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FREE

New playground equipment coming to parks in Garfield Heights

By Ellen Psenicka

Kids in Garfield Heights will be happy to learn that Garfield Heights Council has authorized legislation allowing Mayor Matt Burke to purchase new playground equipment at various parks throughout the city.

Because of the snow and frigid temperatures, council canceled its regular Monday meeting last week and met on Tuesday evening, Jan. 27. Legislation was passed to accept a proposal from Snider Recreation, Inc. of North Royalton, to purchase and install the new play equipment, at a cost not to exceed \$252,549.

The city had applied for and received funding from Cuyahoga County's ARPA Community Grant Fund for the Garfield Heights Park Equipment Upgrade Project for up to \$250,000. As part of the project the existing play equipment and surfacing will be removed and new playground equipment and surfacing installed at Crudele Park, Donovan Park, Forestdale Park, Debelak Park, and Hy Court Park by Snider Recreation.

Other legislation passed

- Accepting a grant from the Ohio Attorney General's Office for the acquisition of a LiveScan fingerprinting device for the police department.

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Willis chosen council president in Bedford Hts.; Stubbs new Ward 2 rep

Bedford Heights City Council met in its first meeting of 2026 and unanimously elected Councilman Michael Willis to serve as President of Council for a one-year term.

Upon his election, Council President Willis thanked the council for its support and confidence in him. He also extended his appreciation to former Council President Alton Tinker for his prior service in the position.

In other council action, Shirley Stubbs was sworn in by Mayor Phillip Stevens as councilwoman for Ward 2, filling the unexpired term of that position.

Mayor Stevens congratulated Councilwoman Stubbs on her appointment, acknowledging her past participation throughout the city. He expressed confidence in her ability to serve effectively and contribute to the city's ongoing recovery, emphasizing the importance of teamwork in improving the city moving forward.

Also passed was a Resolution of Condolence for the family and friends of Michael Phillip Parish.

In the Comments by the Public portion of the meeting, a Lori Dr. resident addressed Council to express her thanks to Director Mearini.

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Old Red Chimney in Slavic Village moving to Parma

By Ellen Psenicka

It's official. The Red Chimney restaurant, a neighborhood favorite for decades in the Slavic Village neighborhood of Cleveland, is moving to Parma.

The news broke Monday with a Facebook posting from Pappou's Restaurant, a Greek eatery located at 8320 Snow Rd., Parma, announcing that "Sweet Rue's at Pappou's will officially be closing its doors for the final time on Feb. 6, 2026."

The posting went on to say, "We're excited to share some great news. The Red Chimney, a well-established and much-loved restaurant, will be moving into our space! They plan to renovate over the next few months and will be opening soon to continue serving the community."

The Red Chimney has been closed since Aug. 5, 2025, when a fire broke out in the apartment above the restaurant on Fleet Ave., causing extensive water damage to the establishment.

The Skantzos family, owners of the restaurant, had hoped to renovate their facility in Slavic Village, but family spokesman Manny Skantzos told The Neighborhood News they were forced to reconsider given the mounting cost to renovate, what would be covered by insurance and not being open for the foreseeable future.

Tony Brancatelli, longtime customer and supporter of the old Red Chimney, commented upon hearing of the move to Parma, "Our community looks forward to either the renovation of the former Red Chimney on Fleet or a demolition this spring that prepares the site for future new construction. Thank you to the Skantzos family for their years of dedication to the Broadway/Slavic Village neighborhood."



The former Pappou's Restaurant on Snow Rd. in Parma, will be the new home of the Red Chimney in the coming months. Photo by Elena Psenicka

Public Hearing in Maple Hts. on permit request

A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, Feb. 9, at 6:30 p.m., before the Maple Heights Planning and Zoning Commission in Maple Heights City Hall council chambers, 2nd floor, 5353 Lee Rd.

The meeting will be held on the resubmission of 2025-PZ-16 from Hallmark Management Group LLC requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit to build a triplex home unit on property located in a Residential Single Family-Medium Density Zoning District at 5201 Paine Ave., Maple Heights.

All applications and/or their representatives are required to attend the meeting.

Members of the public are invited to attend but will only be allowed to speak during the Public Hearing portion of the meeting.

The application and all supporting materials are available for review during normal business hours in the Maple Heights Building Department, 5353 Lee Rd. The commission is required to act on this permit request by April 11, 2026.

Sokol Fish Frys are back!

