the sewer rate increase would be 10% for next year if council passes the ordinance to amend the rates. Legislation for water and sewer rate hikes for next year will have to be passed for a second and third reading at upcoming meetings to become law.

Bedford Council also took action on the following legislation at Monday's meeting:

- Authorized Law Director John Montello and Clerk of Council Tracy Simons to act on behalf of the city council members for public records training and the Ohio Sunshine Law requirement.

- Accepted the Board of Zoning Appeals decision to All Yousef Khanfar to erect a sign larger than permitted at 400 Northfield Rd., Bedford.

- Authorized the city manager to enter into a contract with Ascendance Trucks to purchase a stainless steel spreader for the salt truck in the service department.

- Levied assessments for delinquent water bills in the city of Bedford.

- Levied assessments for removal of weeds, tall grass and trees on various lots in the city during the year 2025.

- Authorized the city manager to enter into a contract with Motorola Solutions to purchase 10 800-radio systems through the State Cooperative Purchasing Program for the police department.

- Directed the city manager to enter into a contract with ABC Piping Company for the repair of an existing main water feed line in the fire department, it being the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder.

- Passed for first reading an ordinance titled "Rate Reduction for Disabled Persons and Senior Citizens."

- Authorized the city manager to enter into a purchase agreement with Buckeye Homes, LLC for the purchase of vacant lots located at 132 Greencroft Rd., and 172 Grand Boulevard, both in Bedford. City Manager Mike Mallis said the company plans to build a prefab home on each vacant lot and list them for about \$215,000 each.

Mallis also noted that Ellenwood Recreation Center will be closed on August 14th for about two weeks for roof replacement over the gym area and paving of the parking lot. He said other upgrades will be taking place inside the building.

He said Enbridge Gas Ohio will begin a main gas line replacement project this week on Pinecrest and that residents on the street have been notified.

Slavic Village wins People's Budget grant

The first ever Participatory Budgeting Cleveland (PBCLE) grant was awarded last week to Slavic Village, after it beat out 13 other Cleveland neighborhoods in a months-long competition.

The grant is worth \$100,000 in privately acquired foundation money. What's unique about it is that the money will be allocated through a process determined by average residents, not elected or appointed leaders.

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Red Chimney restaurant, apartments above gutted by blaze; vows to rebuild

Fire broke out late yesterday morning at the building where Red Chimney restaurant is located at E. 65 St. and Fleet Ave., in Slavic Village, which was said to have started in a second floor apartment above the restaurant.

According to a Facebook post by Cleveland Ward 12 Councilwoman Rebecca Maurer, three fire stations responded to the fire and brought it under control. She said there were no injuries reported.

"The building is substantially damaged," Maurer posted. "The upstairs appears gutted and the downstairs sustained a lot of damage as well. The Red Chimney will be closed for the foreseeable future."

Maurer said her office and the Slavic Village community will do everything in its power to help them rebuild.

Red Chimney got national attention last month with the release of the new "Superman" movie which included a scene filmed at the lunch bar in the popular neighborhood eatery.

Red Chimney Facebook post yesterday at 3 p.m.

"As many of you are aware, The Red Chimney suffered a devastating fire earlier today. While the loss is immense and heartbreaking, we are profoundly grateful that no one was injured. The outpouring of support from our incredible community has been nothing short of overwhelming. We've been deeply touched by the visits, the kind words, and the unwavering loyalty shown by so many customers, friends, and family members who have rallied around us. Knowing the depth of affection you all hold for The Red Chimney makes this setback even more poignant. It's a powerful reminder of the special place this restaurant holds in all our hearts.

"The road ahead will undoubtedly involve challenges, but the love and support you've shown us fuels our determination to rebuild. We are committed to returning, stronger and better than ever, and we'll keep you updated on our progress every step of the way. Thank you for your continued prayers and thoughts. Your kindness means the world to Pete, Louie, and the entire Red Chimney team."



