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M.H. Council okays transportation legislation for seniors, disabled

By Judith Goldsworth

Maple Heights Council passed two pieces of legislation at its first meeting of 2018 last week, to address transportation needs for senior citizens and disabled residents of the city.

One of the resolutions passed authorizes Mayor Annette Blackwell and Human Services Director Linda Vopat to file an application on behalf of the city for approximately \$80,000 in funding from NOACA (Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency), through the Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (EMSID), for the purchase of two new vehicles to provide transportation services for the city's Senior Transportation Program. The application is due by February 2, 2018.

The city provides transportation services for the elderly and the disabled who reside within Maple Heights, and Vopat has advised Blackwell and council that two vehicles used for transportation need to be replaced, according to the resolution.

EMSID provides 80 percent federal funds for capital projects such as this. The city would be required to provide at least 20 percent in local matching funds, approximately \$16,000, to replace the two vehicles.

Passage of the legislation by council authorizes the city to file for the funding.

The other resolution passed at last week's meeting authorizes Blackwell to enter into a contract with Senior Transportation Connection to conduct the day-to-day call center and scheduling operations of the city's senior transit operations for 2018.

Blackwell and Vopat have recommended that the city contract with Senior Transportation Connection to perform the services, at a cost of \$710 per month.

First readings

Last month council passed legislation authorizing Maple Heights to enter into a 99-year lease agreement with the Cleveland Metroparks to allow the park system to take over operations of the 53-acre Dunham Park in the western area of the city.

At last week's meeting council placed a followup resolution on first reading which amends and restates the original legislation to enter into the lease agreement.

"The Metroparks has requested that the city amend [the original legislation] to make clear that the city is entering into the lease agreement pursuant to its

home rule power under the charter," the resolution states, adding, "Pursuant to the city's home rule powers set forth in [the city charter], the leasing of Dunham Park shall not be subject to advertisement and competitive bidding, and the Mayor is authorized to enter into the Lease Agreement with the Metroparks."

Council will discuss the legislation further before possible passage at a future meeting.

Also placed on first reading was a resolution authorizing Blackwell to enter into a real estate option agreement with Wallick Asset Management LLC, which proposes to develop a 46-unit senior living facility on six parcels of land on Lee Road, formerly known as the Pettiti's Garden Center site.

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INDEPENDENCE OFFICIALS SWORN IN



Garfield Heights Municipal Court Judge Deborah Nicaastro was at Independence City Hall on Tuesday, Jan. 2, to swear in members of Independence City Council as well as councilman and Vice Mayor Dave Grendel. Pictured above, from left are Judge Nicaastro with council members Tom Narduzzi, Carl Asseff, Kathleen Kapusta, Patti Wisnieski, Jim Trakas and Dale Veverka.

Water line break closes Civic Center

The Garfield Heights Civic Center was closed Monday and Tuesday this week due to a break in the water line, resulting in the building having no water.

All day and evening activities were cancelled, including the council meeting that had been set for Monday evening. The meeting will be rescheduled.

Rezoning requested in Indy for entertainment, sports complex

The first Independence Planning Commission meeting of the new year was held last Wednesday with one item on the agenda, to request rezoning of approximately 15.6 acres on the north side of Rockside Woods Boulevard for a Topgolf entertainment and sports complex.

After a brief discussion, the commission set a public hearing for Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 6 p.m. in council chambers regarding the proposed rezoning.

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Crofton woman found dead in home; suffered gunshot wound to head

Garfield Heights police and fire departments were called to a home in the 11800 block of Crofton Avenue Monday evening and found a 36-year-old female on her couch with a single gunshot wound to the right side of her head, according to Police Chief Robert Byrne.

The female has been identified as Nicole Thorpe, of Garfield Heights, and police are investigating her death as suspicious, according to Byrne.

According to a Garfield Heights police report, an ex-boyfriend told police he saw Thorpe around 2:30 p.m. January 7th when he went to her Crofton Avenue home to pick up their 12-year-old daughter. When he dropped their daughter back off the next day around 6 p.m., the girl found her mother on the couch, lifeless. Her father then came inside, checked Thorpe for a pulse, then immediately called 9-1-1, according to the report.

Officers found a single spent shell casing on an end table near the couch. Thorpe's ex-boyfriend and daughter told police they did not believe the woman had any suicidal thoughts or attempts, were unaware of any issues she may have with outside parties and did not believe she kept firearms in the home, according to the report.

A woman who had been visiting a friend on Crofton told police she was walking her dog between 6 and 7 a.m. January 8th and passed Thorpe's residence. The woman said she saw someone inside the home adjusting the drapes of the first floor living room window but could not describe anyone inside.

GHPD, Ohio BCI and the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner are investigating the circumstances and cause of death at this time.