Sokol Greater Cleveland Fish Frys are back on Fridays, Feb. 20 and Feb. 27, at Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave., Cleveland, offering fish, shrimp, pierogis and so much more; cash bar and music! All dinners include Tater Tots, cole slaw, dessert & coffee.

Also available ala-carte: pierogi, mac & cheese, Tater Tots, shrimp & dessert. Music starts at 5 p.m. On Friday, Feb. 20, enjoy the talented Ra-Aaron 2 Go (Raymond M & Aaron Dussing). Beverage permit requires a \$1.00 membership at the door. Reservations are recommended for parties of 8 or more. Text/call 216-288-5629.

Sokol Sunday Roast Pork Dinner at Bohemian Hall

Come on down to Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave., Cleveland, on Sunday, Feb. 22, and join the fun at the first of many Sokol Sunday Dinners. Let the talented volunteers cook you delicious pork, dumplings and homemade sauerkraut, served with coffee and dessert. Cash bar with Czech beer, wine and soda pop.

Reservations are required for the dinner. Call or text 216-288-5629 by Feb. 17.

New playground equipment coming to G.H. parks

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The legislation points out that the LiveScan fingerprinting device "will modernize fingerprint collection, improve accuracy and expedite criminal processing. The current LiveScan device used by GHPD is 15-years-old and has reached the end of its useful life."

- Entering into an agreement with OHM Advisors to provide private sector engineering review and construction services to the city for a term beginning Jan. 1, 2026, and ending Dec. 31, 2026, at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.
- Authorizing the disposal/sale of certain municipally owned property in the police and fire departments.
- Amending appropriations for current expenditures for the city during the fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 2026.
- Adopting uniform guidance policies for the use of federal funds to ensure compliance with applicable Federal requirements and to promote accountability, transparency and sound fiscal management.
- Approving a collective bargaining agreement between the city and the International Association of Firefighters Local 340.

- Directing the mayor to apply for and accept the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District 2026 Community Recycling Awareness Grant.
- Resolution honoring and congratulating Bryanta Spencer of Garfield Heights for winning the "Social Worker of the Year" award.

The legislation points out that Spencer "is an accomplished Licensed Independent Social Worker, Certified Clinical Trauma Professional and Certified Integrative Mental Health Professional whose career reflects an unwavering commitment to service, equity and community well-being.

Spencer is the founder and clinical director of Fortitude Wellness & Consultations, serves as the pioneering Social Work manager at the Cuyahoga County Public Library and has been recognized as the first social worker employed by a library system in the State of Ohio, among her many other accomplishments, earning her the "Social Worker of the Year" award presented by the National Association of Social Workers.

- Resolution recognizing January as Thyroid Awareness Month throughout the city. The resolution notes that "common symptoms of thyroid diseases may include fatigue, unexplained weight changes, depression, anxiety, hair loss, sensitivity to temperature and irregular heartbeat, which are often mistaken for other conditions. Early detection through education, routine blood testing and medical evaluation can greatly improve treatment outcomes and quality of life."

The next Garfield Heights Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m.

Willis chosen council president in Bedford Hts.

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She explained that staff had come to her house regarding a water issue she was experiencing and determined it was not a sewer backup. She noted that they had taken steps to correct the water issue and expressed her appreciation. She also thanked Director Bell for being available and answering questions regarding an upcoming grant.

A Randolph Rd. resident congratulated Council President Willis on his new position and Councilwoman Stubbs on her appointment. He expressed appreciation for the strong turnout at the meeting, noting that this level of engagement is what the city is all about. He advocated for in-person meetings, highlighting the importance of people talking, laughing and engaging with one another between meetings.

Paczki Party Polish-style!

Celebrate Fat Thursday the original Polish way before Cleveland's Paczki Day arrives! All are invited for paczki, pierogi, polkas and lots more on Thursday, Feb. 12, from 4 to 10 p.m., at the Polish American Cultural Center, 6501 Lansing Ave. Admission is free.

The fun starts at 4 p.m. for Polish Happy Hour in the lower bar featuring imported Polish beer, homemade Polish foods like pierogi, tazanki, golabki, kielbasa, kapusta and, of course, lots of paczki!!

Tour the Polish Museum, library and Heritage Garden and enjoy live polka music by the Tom Katrenich Orchestra. For more information call 216-233-7234 or 216-513-6646 or email: sokoly69@gmail.com

Girls Club seeks members

The Girls Club of Ohio is inviting girls ages 7 to 18 to become part of its supportive educational program and services designed to foster growth, learning and empowerment in a safe and nurturing environment. Its RISE program is dedicated to helping young girls develop confidence, resilience and essential life skills.