Gerry Durante was at the Red Chimney restaurant having lunch yesterday when fire broke out and took the photo above as firefighters were called to the scene.

Bedford Historical Society Flea Market

The Bedford Historical Society will hold its annual Flea Market on Saturday, Aug. 9, 2025, on the Bedford Commons, 730 Broadway Ave., from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

Wide variety of items for sale including collectibles, antiques, books, records, clothing, tools and much more, as well as a "Flea-tique" in the church basement full of more sale items.

Anyone who wants to sell items can purchase a spot in advance for \$20 per 10x10-ft. space, or \$25 paid the day of the flea market. Bring your own tables and chairs. Interested sellers should call Chris Sweet, 440-439-7470.

Kidnapping, felonious assault July 26, on Hollywood Ave. in Maple Heights

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On Saturday, July 26, at 8:52 a.m., officers from the Maple Heights Police Department responded to the area of Maple Heights Blvd. and Knoll Ave., for a report of a female who was saying she had been held against her will and assaulted by her live-in boyfriend.

When officers arrived they located the female who told them that her live-in boyfriend, who was armed with a handgun, had bound her to a pole in the basement of their residence in the 5400 block of Hollywood Ave., and assaulted her for several hours overnight. The female was then transported to Marymount Hospital by a Maple Heights Fire rescue squad for treatment.

Officers arrived at the residence and set up a safety perimeter around it. The officers made several attempts to contact the male but received no response, so the Southeast Area Law Enforcement (SWAT and CIT teams) were called in.

Several more attempts were to contact the male after the SWAT and CIT teams arrived on the scene. These also received no response from the male. SWAT team members entered the residence and located the male in an upstairs bedroom, deceased from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

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The identification of the victim female and subject male are being withheld until proper notification of the families is complete.

Anyone with information related to this case is urged to contact the Maple Heights Detective Bureau: 216-587-9624 or Detectives@mhpd-ohio.com. As always, information can also be supplied to Crime Stoppers.

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Neighborhoods were nominated by Clevelanders in an open competition last winter. They were then vetted by the PBCLE selection committee based on several criteria: demonstrated need, history of disinvestment, intensity of grassroots engagement, and potential for effective collaboration between average residents and local leadership. Two neighborhoods, Slavic Village and Lee-Seville, quickly rose to the top of the scoring. When a deadlock developed between them in late July, the committee switched to a lottery to break the tie.

What's next? First, a resident-led steering committee will be formed to write the rules that govern the process. Community meetings will then be held to gather ideas for projects and to take votes on those projects. PBCLE estimates the process may take a year.

Andre White of PBCLE'S steering committee said, "People want to see school projects, beautification projects and safety projects. They want to see an uplift of their neighborhoods because they do not see that at this present moment. This pilot can change that."

Slavic Villagers interested in participating are encouraged to contact Krystal Sierra by email at krystals@slavicvillage.org

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**GARFIELD HEIGHTS
ZONING CODE UPDATE**



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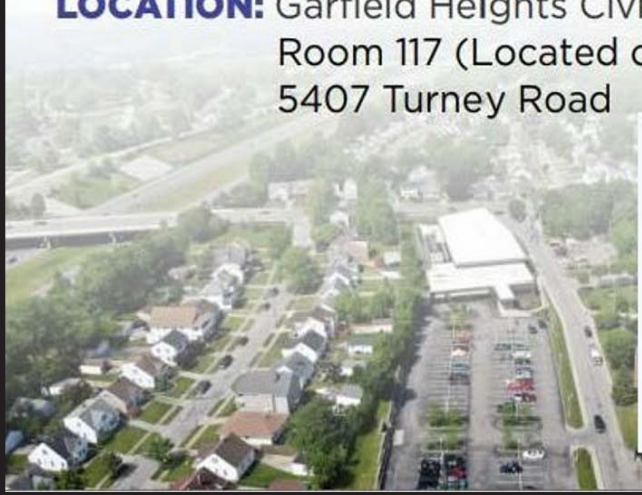
The **City of Garfield Heights** invites you to the Mayor's Town Hall meeting, where we will discuss the **proposed updates to the zoning code**, designed to implement recommendations from the mast. This open house will **allow you to learn** about the proposed zoning districts, discuss the land uses allowed in each zoning district, and ask questions.

