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BIG WEEKEND COMING UP!!



•Flag Day is Saturday, June 14th. Fly Old Glory Proudly!

•Big Parade in Washington, D.C. Saturday to mark 250th Anniversary of US Army. Streaming live at 6 p.m. See Page 8 of this newspaper for all the details!

•Sunday is Father's Day. See Page 7 for great ways to help Dad celebrate!!

City of Cleveland awards \$475K for small business and placemaking grants; recipients include six in Slavic Village

The city of Cleveland yesterday announced the first round of recipients for the revitalized Steelyard Tax Increment Financing Grant (SYTG) program. A total of \$475,220 has been awarded to 19 small businesses and three community development corporations (CDCs) supporting neighborhood revitalization and economic opportunity in six Cleveland communities.

"Small businesses are the heartbeat of our economy and the soul of our neighborhoods," said Mayor Justin M. Bibb. "Through placemaking (improving neighborhoods into places where neighbors and visitors can engage and prosper) and entrepreneurship, these local visionaries create jobs, foster community pride and drive the innovation that makes our communities thrive. This administration will continue to be our community's biggest ally, investing in the people and places driving Cleveland forward."

Originally established in 2006, the Steelyard Tax Increment Financing (TIF) was created to assist neighborhoods impacted by the economic shifts caused by large-scale retail development. In 2025, the city relaunched the program with a renewed focus on equity, accessibility and neighborhood-based economic development.

"This grant program is a reflection of how we're changing the way we do economic development in Cleveland," said Tom McNair, director of Economic Development. "By prioritizing equity and access through a neighborhood lens, we're shifting power into the hands of people who know their communities best."

About the Awardees

The 22 grant recipients — representing Slavic Village, Ohio City, Tremont, Old Brooklyn, Clark-Fulton and Lorain Station — are undertaking projects that range from public art and placemaking to infrastructure improvements and small business expansion. All six neighborhoods were identified through a third-party market impact study as eligible for SYTG support.

The application process emphasized inclusivity and community benefit, with proposals evaluated by a cross-departmental review committee from the Department of Economic Development, the Cleveland Planning Commission, and the Department of Community Development.

Small Business Grant Awardees in Slavic Village:

Vic's Floral, Fleet Music, Your Place & Mine, Sub Station, Nikki's Place.

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SEE BACK PAGE OF THIS NEWSPAPER FOR THE OUTSTANDING "MUSIC IN THE PARK" CONCERT SCHEDULE AT STAFFORD PARK IN MAPLE HEIGHTS!!

Slain police officer Jacob Derbin honored with monument at CHHS

The students of Cuyahoga Heights High School and residents in the village and surrounding communities came together last Wednesday evening, June 4, to unveil the Jason Derbin Monument near the flag pole at the front of the high school.

Euclid Police Officer Jacob Derbin, a 2018 graduate of Cuyahoga Heights High School, was fatally shot in an ambush while answering a disturbance call on the night of May 11, 2024. The 23-year-old had joined the police force 10 months earlier and was engaged to marry his high school sweetheart in July.

Derbin's father is a Euclid police officer, and his grandfather was on the police force in Brooklyn Heights, where Derbin grew up. The monument was made possible through donations from Derbin's 2018 classmates and the Officer Jacob Derbin Foundation.



Garfield Hts. public hearing to discuss potential projects for grant funding

The city of Garfield Heights will have a public hearing at 5:30 p.m., Monday, June 16, at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd., to discuss potential projects to be funded with the 2026 Cuyahoga County Community Development Block Grant and Community Development Supplemental Grant programs.

The competitive grant programs help strengthen cities, encourage regional collaboration and improve the quality of life for county residents, said city officials. All applications must meet a community development need related to the health or welfare of the community. Comments or ideas for future projects can be sent to Pat Salemi at psalemi@garfieldhts.org, or 216-475-1100, ext. 2425.

Health Fair at Stafford Park in Maple Hts.