Discover more about the Girls Club programs and opportunities available. Visit its Education and Training Center at 5706 Turney Rd., Suite 104, Garfield Heights, Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For additional information call 216-478-7028 or visit the Girls Club website: www.girlsclubofohio.org



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Garfield Heights

Using Weapons while Intoxicated

On Jan. 22, at 3:20 p.m., police were dispatched to an apartment on Valley Lane Dr., to assist EMS. The male had called dispatch and kept saying "I'm dying" and would not give Garfield Heights Dispatch any further information. EMS was first to arrive on scene followed by police officers. EMS tried to make contact with the male through the door, but he advised he was dying and unable to get up. EMS forced entry into the apartment and when they reached the man they saw a loaded firearm and Taser next to him. EMS was able to safely remove the firearm and Taser and put it on a table. EMS asked the man if he did drugs to which he said he smoked crack. He was transported to Marymount Hospital without incident. Officers spoke with the male at Marymount and he told police he had done drugs that day, including crack and pills. Officers noted a strong smell of PCP coming from him. He was obviously in a state of paranoia from the drugs and kept stating, "They are going to kill me." He continued to talk nonsense. The male was issued a summons for using weapons while intoxicated.

Follow-up Investigation

On Jan. 25, at about 11:53 a.m., an officer responded to a home in the 4800 block of E. 97 St., for damage done to a vehicle. The damage stemmed from a possible shots fired call received the day before in the area. The damage consisted of a bullet strike to the driver's side window passing through the rear of the car into the ceiling of the rear seats. A bullet fragment was found in the rear seat arm rest in the middle of the seats. Due to the heavy snow storm at the time of the call, the area was not able to be canvassed. This report will be closed.

Cruelty to Animals

On Jan. 26, at 9:09 a.m., GHPD dispatch was contacted by staff from Family Pet Clinic, 5151 Turney Rd., for a report of a cat being left at their door. Due to severe weather conditions the clinic did not open that day and no staff were on scene. It was noted that the temperature that day was 16 degrees with snow, and a wind chill of 2

degrees. The clinic staff told police they had video surveillance of a male at about 7:45 a.m., that morning dropping a cat off at their door. The clinic then contacted the Garfield Heights Animal Warden who took the cat to the shelter. In the video can be seen a black SUV, appearing to be an older Ford Escape, covered in snow pulling up to the clinic and parking on Thornton. Due to the snow covering the vehicle the plate number was not visible. The driver is seen getting out of the car, putting a cat in a cat carrier and leaving it at the clinic door. The male then drove north on Turney Rd., and into Cleveland. The animal warden took photos of the cat and made an appointment with the vet on Jan. 28, for medical attention to the cat. Animal warden to find rescue to take the cat.

Burglary

On Jan. 29, at about 12:45 a.m., officers were dispatched to a home in the 8200 block of Reed Ave., in reference to a burglary. The caller said the rear door had been forced open. Officers learned from the resident that she had left her house about 10:40 p.m., and had forgotten to set her rear door alarm system. When she got home at 12:40 a.m., she saw her rear door had been forced open, and there was damage to the deadbolt and door frame. The owner reported that multiple designer purses were missing, including Louis Vuitton, Gucci and Chanel, as well as several pair of shoes. About \$500 in cash was missing from her dresser drawers.

Bake Sale to support Parma Animal Shelter

The Parma Animal Shelter is having a bake sale to support its work on Saturday, Feb. 7, at Memorial Hall, 6637 Ridge Rd., Parma, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be assorted baked goods, shelter merchandise, raffle baskets and more. All are welcome.

Blood donor opportunities

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Garfield Heights

2/16/2026: 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Marymount Hospital, 12300 McCracken Rd.

Independence

2/9/2026: 12 - 6 p.m., Independence Community Theater, 6652 Brecksville Rd.

2/23/2026: 12 - 6 p.m., Independence Community Theater, 6652 Brecksville Rd.

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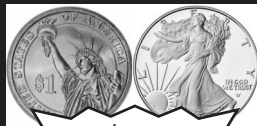
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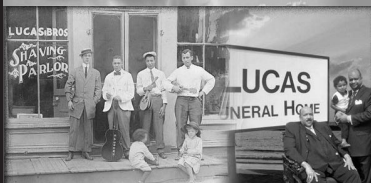
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Ohio’s first Padel Club arrives in Garfield Heights at Highland Park

The rapidly growing international sport of Padel is making its official debut in Ohio with the state’s first-ever dedicated Padel facility in the city of Garfield Heights, located at 5700 Transportation Blvd., in the Highland Business Park.