MEETING DETAILS!

DATE: Wednesday, August 13th, 2025

HOURS: 5:30PM to 7:30PM (come at any time)

LOCATION: Garfield Heights Civic Center
Room 117 (Located on the 1st floor)
5407 Turney Road



More Info



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**Drawings for New Roof Winners to be Held Monday, September 22, 2025,
6:00 PM at the Civic Center**

Program Guidelines (include but not limited to the following):

- Applications to be picked up and submitted in the City's Economic Development Dept. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 AM—3:00 PM only throughout the application submission period.
- **RECIPIENTS OF THE HOME REPAIR GRANT FUNDS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THIS PROGRAM.**
- Property taxes must be current.
- Proof of Homestead Exemption tax credit required.
- Property must be the owner's primary residence for a minimum of one year at time of application.
- Applicant must provide proof of roof replacement need.
- Grant funds cannot be used to address open/current Point-of-Sale violations.
- Applicant must provide proof of current homeowner's insurance policy on property at time of application.
- A homeowner contribution of 1% of the total project cost is required.
- Full Program Guidelines are available at www.garfieldhts.org—Economic Development, Building Dept. & Community web pages.

Household gross income must be at or below the federally established income limits:



Website
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1: \$34,800	5: \$53,700
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3: \$44,750	7: \$61,650
4: \$49,700	8: \$65,650

Jones Road Family gives back to supporters



By Ellen Psenicka

Jones Road Family Development held its annual gala last Friday evening and it was a night to remember for its supporters and families who rely on the organization for free after-school tutoring and a six-week Literacy Through the Arts summer camp held at Cleveland Central Catholic High School to mentor youth in reading, music and the arts, as well as a sports program, all at no cost to parents.

For two decades, Jones Road Family Ministries, with Executive Director Ione Parry at the helm, has been a beacon of hope, nurturing the potential of youth in the Slavic Village neighborhood.

JRFD used the gala as an opportunity to not only fundraise to keep its mission alive, but to honor its many steadfast supporters.

Third Federal Foundation and Starting Point took home Community Philanthropy awards accepted by Emily Thome of Third Federal and Jessica Forbes-Brown of Starting Point.

The Community Cornerstone Award was given to Cleveland Central Catholic High School and accepted by John

Simon, president of CCC.

Melody Huntley received the Reverend Peter Parry Walk in Faith Award, and the Reverend Peter & Ione Parry Foundation Award went to Frank Benkalowycz, David Waltermire, Jim Parry and Stu Parry.

And last, but certainly not least, the Board Chairman's Award went to Ione Parry for her decades of selfless dedication to neighborhood children and their families and the faith community to which she has dedicated her life.

STUDENT REGISTRATION

St. John Nepomucene Regional School of Religion is accepting registration for any student in grades 1-8 for the 2025-2026 school year.

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Please call the rectory at 216-641-8444 Ext. 10 for more information or to register.



SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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.

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. The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Kindergarten Countdown. For Children entering Kindergarten in Fall and their caregiver. Wednesday, August 6, Monday, August 11, Wednesday, August 13, 10 a.m. Join us as we help your child build kindergarten readiness skills in a program aligned to Ohio's Early Childhood Standards. **MUST REGISTER**

Engineering Hour. Grades 1-5. Thursdays, August 7, 21, 3:30 p.m. Bring your creativity and dexterity for an hour of building!