A SCIIT Health Fair for children and adults, sponsored by the Alliance for Family Hope in conjunction with National Black Family Cancer Awareness Week, will be held on Saturday, June 21, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Stafford Park, 5398 Mayville Ave., Maple Heights.

Cancer informational resources will be available, as well as games and prizes, Family Medical History forms, line dancing, Zumba, on-site blood pressure screenings, free summer reading books, medical resources for the uninsured and underinsured, healthy snacks and much more. Prayers offered upon request.

Local police departments get state grants to prevent, solve violent crimes

The Garfield Heights Police Department and Independence Police Department are among 48 local law enforcement agencies to receive a total of over \$3 million in state grant funding to help them implement violent crime reduction strategies in their communities, as announced last week by Gov. Mike DeWine.

Since the launch of the program in 2021, more than \$84 million has been awarded to nearly 200 local law enforcement agencies for targeted programs and enhanced technology that aid in preventing and solving incidents of violent crime.

"The crime reduction strategies funded by this latest round of grants are all focused on protecting residents and making communities safer," said Governor DeWine. "We're proud to support the work of our local law enforcement agencies to use technology and other innovative practices to enhance public safety."

Lt. Gov. Jim Tressel added, "By supporting local law enforcement with assistance from new technology and equipment, at the same time we also help our communities to be safer places to live, work and raise a family."

The Garfield Heights Police Department will receive \$450,000 to start a Drone as First Responder program. By using drones to respond to certain calls for service, the city hopes to more efficiently allocate its officers to places where they are needed. Once on scene, the drone would hover and broadcast a video feed of the call for service to the dispatch center to be monitored. Dispatchers can then determine if or what additional resources are needed.

The Independence Police Department has been awarded \$34,500 in its effort to enhance public safety. The money will enhance current Flock LPR Camera system by adding Flock CCTV cameras.

These CCTV cameras will help lower violent crime in Independence by enhancing surveillance capabilities, improving officer response times and increasing community confidence in law enforcement.

"By expanding our Flock camera program, we aim to deter criminal activity, support investigations and foster a safer environment for all who live, work and play in Independence," according to the grant request. "This initiative aligns with the commitment to leverage evidence-based solutions to combat rising violent crime rates and ensure the well-being of the community."

Concerned Vets hold Town Hall meeting

The Concerned Veterans of Northeast Ohio will hold a Town Hall meeting from noon to 3 p.m., for all community veterans and their families on Saturday, June 14, at the Warrensville Heights Municipal Center, 4743 Richmond Rd., Warrensville Heights, OH 44128. Learn about the latest updates on benefits, eligibility and application processes. Connect with service providers and get your questions answered. For more information call: 216-200-8829; email: cvono2023@gmail.com; website: www.concernedveteransoh.org

Polish Consul General visits Slavic Village



Regina Jurkowska, Consul General of the Republic of Poland, (bottom row, second from left), visited Slavic Village last week as part of her sightseeing tour of the city. She went to area churches and the Cleveland Cultural Gardens, ending up at the Polish American Cultural Center on Lansing Ave. There she handled passport and legal matters, attended a ceremonial dinner and presented state decorations to Krzysztof Duszkiewicz (bottom row, far left).



2025 HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE GRANT

Application Submission Period: May 19 thru June 25, 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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Household gross income must be at or below the federally established income limits:

1: \$55,650	5: \$85,900
2: \$63,600	6: \$92,250
3: \$71,550	7: \$98,600
4: \$79,500	8: \$104,950



Bedford Hts. Council applies for city park grant funds

By Tristan Douglas

At its Tuesday, June 3, meeting last week, Bedford Heights City Council unanimously approved three emergency resolutions authorizing Mayor Phillip Stevens to apply for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources NatureWorks grant funding to support revitalization projects at three public parks in the city totaling \$91,700, including a 50-50 funding match from the city.