Shown in the photo on Monday's official opening day for Padel Square in the Highland Park area of Garfield Heights are, from left: Alejandro Casso and Matias Iovine, Padel owners; Antonio Amodeo, Mayor Matt Burke, Newschannel 5 reporter Damon Maloney and Newschannel 5 photojournalist Anthony Garcia.

This flagship business is set to become a regional hub for athletes and enthusiasts of the dynamic racket sport, that’s a hybrid of tennis and squash played in doubles on an enclosed court, and exploding in popularity worldwide.

“The opening of Ohio’s first Padel facility marks an exciting milestone for the city and the region," said Mayor Matt Burke. "By welcoming the world’s fastest-growing sport to Ohio, we are not only providing our residents with a premier, health-focused community hub, but reinforcing the region’s reputation as a destination for athletic innovation. Padel Square represents more than a new business. We are establishing a regional destination that will attract players from across Ohio and beyond.”

WEWS Newschannel 5 reporter Damon Maloney was on site to cover the story of the club's official opening on Monday, Feb. 2. (<https://www.news5cleveland.com/news/local-news/oh-cuyahoga/padel-square-invites-you-to-take-a-swing-in-garfield-heights-at-its-first-of-its-kind-facility-in-the-state>)

“We are incredibly pleased that Padel Square’s leadership chose Garfield Heights for their foundational business, and the work of our trusted business community partners at Industrial Commercial Properties for making Padel Square part of the Highland Business Park,” said Janice Tubbs, the city’s Assistant Director of Economic Development.

The opening marks a significant milestone for the region, positioning the city as a leader in embracing emerging global sports trends. The facility is anticipated to drive considerable foot traffic, benefiting local businesses and enhancing the area’s recreational offerings. For additional information, call 216-466-1186.



Bedford Council update

On Monday, Feb. 2, Bedford City Council met and passed the following legislation:

- An ordinance establishing updated fees for ambulance services for the city. City Manager Mike Mallis said the fees have not been changed since May 2017. The new fees will take effect March 1, 2026.
- Legislation authorizing all actions necessary to accept the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council 2026 Energized Community Grant to the city for over \$30,000.
- An ordinance authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract with Southeastern Equipment Co. for the purchase of a KM International asphalt hotbox trailer for the service department, at a cost of \$38,814.50.

In his City Manager's Report, Mallis reminded residents of the city's Master Plan Update meeting in council chambers on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 6:30 p.m. He said it is a public meeting with city leaders and Cuyahoga County planners giving a presentation, followed by comments and input from residents.

Steps to protect yourself from identity theft

During Identify Theft Awareness Week, the Cuyahoga County Department of Consumer Affairs encourages residents to take simple steps now to reduce their risk of identity theft throughout the year:

- Freeze your credit reports (it’s free!) to keep ID thieves from wrecking your credit. Learn more about credit freezes at: cuyahogacounty.gov/creditfreeze.
- Keep your computer, mobile devices, and social media accounts secure. Find easy-to-use tips at: cuyahogacounty.gov/internetsafety.

Request free copies of your credit reports annually to spot accounts you didn’t open or suspicious inquiries. Visit annualcreditreport.com or call 1-877-322-8228.

Never share private information – including passwords, security codes or account numbers – with anyone who contacts you by phone, email or text.

Find out the sneaky ways scammers steal personal info -- and how to protect yourself – in our Scam Squad Guide, available at: cuyahogacounty.gov/scamsquad.

Need one-on-one help? Call the Scam Squad line (216-433-7226) to speak to a Cuyahoga County Consumer Affairs investigator.

Legal Advertisement

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Garfield Heights (“Owner”), at the office of the Fiscal Officer, City of Garfield Height, 5407 Turney Road, Garfield Heights, OH 44125 on the 26th day of February, 2026 until 10:00 am current local time for the:

“E 126th Street Sanitary Sewer Extension”

and will be publicly opened and read immediately thereafter. Each bid must contain the full names of the party or parties making the same, with an affidavit as to interested parties, and in the case of a corporation not chartered in Ohio, with a proper certificate that such corporation is authorized to do business in Ohio, and shall be accompanied by a Bid Guaranty Bond for the full amount (100%) of the Bid, in favor of the “Owner” or a certified check, cashier's check, or letter of credit pursuant to Chapter 1305 of the Ohio Revised Code, in the amount of 10% of the Bid, payable to the “Owner”.