Shot fired into Mr. Gee's in Bedford; no one injured

A 26-year-old Bedford man was arrested last Friday after he allegedly fired a gun into Mr. Gee's Bar, located at 539 Broadway Ave. in Bedford, according to a Bedford police report.

Police said the man had been in the bar Friday, Jan. 5, and got into a fight with other patrons. He then reportedly left the bar to get a gun, and when an employee stopped him from getting back inside, he fired one round into the establishment through the window towards the group he had been fighting with and left the scene, according to police.

Police were dispatched to the bar at 1:55 a.m. and the man was no longer there. While still at the scene, the man returned in different clothing because he had left his cell phone and hat at the bar, according to police. The 26-year-old was immediately identified by wit-

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Shots fired

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nesses as the shooter and he was arrested and taken to City Jail. Charges could include improper discharge of a firearm into a habitation and attempted murder.

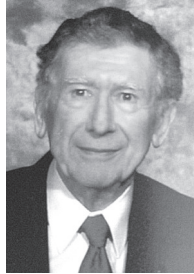
Bedford Police Deputy Chief Rick Suts remembers a similar incident in the city on January 1, 2017. Trevis Stephens was shot and later died from his inju-

ries by a man who had been kicked out of Club 228 on Northfield Road last year. The suspect went to his car, got a gun, and attempted to get back inside the building, but the doors had been locked to keep him out. The shooter then fired two rounds from the front lot, one of which struck Stephens.

"Almost one year to the day since our last homicide," said Suts. "Luckily no one was hurt this time," he said.

Elmer Luehring passes away

Elmer L. Luehring, age 87, died peacefully on December 23, 2017. Beloved husband of 66 years to Dixie (nee Etherton); dear father of Susan Bowen (Richard Jr., deceased), Jane (Ritchard Dunn), William (Betsy), Patti Puza (Chris), Edward (Jean) and Karen Sandercock (Michael); grandfather of 16; great-grandfather of 5.



Elmer was an accomplished electrical engineer and leader at Joslyn Hi-Voltage Corporation in Cleveland his full career, being awarded numerous patents. He was also a longtime active member of Grace Lutheran Church in Cleveland Heights and was a past president and treasurer of the Kiwanis Club of South East Cleveland.

Elmer enjoyed many hobbies and had many interests including music, cooking, flying, hunting and fishing, among many others. One hunting trip in Colorado was especially memorable for Tom McLeary, the son of one of Elmer's fellow Kiwanians, who recalls:

"I was stationed at Ft. Carson, Colorado, and arranged an elk hunt with a few of my Army buddies and a crew that drove in from Ohio, which included my dad and Elmer. It became clear from the start that Elmer was someone special, and the young kids in the group, myself included, were fascinated not only by Elmer's wit but also by what 'activity' he was going to do next.

"While most of us were there to hunt from sun up to sun down, Elmer was determined to take advantage of all Colorado had to offer. On one particular sunny afternoon I wandered back into camp to eat lunch and was startled to see Elmer panning for gold in a nearby stream. My Army buddies and I were intrigued to the point we started panning for gold with him! I'm not sure if we expected to strike it rich or were there to hear stories about inventions he developed, I'm guessing the latter, but it was an experience we will never forget.

"Although that hunt was a long time ago, the memories and friendships created will last forever. Elmer im-

pacted all of us in a very positive way, and he will be greatly missed by all those lucky enough to have spent time with him."

A Memorial Service will be held this Friday, Jan. 12, at 1:30 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, 3740 Mayfield Rd., Cleveland Hts., OH 44121, where the family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until the time of service. Please join the family for a reception immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial gifts to Hospice of the Western Reserve, 17876 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, OH 44110. Arrangements by Maher-Melbourne Funeral Home.

Homework Center, GED classes start at Southeast branch library in Bedford

The Southeast (Bedford) branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, located at 70 Columbus Rd., will reopen its Homework Center and begin GED classes on Monday, Jan. 15.

The Homework Center is for students in grades K-8 and offers free after-school homework help in language arts, math, reading, science and social studies. The center is open Monday through Thursday, from 4 to 6 p.m. Registration is required to attend.

Free GED classes will be held Monday through Wednesday, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., and will prepare students to earn a high school equivalence (HSE) diploma. Participants must attend an orientation session before joining the class. For more information call 833-ASPIRE2 (833-277-4732).

For details on any of the programs offered by the Southeast branch call 440-439-4997 or visit www.cuyahogalibrary.org.

Emotions group meets in G.H.

The Garfield Heights Emotions Anonymous group will meet each Saturday in January at 11 a.m. in Marymount Hospital's Board Room, 12300 McCracken Rd., Garfield Heights. All are welcome. For more information call 216-883-4510.

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Portion of road still closed after water main break on Brecksville Rd.

A major water main break on Brecksville Road in Independence closed the road from Rockside Road to Plaza Drive last Thursday night into Friday afternoon, and a portion of the road remains closed.