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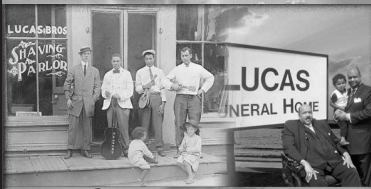


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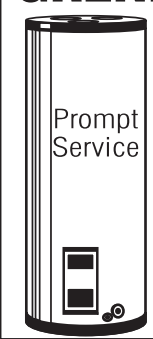
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Assault

On July 21, at 5:02 p.m., officers arrived to the Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union, 13623 Rockside Rd., for a report of juveniles fighting. They located a victim who with his friend was behind the backstop of the Trinity High baseball field. The victim, who had a fresh abrasion and swelling above his left eye, said he had been involved in a fight with another juvenile but declined to give his name. He said he had been involved in an ongoing verbal dispute with the assailant over the past several days which had escalated into a fight that day. The suspect reportedly slammed the victim's head onto the ground multiple times resulting in his injuries. He was evaluated by paramedics and declined transport to the hospital. His mother was advised she could contact the Youth Detective Bureau if she wished to pursue charges.

Aggravated Robbery

On July 24, at 4:07 a.m., officers arrived at a home in the 10500 block of Park Heights for a male robbed at gunpoint. The victim told police he was doing flooring work in the front portion of the home when two black males came in from the rear side entrance and ordered him to give them his belongings. The suspects took an Android cell phone, Apple iPhone, wallet and the keys to his Toyota 4-Runner. While he was on the ground he heard his car start up. While the thieves were backing out they struck the neighbor's fence then fled in an unknown direction. Neighbors called police. The victim said the suspects were between 17-25 years of age, one tall, one short wearing all black clothing and dark-colored baseball hats and black and white face masks and were armed with black handguns, but unknown make or model. Ring doorbell camera showed the stolen vehicle being backed out of the driveway. Garfield Heights detectives to follow up.

Animal Cruelty

• On July 25, about 12:22 p.m., the city's fill-in animal warden was met by an officer at the police station to file a complaint of animal cruelty. The warden told the officer he was dispatched to the area of the 13200 block of Cranwood Park Blvd., regarding a dog at large. The warden saw a very skinny dog roaming the street and followed her to the back porch of a home in the 13300 block of Cranwood Park Blvd., left a notice at the home and took the obviously malnourished dog to the city kennel. The police officer did a search of records for the Cranwood address and found that a person at that address had been issued a citation for animal cruelty on May 3, 2025. The warden said that there was another dog chained up in the backyard of the home in question which appeared to be healthy and having water and shelter. Animal warden to follow up on this complaint.

• On July 28, at 1:10 p.m., officers responded to the home in the 13300 block of Cranwood Park Blvd. referenced in report above, to serve a felony animal cruelty warrant for the July 25 incident in which the dog was impounded. No one answered the door. While there officers saw a second dog in the backyard, a tan and white male pit bull, which seemed visibly distraught from the heat and environment. At the time it was 90 degrees and sunny. The dog had a cable tied around his neck that only allowed him to move two or three feet and was taking shelter in a wooden shed that had no air flow and was increasingly hotter than the outside temperature. The shed was full of urine, feces and flies and the smell was "atrocious," according to the report, like it had never been cleaned. Outside the shed was a cooler filled with warm water that was infested with dirt, leaves and bugs.

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Connecting for Kids to hold program in Maple Hts.

Connecting for Kids provides resources, support and community to families in Northeast Ohio who have concerns about their child, supporting families who have children with mental health concerns, developmental delays and disabilities as well as those facing major life changes.

Music Therapy & More

Join us for a hands-on program designed to teach families how to use music to improve their child's academic, motor, communication and social skills as well as behavior on Saturday, Aug. 23, at 10 a.m., at the Maple Heights Branch of the Cuyahoga County Library, 5225 Library Ln. This program is designed for families and their children, ages 0-6 years, who have concerns about development.