It is agreed that the bid guaranty shall be for the benefit of the “Owner” pursuant to Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code if the undersigned fails to execute the Contract in conformity with the Form of Contract incorporated in the contract documents and furnish Bond and insurance certificates within ten (10) days after the notification of the award of the Contract to the undersigned.

1. Copies of the Contract Documents are on file at SE Blueprint, Plan Room and may be obtained at cost (1) online at www.ohm-bidderplanroom.plancycle.com, (2) in person at the SE Blueprint Akron Office, 520 South Main Street, Akron, OH 44311 or at the SE Blueprint Cleveland Office 2035 Hamilton Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44114, or (3) via phone SE Blueprint Cleveland (216) 241-2250.

Please note that in order to be considered as a “responsive bidder” for this project, you must purchase a set of plans and bid documents, and follow all instructions provided. Bids from contractors who are not on the **Plan Holders List** will be disqualified.

The “Owner” reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities in the bids received, and to accept any bid which it deems most favorable.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on February 12th, 2026, at 10:00 am at the City Hall.

The “Owner” is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate against the handicapped.

Barbara Biro, Fiscal Officer
City of Garfield Heights

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NOTICE OF BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING

The Village of Newburgh Heights Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 6:00pm in the Village Hall Council Chambers located at 3801 Harvard Avenue in Newburgh Heights.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes (11/13/2025)
- III. Review of request for a variance of The Village of Newburgh Heights Codified Ordinance Chapter 11317.03(b)(4)(A) Residential District that limits the size of storage sheds at 4418 McGregor Ave (PPN 511-12-081).
- IV. Public comment
- V. Action
- VI. Adjournment

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Death Notices

ALICIA GOLEMBIEWSKI

May 7, 1930 - January 29, 2026

Alicia Golembiewski, a longtime resident of Cleveland, OH passed away peacefully at the age of 95 in Edgewood, KY.

A Celebration of Life Mass will be held at Holy Name Church, 8328 Broadway Ave., Cleveland, on February 7, 2026, at 10 a.m. Details at www.buschcares.com



CityMusic at St. Stanislaus

The CityMusic Cleveland Orchestra Series will present Aaron Copland's "Appalachian Spring" on Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus, 3649 E. 65 St., Cleveland, at 7:30 p.m. Free admission; all invited.

SV History talk postponed

Clarence Bozeman's talk at the Cleveland History Hours, scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 12, at the Slavic Village Museum, 6804 Lansing Ave., has been delayed for personal reasons. The Slavic Village Historical Society hopes to reschedule him soon.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Garfield Heights Branch Library

Here are some of the **FREE** programs available at the Garfield Heights Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 5409 Turney Rd. Call 216-475-8178 to register or for more information.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Innovation Center Orientation Learn about the equipment and policies of the Innovation Centers throughout Cuyahoga County Public Library. Attending this orientation allows users to utilize the Innovation Centers throughout the library system. For adults 18 years and older. Saturday, Feb. 14, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Registration required.

Short Films, Big Stories: Names - Celebrating Black Voices in Cinema Join us for a documentary screening and discussion exploring the stigma and racial bias experienced by African Americans with unique sounding names and the historical origin of these names. Monday, Feb. 9, 6-7:30 p.m. Registration required.

Computer Basics Learn the basics about how to use a computer, including using a mouse and keyboard, and navigating the desktop environment. Monday, Feb. 16, 1-3 p.m. Registration required.

Tuesday Evening Book Discussion Join us for our monthly book discussion. This month's title is "The Fire Next Time" by James Baldwin. Tuesday, Feb. 17, 6-7 p.m.

Black Authors Book Discussion Join us for this monthly book discussion featuring Black authors. This month's title is "James" by Percival Everett. Monday, Feb. 23, 6-7 p.m.

Innovation Center Hands on Help Need help with a project in the Innovation Center? Bring your ideas and materials and staff will be available to help you get started. This program is open to users who have already completed an Innovation Center Orientation. Tuesday, Feb. 24, 6-8 p.m.

Sublimation Coasters Learn about sublimation and heat pressing while making your own custom coasters! Saturday, Feb. 28, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Registration required.

TEENS

Teens Innovate Teens can come explore STEAM activities, new technologies and make cool things in the library's Innovation Center. Tuesday, Feb. 10, 3-4 p.m.