The break was reported around 8:25 p.m. on January 4th as water flowed and froze on the roadway. Police arrived, and within an hour the water department and the city's assistant engineer were also on scene.



An Independence Service Department employee is shown repairing Brecksville Road Tuesday afternoon after a major water main break last Thursday damaged the roadway. Crews expect the road to be fully repaired by Friday.

The leak was in the center of Brecksville Road just north of the McDonald's entrance drive. The road was closed until officials could verify the stability of the roadway and the water department could determine a course of action.

The road was completely closed until about 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5. One lane in each direction was then reopened while maintaining a work zone for water crews. There were no accidents or injuries reported.

Effective yesterday morning, January 9th, and continuing for the balance of the entire work week, one or two of the three available lanes of northbound Brecksville Road will be closed to northbound traffic at a location 500 feet south of the Rockside Road intersection, according to a release from the City of Independence Engineering Department.

Work crews said they expect the road to be fully open by this Friday.

The release said the lane restrictions are necessary to make emergency road repairs resulting from the recent 12-inch water main break.

Significant congestion and traffic delays can be expected during the morning rush hours, and motorists should seek alternate routes to avoid the work area via East Pleasant Valley Road, Hillside Road and/or Chestnut Road.

Southbound Brecksville Road traffic should remain unaffected by the work.

M.H. Council okays

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Wallick needs an option period to study the feasibility of the development project, according to the resolution, which also states that as part of the option, Wallick wants to purchase the six separate but adjoining parcels of land, at a cost of \$30,000.

The parcels are currently owned by the city through its Land Reutilization Program, and Blackwell wants to sell them after the option is fulfilled by Wallick, "which takes into account that the city is placing certain deed restrictions on the Lee Road parcels, including use restrictions and building requirements," the resolution states.

Also placed on first reading was an ordinance that would continue the city's waiving of the 100 percent escrow requirement to correct violations resulting from point of sale inspections, according to the codified ordinances. The time period for the waiver would be from January 2 through Dec. 31, 2018.

The legislation would require property owners to sign an affidavit confirming that they will live in the property as their primary residence for two years, upon issuance of an occupancy permit from the city's building department.

Two resolutions pertaining to insurance for full-time city employees for the year 2018, as recommended by the Fedeli Group, were also placed on first reading. One resolution is an agreement with Sun Life Financial for group life insurance; the other is an agreement with Union Eye Care for group vision insurance.

Tabled ordinance retabled

An ordinance tabled at a meeting last month that was placed on last week's council agenda authorizing Finance Director Tracy Smith to prepare and file an amended 2018 Certificate of Estimated Resources with the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer was returned to table on second reading, Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella stated.

This year's estimated resources certificate, once the legislation is passed by council, will reflect the city's 2018 budget. At a special meeting held last month council passed a temporary budget for the first three months of the year.

AARP Chapter 4164 to meet

The Garfield Heights AARP Chapter 4164 will meet Friday, Jan. 12, at 1 p.m. at the Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd., for its holiday lunch and party. Bring two small gifts to be used during a planned game.

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Bedford officials sworn in

By Judith Goldsworth

Returning Mayor Stan Koci and Councilwoman Sandy Spinks were sworn into their new terms in Bedford at a ceremonial meeting held last week, and Victor Fluharty and Heather Rhoades took the oath of office as the city's newest council members.

Koci, who was reelected unopposed in November after his first four-year term as mayor, promised officials and residents he would work hard with his administration as well as council to keep Bedford moving forward.

He acknowledged that the past eight years or so had been "pretty tough" for the city. "We now have a light at the end of the tunnel," Koci said. "We can see that we're going to make some progress, things are going to happen in 2018, on the positive side. I'm excited about it. You're going to see some stuff happen overnight, but that's because we've been working on it for the past three to four years."

Koci invited residents to the upcoming "State of the City" address, to be held at 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 25, at Light of Hearts Villa, 283 Union St., to learn in

more detail what the city has done in the past year and what it's hoping to do this coming year and beyond.

Ward 4 Councilwoman Paula Mizesak was chosen by her colleagues at the meeting to serve once again as the city's vice mayor for the next two years, and Spinks was chosen to serve as council's representative to the Bedford Historical Society.

Fluharty succeeds longtime former Councilwoman Marilyn Zolata, who retired at the end of 2017 after 26 years as Ward 3's representative. Zolata was present at last week's meeting to swear in Spinks, her longtime friend, to a new term of office.

Rhoades defeated longtime former Councilman Greg Pozar, who also served the city for 26 years, in last November's election.

CONTINUES SERVICE



Maple Heights Mayor Annette M. Blackwell swore in Richard Trojanski as a commissioner on the Maple Heights Civil Service Commission at City Hall last Friday afternoon. Trojanski, shown above with the mayor as they hold a copy of the oath of office, is a former Maple Heights council president and Maple Heights District 6 councilman.