If awarded the funding would go toward improvements at Metro Estates Park on Ridgeline Dr. and Reed Park off Eldridge Blvd., both located in Ward 4, as well as the Municipal Park Playground behind the Community Center and City Hall on Perkins Rd. in Ward 1. Metro Estates and Reed Park each feature basketball courts that Councilwoman Danielle Henderson has advocated for refurbishing during recent council meetings.

Also passed at the meeting was a resolution to accept a bid for the 2025 Sidewalk Program. The winning bid was \$245,427.64 submitted by Allega Concrete Construction Corp., a Cleveland-based company with an extensive background in municipal and public works projects.

City of Cleveland awards

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Slavic Village Development was one of the three community development corporations awarded a Placemaking Grant.

To align with local needs, city staff engaged with Cleveland City Council members and CDCs to understand neighborhood priorities and guide a targeted, bilingual outreach strategy. Working with CDCs, the city conducted door-to-door visits along key commercial corridors to share program information and identify strong applicants. CDCs also provided hands-on support with narratives, scopes and budgets, helping businesses with limited capacity compete equitably.

Two additional rounds are scheduled for 2025, with awards then granted biannually until all funds are allocated. For additional information, visit Cleveland's Economic Development webpage.

Lastly, Council approved amending a section of the city's codified ordinances to align the city's building code with the most current edition of the Ohio Building Code. The update replaces a reference to the 2005 edition of the state code, ensuring that modern state standards and regulations are fully incorporated into the local code in the event of conflict.

Community Center summer events

The Bedford Heights Community Center will host two co-ed basketball skills camps this summer for children ages 7-14. The camp for children ages 7-12 will run from July 8th to August 5th, while the camp for ages 13-14 will be held from July 10th to August 7th. Both camps meet from 6 to 7 p.m., and are open to residents and non-residents. Registration is open until capacity is met.

The Community Center is also hosting a Senior Paint and Sip event on Friday, June 27, at 11:30 a.m. Seniors who are interested in participating must register with the Senior Life Department by Friday, June 20.

The Community Festival Fun Walk-Run has been scheduled for Saturday, July 19. Residents of all ages are invited to register for this invigorating walk-run at the Bedford Heights Community Center. Prizes will be awarded to those with the fastest times.

Community updates

Construction of the new Bedford City School District pre-K-2nd grade building, which will be located behind Heskett Middle School on Perkins Rd., officially began on Monday, June 9. The project is set to be completed in Summer 2027. This project is part of a broader district-wide plan that also includes the construction of a new 6-8 grade school, which is currently underway on Northfield Rd. in Bedford.

Two major road closures are currently in place to accommodate infrastructure projects in the city. The

section of Rockside Rd. between the I-271 east bridge and Aurora Rd. is scheduled to reopen on June 10th following repairs that began on May 27th. Meanwhile, Solon Rd., between Eldridge Blvd. and the existing water reclamation plant, was closed on June 6th for infrastructure improvements ahead of the construction of the city's new water reclamation facility. The closure is expected to remain in effect until July 11th.

Councilwoman Enid Thomas and Councilwoman Danielle Henderson reminded residents of the upcoming Juneteenth Freedom Run & Walk on Thursday, June 19. The event includes a 5K and 1-mile Fun Run starting and ending at Bearcat Stadium, located at Bedford High School on Northfield Rd. The event starts at 7:45 a.m. Residents interested in participating must register online by Wednesday, June 18.

A citywide Community Engagement meeting is scheduled to take place on Saturday, June 14, at 10 a.m., at the Bedford Heights Community Center.

Committee meeting

Councilwoman Thomas has scheduled a Legislative/Education Committee meeting on Wednesday, June 25, at 5 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Caucus Room located at City Hall.

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LEGAL NOTICE

BEDFORD BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD A MEETING ON **TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2025**, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF BEDFORD CITY HALL AT **6:00 P.M.** TO CONSIDER THE APPEAL OF THE FOLLOWING:

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ATTENTION: THE APPLICANT'S ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY, AND FAILURE TO ATTEND WILL RESULT IN DENIAL.