Every Way to Cook an Egg Join Chef Jeremy Umansky to learn every way to cook an egg! Monday, Feb. 16, 6:30-8 p.m.

Teen Tuesday Meet up with friends and enjoy trying a new activity each month! This month teens will make ramen and customize with different toppings. Tuesday, Feb. 24, 3-4 p.m.

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The Forming and Finding of Fossils Children in grades 2-6 can join us for this hands-on learning experience with the Metroparks digging into the science of fossils and the secrets they hold. Monday, Feb. 9, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Love Bug Library Time Families with children ages 2-5 can join our Family Space program for a Valentine's craft and activities. Tuesday, Feb. 10, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Families Innovate - Polar Puzzles Families with children ages 6-11 can join us for this evening of puzzle-making magic. Participants will learn how to use sublimation to create their own winter puzzle! Registration is required. Tuesday, Feb. 10, 6-8 p.m.

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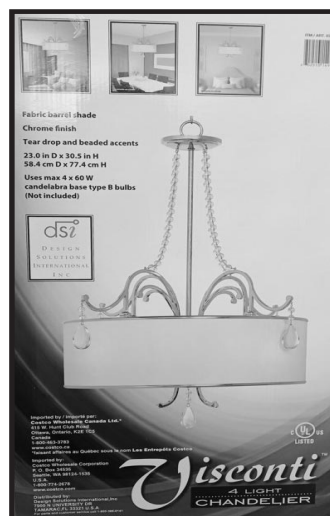
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Feb. 6: Winter Waterfall: Viaduct Park. Bundle up and join us for a walk to a hidden waterfall just outside downtown Bedford. This beautiful spot may feature frost-covered trees and rock walls, depending on the weather. Dress warmly and be prepared for potentially slippery paths. 2-3 p.m. Viaduct Falls parking lot. Terrain: paved, hill, less than 1 mile.

Feb. 8: Winter Waterfall - Low Head Falls. Join Naturalist Pam Taylor on this hike to the low head dam along Tinker's Creek. This hike will be one of the easier Winter Waterfall hikes as we wind our way back along the floodplains to view the waterfall and some of the icy rock formations. 3-4:30 p.m. Hemlock Creek Picnic Area.

Feb. 15: Winter Waterfall - Double Feature. Bedford Reservation is loaded with hidden waterfalls. On this hike we will head down into the gorge in search of two

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CANALWAY CENTER - OHIO & ERIE CANAL RESERVATION

Feb. 1-28: Hunt of the Month - Masked Bandits. Stop by CanalWay Center this month to find all 20 raccoons that are hidden around the center. Raccoons are just as much at home in our neighborhoods as they are in the deep forest. Come discover something new about these interesting and adaptable creatures. Drop by Mon.-Sun, anytime between 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Feb. 1: Tracking Along the Canal. Join Naturalist Carly Martin for a hike in search of animal signs. We'll keep our eyes open for footprints, scat, chew marks and more signs left behind by our wildlife. 1-3 p.m. CWC. Terrain: paved and natural surface trails, some mud and ice possible. 2.5 miles.

Feb. 8: Weekend Hike to the Eagle's Nest. Join a naturalist for a guided hike to an active bald eagle nest as we look for birds, beavers and other wildlife that call the Metroparks home. On the way we will compare observations of animal activity throughout the winter. This hike is offered several times each month while the eagle nest is visible. 9:30-11:30 a.m. CWC. Terrain: paved, hills, icy conditions possible. 3 miles.

Feb. 8: Drop-by - Make a Bug Valentine. Come to CanalWay Center today and make a Valentine's Day card

decorated with bugs for someone you care about. Noon-2 p.m. CWC.

Feb. 9: Beaver Engineers. In this outdoor presentation and outdoor hike, Historical Interpreter Doug Kusak shows off the local work of beavers, North America's largest rodent. We'll see what they've chewed down, built up, and discuss how and why they do what they do as they change the landscape. 3:30-4:30 p.m. CWC. Terrain: paved and natural surface, hill, 1 mile.

Feb. 13: Hot Chocolate & a Talk - Nature in Spanish. Come inside and warm up with a nice cup of hot chocolate as a naturalist reveals fascinating curiosities and findings in nature. This month we will talk about native plants and wildlife as we learn some important Spanish words and phrases. Spanish speakers of all levels are welcome. 7-8 p.m. CWC. Adults.

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