Registration is required for these programs. Register online: www.connectingforkids.org/register, via email: info@connectingforkids.org or call/text: 440-570-5908.

Connecting for Kids also offers Resource Fairs and a Family Resource Specialist (FRS) Program. Programs include support groups for adults, presentations by professionals as well as hands-on programs that caregivers attend with their child. The FRS program offers a CFK staff member who meets with families and assists them in navigating resources. All programs are offered free to families.



All programs are free unless marked otherwise. For questions or to register for programs, please visit clevelandmetroparks.com or call CanalWay Center at 216-206-1000.

Bedford Reservation

August 17: Sunday Hike in a Creek. Do you want to get your feet wet in the world of creek walking? Join a naturalist-led hike through one of Tinker's Creek tributaries. We'll use dip and seine nets to explore the creek's wildlife along our journey to a hidden waterfall. Please wear appropriate footwear as we will be climbing down into a gorge and climbing over logs and rocks in a slippery creek. Sturdy shoes and hiking poles recommended. 1-3 p.m. Meet at Lost Meadows Picnic Area. Ages 18 years & over. Terrain: natural surfaces, steep hills, slippery creek bed, 1.5-2 miles.

August 31: Carly Martin Insect Safari - Hike and Bug Netting. Join Naturalist Carly Martin as we explore the meadows and all the tiny life that abounds at this time of year. Nets will be available for catch and release exploration. 2-4 p.m. Meet at Astorhurst Trailhead. Ages 4 years-adult. Terrain: natural surface, less than 1 mile.

CanalWay Center – Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation, Cuyahoga Heights

August 9: Out in the Parks: Wildflowers Along the Canal. Join fellow LGBTQ+ friends and allies for a cart tour along the Ohio and Erie Canal in search of summer wildflowers. We'll look for waterfowl and turtles, as well as flowers such as goldenrod, ironweed and asters. Cart tours are a great way to explore the valley and travel miles along the Towpath. 1-2:30 p.m. CanalWay Center. Fee: \$10. Registration required

August 16: Nature Cart Tour Along the Canal. Join a naturalist to discover the late-summer wildflowers that bloom along the Canal. We'll look for waterfowl and turtles, as well as flowers such as goldenrod, ironweed and asters. Cart tours are a great way to explore the valley and travel miles along the Towpath. 1-2:30 p.m. & 3-4:30 p.m. CanalWay Center. Fee: \$10. Registration required.

August 17: Carly Martin Drop-by - Make a Nature Bookmark. Back-to-school season is around the corner! Stop by CanalWay Center anytime between noon and 3 p.m. to make a nature bookmark to help you with reading or as a gift for your new teacher. Project takes approximately 15 minutes. Noon-3 p.m.

August 23: Nature Paint n' Play. Join a naturalist for an afternoon of immersion in nature and art. Artists are often inspired by the outdoors, so come to CanalWay Center to put your creativity to use. We will take a short walk around the nature center, then paint or draw your nature-inspired piece. Registration is required. 2-4 p.m. Ages 5-10 years w/adult. Terrain: paved, less than 1 mile. Registration required.

August 24: Ginny Kanzinger Family Fun: Pond Dipping. Ponds aren't just full of fish and frogs. From dragonfly nymphs to diving beetles, our ponds are teeming with life! Join a naturalist at CanalWay Center to learn more about these fascinating organisms and try your hand at catching some with nets! We'll use microscopes to help us take a closer look at these amazing creatures. 11 a.m.-noon. Ages 5-10 years w/adult. Terrain: paved and natural surfaces, 0.5 miles.

August 28: Little Kid Nature Fun Day. Big kids are back in school and today is a chance for little kids and their grown-ups to come and have some fun in nature! We'll hear a story, spend most of our time outdoors exploring, and make a craft to take home. If you'd like, bring a sack lunch to enjoy after the program. 10:30-11:30 a.m. CanalWay Center. Ages: 3-5 years with an adult. Terrain: paved and natural surface trails, 0.5 miles.