Tracy M. Simons
Clerk of Council

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Community police reports

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

Garfield Heights

Motor Vehicle Theft

- On May 31, a resident of the 9600 block of Alexander Rd., called police and said he had parked his 2018 red Mazda CX5 in front of his home overnight yesterday and it was gone when he looked for it at 6:50 a.m. that morning. Victim believes he left the keys inside the car. He also said he observed clothing and other items in the roadway near his home and thinks it belongs to other people in the area who may have had their vehicles broken into.
- On May 31, at about 7:28 a.m., an officer responded to a home in the 11800 block of McCracken Rd., for a vehicle theft. The owner said his red Hyundai Sonata had been stolen from his driveway with keys left inside. Prior to the victim calling police, the car had been located by GHPD abandoned in the 5000 block of E. 117 St. The car had a flat front right tire and was towed at 5:25 a.m. on May 31, as the vehicle was left in the middle of the roadway. When GHPD arrived at the victim's residence, they were given surveillance footage of the incident taken from his side door camera. It shows a thin black male entering the car then driving away with it. The victim believes the suspect abandoned the car when he was unable to disengage the emergency brake, a safety feature in that model. No suspects have been identified.

Theft

- On May 31, an officer spoke to a complainant from the 4500 block of E. 104 St., who said she had just began a new remote job and the company said they would pay her upon starting the job. She said she got a check for \$2150 as a direct deposit into her bank account but when she checked her account that day she discovered that it had been locked. The bank told her the check was a form of fraud, so her account was locked and she is unable to access it. The victim said the listed company is an actual operating company but she now realizes she was scammed and had not been speaking to an actual employee of the firm. An investigation has been started into her account.
- A couple living in the 12100 block of Tonsing Ave. went to the police station on June 5, to report a theft by deception. The male said that on June 3, he received a phone call from someone claiming to be with Capital One

credit who said his account had been compromised and he would have to buy \$300 in gift cards and give the caller the gift card information to correct the status of his Capital One account. He complied with the request. The female said that on June 4, she got a call from someone claiming to be with American Express who told her that a purchase of \$10,000 in child pornography was purchased using her American Express credit card and to avoid being charged with being involved in child pornography she needed to purchase \$10,000 in gift cards using her American Express card and give the caller the gift card information. She also complied with the request. She later called American Express and learned there was no transaction for the \$10,000 child porn site but there was a \$10,000 purchase of Lowe's gift cards. At this time she realized she and her husband were victims of a scam. Police advised them to lock monitor their credit.

Animal Complaint

On May 31, about 11 p.m., police were dispatched to a home in the 13300 block of Cranwood Park Blvd., for a dog in poor condition wrapped around a tree and shivering. Officers found a white/brown pit-bull with no water and no food tethered to a tree in the backyard. Dispatch was able to contact the pet's owner who said she was picking up her kids and was enroute back home. She was cited for animal cruelty and given a criminal summons.

Robbery

On June 3, at 3:12 p.m., an officer responded to the Marathon gas station, 5571 Turney Rd., and spoke to an employee who said that a black male entered the store to get gas and an argument started over how much money the male gave the cashier who told the customer he was trying to scam him. When he said this to the customer he became very irate and began throwing things at the employee and attempted to grab money from behind the counter. The employee lifted his shirt grabbing his gun but did not remove it from the holster. At that time the customer and the two males he had come in with fled the store in a black 1990 Ford truck. The employee advised to contact police with video of the incident.

Felonious Assault

- On June 3, at 6:53 p.m., police units arrived in the area of the 13000 block of Carpenter Rd., in connection with several callers reporting a disturbance involving approximately five vehicles. Dispatch had received reports of a single shot being fired in the area prior to police arrival, and when GHPD officers got there they located a male victim of a gunshot wound to the left leg. He was found sitting in a chair in the driveway of a Carpenter Rd. home.
- Officers and later EMS attended to the injured man while another officer spoke with residents of nearby homes to see if surveillance video of the shooting was available. Residents of one home said they had a working RING doorbell but did not wish to cooperate for fear of retaliation from the neighborhood.