August 30: Alex Plamer 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. The dense forest will make you feel miles away from the industrial valley that surrounds this area. 10 a.m.- noon CanalWay Center. Terrain: natural surface, steep hills, 3-4 miles.

History lesson at Harvard Grove Cemetery in S.V.



As part of the recent Polish festivities on Lansing Ave., Glenn Sobola, director of the Slavic Village Historical Society, led history buffs through one of the neighborhood's oldest burial sites. The 19th century Harvard Grove Cemetery, which began as the Isaac Reid farm, contains some of Cleveland's earliest burial sites, including veterans of the Revolutionary and Civil wars.

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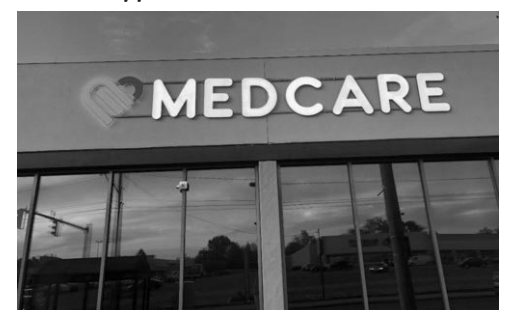
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Community Police Reports

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There was no sign of food left for the dog. Animal warden was contacted and arrived on site, stating it appeared the dog was already suffering from heat exhaustion. He cut the cable from the dog's neck and the dog's rib cage could be seen as the warden walked the dog out. The dog was taken to the Garfield Heights animal shelter to be fed and given cool lodging and water. The dog's owner has a history for dog at large and animal cruelty calls. Report forwarded to the city prosecutor.

Traffic Offense-Fleeing

On July 25, at 12:27 p.m., an officer conducting a traffic detail was at Oak Park Blvd. and Turney Rd. and saw an older red Dodge van going 41 mph in a 25 mph zone. The van turned suddenly onto Oak Park and the officer saw the van did not have any visible registration. The officer attempted to make a traffic stop but the van accelerated and failed to yield and a pursuit ensued, with the van ending up going east on Granger Rd., running a red light and crashing into a Chevy Tahoe near the 13700 block of Granger Rd. The driver and passenger in the Tahoe were injured and taken to Marymount Hospital. The fleeing vehicle then drove onto a tree lawn and the driver, a younger black male with no shirt or shoes and wearing grey shorts, grabbed items from the van. As the officer pulled up to the crash site the male fled east on foot and was confronted by a female homeowner. As the suspect ran at her she pulled a handgun out and told the male to stop. The man ignored her and continued running while the officer began a foot pursuit through backyards to

Evelyn, at which point the officer lost sight of him. It was later discovered the fleeing vehicle had sideswiped another vehicle stopped on Granger Rd., causing damage to the left side of a Chevy truck. The driver stated he had injuries and was taken to Marymount Hospital. The suspect was unable to be located.

Motor Vehicle Accident/Injury

On July 27, at 8:45 a.m., officers arrived at 5555 Transportation Blvd., regarding a single vehicle crash into a utility pole, with someone inside and unconscious. They found the overturned vehicle on its side with the driver's side on the ground. A utility pole was broken in half and power lines were down. The unresponsive male was observed in the driver's seat. Due to the vehicle's position police were unable to access the driver and GHFD arrived on scene and were able to get the victim out of the car with specialized tools. He appeared visibly shaken and had a cut on his right leg. He was immediately taken to MetroHealth Medical Center for further treatment. Video footage obtained from ODOT cameras showed the driver going north in the southbound lanes of Transportation Blvd. While crossing the overpass bridge, he veered off the road onto the sidewalk, then re-entered the southbound lanes before driving into the grass, where he struck two traffic signs and the utility pole. Inside the crashed vehicle were found two full bottles and two empty bottles of Methadone in a bag on the front passenger seat. The bottles were labeled with the driver's name indicating a prescribed dosage of 190 mg (one bottle per day). Driver cited for OVI, failure to control, driving on sidewalk, lawn and lanes of travel and given a mandatory court appearance. Report forwarded to the prosecutor's office.