Weapons Offense

- On June 4, at 5:31 p.m., two officers spotted a white Ford Fusion with dark tinted windows going north on E. 136 St. A registration check came back as expired on May 20, 2025. Police initiated a traffic stop at the intersection of E. 136 St. and South Parkway Ave. Once the car stopped the front seat male passenger fled on foot, jumping the fence into the backyard of a home in the 13600 block of South Parkway. After actively resisting arrest and being Tased twice, the suspect was finally placed in handcuffs. A loaded firearm was recovered from his waist area. Other units arrived to assist and advised that while putting the suspect in the rear of a police cruiser he told them he had a warrant for his arrest on charges of homicide which is why he ran. It was confirmed he was wanted for murder in Cuyahoga County. The other four people in the Fusion were detained without incident. One of them told police he had a firearm in his waist, which was found to be loaded. He was just 20-years-old and prohibited from possessing a firearm. Both he and the murder suspect were placed under arrest and taken to city jail.
- On June 6, at 2:48 a.m., an officer on routine patrol noted a Mercedes with only one working brake light traveling east on Cranwood Dr., and initiated a traffic stop at E. 131 St. As the officer approached the vehicle from the passenger side, he saw the driver was holding a black handgun in his right hand. The officer drew his service pistol and pointed it at the suspect and told him not to move. Another officer approached the Mercedes from the driver's side and the driver dropped the handgun and said he was sorry. He was extracted from the car, taken to the ground and placed in handcuffs. The loaded handgun was seized and placed into evidence. The suspect was transported to GHPD jail and charged with carrying concealed weapons and a stop light violation.

Assault

On June 7, shortly before 9 p.m., police were dispatched to the 9100 block of S. Highland Ave., in regard to people fighting in the street. When they arrived they saw several juveniles and adults in the street running around and screaming. Two adult males were physically fighting in the middle of the street. One of the men had fallen to the ground and the other man continued to punch him. An officer told the man punching the man on the ground to get off him, whereupon he stopped punching him and started walking west on S. Highland, not listening the officer's commands. Eventually both suspects were placed in handcuffs. Police told the suspect who had been punching the man on the ground that he was detained. The suspect said he was defending a female juvenile that got punched in the face by the man he had been punching. He was informed the police were investigating the incident. Then the officers were approached by the mother of a 12-year-old girl who said her daughter had been struck in the face by the same man accused previously, which was corroborated by two other witnesses. The man accused of punching the girl was placed under arrest for assault and taken to city jail, where he was booked without incident. The man who had been punching him was issued a summons for disorderly conduct and released on scene.

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CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS

2026 Cuyahoga County Community Development Block Grant Program

The City of Maple Heights is eligible to apply for funding from Federal Community Development Block Grant funds 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 voice their opinions on local housing and community development needs, or to submit opinions in writing to the address below. A list of eligible activities and application requirements will be provided at the hearing.

The Public Hearing will be held IN PERSON on **Friday June 20, 2025 at 11:00 AM** at:

Maple Heights Senior Center

15901 Libby Road

Maple Heights, Ohio 44137

For further information, contact Clerk of Council Leonette Cicirella Johnson at (216) 587-9000.

Any persons who wish to attend and require special accommodations under the Americans With Disabilities Act, please contact the Maple Heights City Hall at (216) 587-9000 no later than 72 hours prior to the public hearing.

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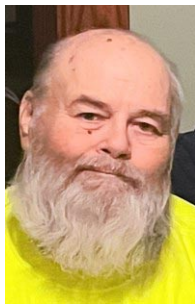
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Death Notices

JAMES D. ZAK

James D. Zak, age 74, beloved brother of Sandra and Linda Zak, cherished uncle of Cathy Petricevic (Greg), dearest son of the late James F. and Wanda (nee Roman) Zak. James was a graduate of South High School in Cleveland in 1969. Friends may call at the FERFOLIA FUNERAL HOME, 356 W. AURORA RD. (ST. RT. 82), SAGAMORE HILLS FOR VISITATION WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2025, 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Funeral Thursday at 9 a.m. at Ferfolia Funeral Home; Mass of Christian Burial at St. Basil the Great Catholic Church, 8700 Brecksville Rd., Brecksville, Oh. 44141, 10 a.m. Interment All Saints Cemetery.



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Garfield Hts. Council update

By Ellen Psenicka

The following legislation was passed at Monday's meeting of Garfield Heights Council:

- Purchase of one new 2024 Mack truck through M&K Centers for use by the city's Service Department at a cost not to exceed \$90,000.

- Purchase of one Henderson Mark E dump body and chassis for use on the new Mack truck at a cost not to exceed \$68,000.

- Approval of a collective bargaining agreement between the city and Local 2729 and Council 8 AFL-CIO beginning Jan. 1, 2025, and ending on Dec. 31, 2027.

- Agreement with Millennium Strategies to provide grant consulting services to the city and to provide grant research, writing and management services at a cost not to exceed \$3,500 per month.

- Accepting the 2025 Roger Sharrer "Grow Hockey" program grant funding of \$1,473. The "Grow Hockey" award can be used to purchase new equipment for the city's Youth Hockey program at the Dan Kostel Recreation Center and grow the ice hockey and figure skating programs.

- Accepting grant funding from the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Office under the Impaired Driving Enforcement program and the Selective Traffic Enforcement program. The city previously applied for IDEP and STEP grant funding in 2024, which was used to pay for

officers to work additional shifts on specific days throughout the year (Super Bowl Sunday, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, July 4th, etc.), where there is traditionally an increase in alcohol-related driving offenses.

- Approving the replacement of seven residential roofs as part of the Home Repair Assistance Grant Program and awarding the funding to eligible applicants. The city will fund 100% percent of the roof replacement costs for seven residents eligible for that grant, and win the roof replacement as a prize in the associated in-person raffle. The roof replacement project will officially begin Monday, July 7, 2025. Applications will be picked up and submitted in the Economic Development Office at the Civic Center Monday-Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., beginning Monday, July 7, through Friday, July 18, 2025.

The next meeting of Garfield Heights Council will be on Monday, July 14, at 7 p.m.



GARFIELD PARK RESERVATION

June 25: Mill Creek Falls Natural History Walk. Follow the Mill Creek Trail to the largest waterfall in Cuyahoga County as a naturalist reveals the natural history and geology of this secluded urban stream corridor. 5:30 to 7 p.m. Windy Ridge Picnic Area. Terrain: Paved, some hills. 3-4 miles.

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G.H. POOL OPENING FOR SEASON JUNE 14th

The swimming pool at the Dan Kostel Rec Center, 5411 Turney Rd., will open for the season on Saturday, June 14, at 2 p.m.!!

New pool hours this season are 2 to 8 p.m., Tues., Wed., Fri., Sat. & Sun. Closed Mondays. Pool Closes at 6:15 p.m. on Thursdays for Adult-Only Lap Swim, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Sundays are Family Swim Day with special admission rate of \$10 per person – 4 & under are free. No season passes or ID cards are needed & no children without parent/adult will be allowed. All pool & open office hours are subject to change due to weather, staffing and pool attendance.

Season Pool Pass Fees:

Resident Student – (5-17 years old) - \$60.00

Resident – Adult – (18-64 years old) - \$70.00

Resident Family of 4 – 2 parents 2 children under 18 - \$130.00

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Letters to the Editor

Grateful for levy passage

Dear Editor:

On behalf of myself, my department and all the residents who rely on our services, I extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who voted in support of the Maple Heights Senior Center Renewal Levy.