Call Crime Stoppers with anonymous tips

Crime Stoppers encourages members of the community to assist local law enforcement agencies in the fight against crime.

Crime Stoppers provides an anonymous telephone number, Text Tips and Web Tips to encourage citizens to volunteer vital information helpful to law enforcement agencies. By offering anonymity and cash rewards for information leading to indictment or arrests, the program encourages otherwise reluctant callers to provide information.

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.



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Ice Skating Lessons for fall/winter season at Garfield Heights Rec.

Registration is now going on at the Dan Kostel Recreation Center in Garfield Heights during open office hours for beginner Learn to Skate and Ice Hockey – and also Girls Travel Team 12U/14U & New This Year – 19U Girls In-House programs.

LEARN TO SKATE LESSONS

AGES 3-ADULT - COED

Classes held on Wednesdays beginning Sept. 24 from 5:30-6:30 p.m., and also held on Saturday mornings, 10:15-11:15 a.m., beginning Sept. 27. Skate rental is included with all lessons at no additional charge.

5-week Session Fees:

ID Card – Residents - \$20 – one-time annual fee

ID Card – Non-Residents - \$50 – one-time annual fee

Lessons – Residents - \$60 per 5-week session

Non-Residents - \$85 per 5-week session

IN-HOUSE HOCKEY AGES 3 & UP - COED

This In-House beginner hockey program is held on Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m. Also 5-week sessions - with session 1 starting on Saturday, Sept. 27. If you decide to sign up your child, equipment is available with a returnable cash deposit. See office for details.

Fees:

ID Card – Residents - \$20 - one-time annual fee

ID Card – Non-Residents - \$50 – one-time annual fee

Residents - \$100 for 6-week session

Non-Residents - \$150 for 6-week session

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Maple Heights Branch Library news

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Here are a few of the **FREE** programs being offered at the Maple Heights Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, located at 5225 Library Lane, Maple Hts. For more information or to register, please call 216-475-5000, or visit: cuyahogalibrary.org/events.

Spice Up Your Life - August - Tarragon During 2025, try a new spice with the Maple Heights branch of CCPL! Pick up a sample-sized packet of tarragon any day this month with suggested recipes. 1 per household, available while supplies last.

Scrunchie Sewing. Grades 4-8, Wednesday, Aug. 6, 3-4 p.m. Make your own satin scrunchies and learn the basics of sewing machines. Registration required.

Mental Health Workshop. Saturday, Aug. 9, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Explore the mind and body and what is at the heart of mental health conditions with Dr. Terry A. Webb.

Mobile Food Pantry. Tuesday, Aug. 12, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Cuyahoga County Public Library is collaborating with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank to distribute free, fresh produce to those in need. This event will be held rain or shine. Produce will be given on a first come, first-served basis to adults of any age, zip code and income level.

Senior Seminar - Home Health Care Coverage. Tuesday, Aug. 12, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Learn about Home Health Care Coverage for seniors.

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PowerPoint Basics. Thursday, Aug. 14, 1-4 p.m. Create a simple presentation and learn how to add text, images and transitions to slides. Prerequisite: Computer Basics or equivalent experience.

Art Journaling: Let's Explore. Adults, Thursday, Aug. 14, 6:30-8 p.m. We'll talk about art journaling basics and experiment on watercolor paper with acrylic and watercolor paints. Participants will create a finished art journal page. All art supplies will be provided.

Music Therapy & More. Ages 0-6 years (and their parents/caregivers). Saturday, Aug. 23, 10-10:30 a.m. A music program for families and their children (ages 0-6) with concerns in an area of development. Join us for a hands-on program designed to teach families how to use music to improve skills.

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