Thank you for your trust and confidence in our work. Your support ensures we can continue operating for another five years — delivering inclusive, innovative and impactful programming that uplifts and connects our community. We remain committed to serving those who need us most, and we look forward to building an even stronger, more compassionate future together.

Thank you again!!

Jaimie Hasenohrl

Maple Heights Human Services Director

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Each Proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. Each bidder must submit evidence of its experiences on projects of similar size and complexity. The owner intends and requires that this project be substantially completed no later than October 31, 2025.

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

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

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Cuyahoga County and the City of Maple Heights, Ohio as determined by the Ohio Department of Commerce, Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration, 614.644.2239.

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, "SUMMIT JAMES RESURFACING PROJECT".

Tinita Tillman
Finance Director
City of Maple Heights

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Almost \$2.5 million in state funding will go to demolition, cleanup of former Bedford hospital site now owned by city

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, Lt. Governor Jim Tressel and Ohio Department of Development Director Lydia Mihalik last Thursday announced nearly \$60 million in state support to help clean up and redevelop 51 hazardous brownfield sites in 27 counties.

Locally, the Bedford Community Hospital Campus, through the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation, will be given \$2,498,121 in state funding to support the cleanup and demolition of the former University Hospitals Bedford Hospital, a 164,000-square-foot structure built in 1928 and vacant since 2022.

Planned activities include asbestos abatement, demolition of the main hospital building and environmental remediation of the surrounding 9-acre campus. Once cleared, the site will be marketed for redevelopment. The project is expected to generate approximately 100 new jobs and remove a longstanding public nuisance from the community.

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The Army Birthday Outreach Guide serves to raise awareness of and promote the Army's 250th birthday. Office of the Chief of Public Affairs (OCA) will post more information at the links below as information becomes available.

This guide includes a calendar of events, key messages and recommended tactics for you to promote and attend. It also includes a call to action for you to share your content with us for further amplification.

By working together, we expand our reach to unique audiences, telling the long and proud history of the United States Army.

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Visit army.mil/1775 and <https://history.army.mil/Revwar250/> to learn more about the establishment of the Army and locations of birthday celebrations.



THIS WE'LL DEFEND

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Share these events with your stakeholders and virtually attend.

The Army/OCA will post more information on the 1775 microsite to participate or view these events virtually as information becomes available.

All events are subject to change or cancellation. All times shown are Eastern Standard Time unless otherwise stated.

7-8 June at 10:00 a.m.	National Museum of the U.S. Army: Revolutionary War Exhibit Opening Weekend
11 June at 6:30 p.m.	Army Birthday Twilight Tattoo at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, VA
13 June at 7:00 a.m.	Army Birthday Run/Walk at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, VA
13-15 June at 9:30 a.m.	Philadelphia's Army 250th Birthday Celebration
14 June at 8:15 a.m.	Arlington National Cemetery's Army Birthday Wreath Laying
14 June	ON THE NATIONAL MALL:
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Fitness Competition and awards
11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Army Birthday Festival: This event is open to the public with opportunities to interact with Soldiers, watch military demonstrations, explore equipment static displays, and listen to live music throughout the day.
6:30 pm - 7:45 p.m.	Army 250th Birthday Parade
8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Live broadcast, concert and fireworks on the Mall.



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– Secretary of the Army Dan Driscoll

Cleveland Parks & Rec announces 2025 pool schedule, summer programming

The city of Cleveland has announced its 2025 Summer Programming and Pool Schedule, which began Saturday, June 7.

Admission to all city pools and access to the full range of the city’s Summer Programming is completely free. These programs are available to residents of all ages — from toddlers to seniors — and include a diverse array of activities in the areas of Art, Education, Sports, Health & Wellness, Leadership, and Career Readiness.

Residents can create an account and register through the city’s online catalog.

Outdoor pools open this season include Warsaw Park in the Slavic Village community. All outdoor pools are open Wednesday through Sunday, 12-7:30 p.m.; closed from 4-5 p.m. daily for staff break; closed Mondays and Tuesdays.

Indoor pools open this season include Stella Walsh Recreation Center in Slavic Village. The pool at Stella Walsh is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 12-7:45 p.m.; closed from 4-5 p.m. for staff break; 45-minute swim sessions, same check-in process as outdoor pools.

Pools will operate under the programmed schedule and are subject to daily changes and staffing. Employment opportunities with the Division of Recreation are available. Certified lifeguards interested in working in Cleveland this summer are encouraged to call 216-664-2570. Individuals with current American Red Cross certification may qualify for a fast-tracked hiring process.

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The **Door Replacement Maple Heights Senior Center Accessibility Project Phase 2** 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 **Door Replacement Maple Heights Senior Center Accessibility Project Phase 2** 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 **Door Replacement Maple Heights Senior Center Accessibility Project Phase 2** will be held at **2:00 P.M.** local time on the **20th day of June, 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.

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Tinita Tillman
Finance Director
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Safety Note: Armed security will be present during all open hours at each facility. Pools will operate in 45-minute sessions to maximize access. At the conclusion of each session, patrons must exit and re-enter via the lineup process.

Local American Red Cross donor sites

Atlantic Hurricane season is underway! Summer can mean an increased threat of severe storms, and the American Red Cross needs people to help plan for the unexpected by giving blood in June. Those with chronic conditions or trauma need blood readily available when seconds count — even when blood collections are disrupted.

Those who come to give now through June 30, 2025, will get a \$15 Amazon.com Gift Card by email and will be automatically entered for a chance to win one of two \$7,000 gift cards. Terms apply. Visit RedCrossBlood.org/June.

Independence blood drives

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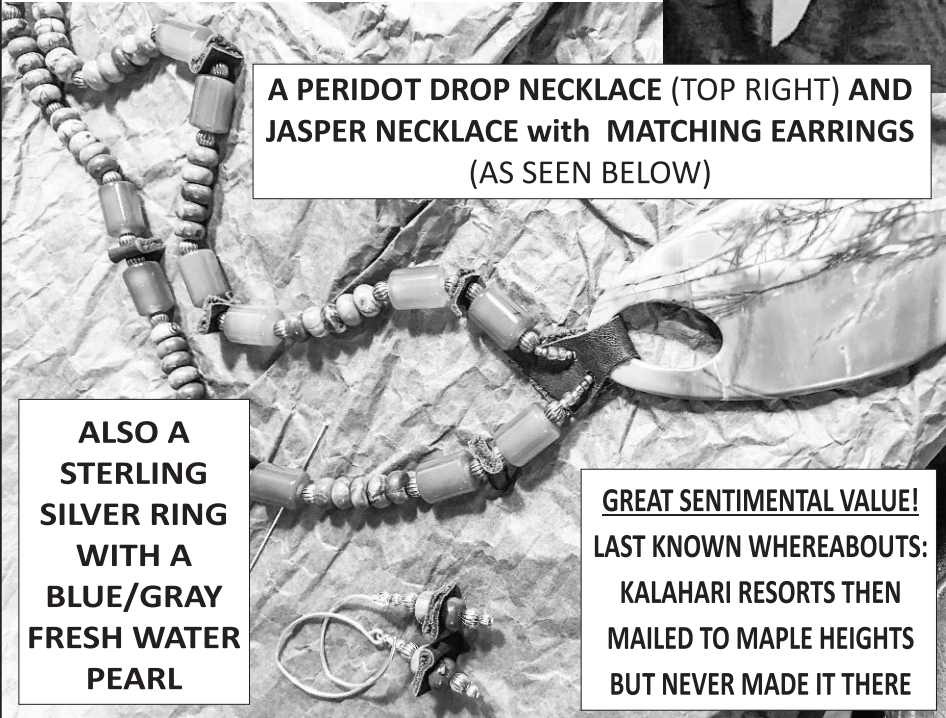


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