Red Cross blood shortage prompts urgent call for blood, platelet donations

This January is National Blood Donor Month and the American Red Cross has an urgent need for blood and platelet donors of all blood types to make an appointment to give now and help address a winter blood donation shortage. Upcoming donation opportunities include:

Independence: Thursday, Jan. 11, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine, 6000 Rockside Woods Blvd. North; Friday, Jan. 19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Rolta AdvizeX, 6450 Rockside Woods Blvd. South, Corporate Plaza I Building.

Valley View: Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2 to 7 p.m., Valley View Community Center, 6828 Hathaway Rd.

Maple Heights: Thursday, Jan. 25, 3 to 7 p.m., Liberty Ford, 5500 Warrensville Center Rd.

Severe winter weather has had a tremendous impact on blood donations already this year, with more than 150 blood drives forced to cancel causing over 5,500 blood and platelet donations to go uncollected. This is in addition to seasonal illnesses, such as the flu, and hectic holiday schedules collectively contributing to more than 28,000 fewer donations than was needed in November and December.

"Even temporary disruptions to blood and platelet donations can diminish the availability for hospital patients," said Christy Peters, external communications manager of the local Red Cross Blood Services Region.

All blood types are currently needed. Donation appointments can also be scheduled by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in.

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- Whiskers
- Body part
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- Gentlemen preferred this blonde
- Anaconda
- Tropical American tree
- Calculated
- Mama's counterpart
- John Simmons __, The Sot-Weed Factor
- See
- Small (Fr.)
- _____ Peninsula in S.W. Europe

CLUES DOWN

- Makes safer
- Flat iron
- Movie of 10 across
- Occupier
- The act of conferring an honor
- Find repugnant
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- Bantoid language
- Jab
- South Pacific island
- Narrative
- Metric weight unit
- Assume

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Community police reports

By Amber Weisbarth

(The following information was obtained from filed police reports and police dispatch logs.)

BEDFORD

Shots Fired

Police were dispatched to the Southeast Family YMCA on January 6th, around 12:30 a.m., for a report of shots fired inside the building during a birthday party. When police arrived they saw juveniles ages 12-17 running away from the building. Inside, a single 9mm casing and bullet was found in the gymnasium, which smelled strongly of marijuana. The person responsible for the shooting was never located.

Police then spoke to a woman from Warrensville Heights and a Garfield Heights man who said they had organized and run the birthday party. They will be charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor, according to police.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS

Aggravated Robbery

A Maple Heights man said he was walking southbound on E. 135th St. on January 2nd, around 8:45 a.m., and as he approached the intersection at Carpenter Rd. he noticed a silver vehicle behind him. He said the driver, wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt pulled tightly around his face, got out of the car, pulled out a handgun, and stole two cell phones and \$400 cash from his pockets, then got back in the car and drove off.

Burglary

A resident of the 9400 block of David Rd. told police he left his home on December 28th and when he returned on January 3rd he found the glass on the back door had been broken out and found glass lying inside. He said a Playstation gaming system had been stolen, as well as several games, a laptop, jewelry and two guns. He said a security box had also been rummaged through,

and police were able to collect finger prints from the box for further investigation.

Drug Activity

Officers on patrol on January 6th, around 11:05 p.m., saw a vehicle travelling northbound on Turney Rd. without proper rear illumination, and followed the vehicle to Sladden Ave., as it violated several traffic laws. Police pulled the vehicle over and spoke to the driver, 26, of Cleveland. Officers could plainly see a common drug packaging baggie coming out of the man's jacket pocket, and when questioned, the man said marijuana was inside. He refused to give police the baggie three times but eventually turned it over to police. Inside was 9.6 grams of suspected crack cocaine. He was immediately arrested and searched, and police found \$728 in small bills on his person, as well as three Ohio Direction cards belonging to three different people, and a "Direct Express" card belonging to a fourth person. Drug possession charges are pending. He was cited for the traffic violations.

Felonious Assault

Two young women, both 18, said they were shot by an acquaintance after a gathering at an apartment on E. 126th St. turned into an argument on New Year's Day, around 4 a.m. Police were initially dispatched to the 5200 block of E. 126th St. and saw a group of females in a car flagging them down. Inside the car, police found one of the 18-year-olds lying in the back seat suffering from a gunshot wound to the upper leg. She was taken to MetroHealth Medical Center for treatment.

Police learned the group of girls went to the apartment to "hang out with some boys" around 2:30 a.m. The girls said they all smoked some marijuana, and around 4 a.m. the boys began arguing with them so they decided to leave. They said one of the males pulled out a gun and started shooting after they had gone outside, striking one of the girls in the leg.

Police later learned two of the girls from the group went back into the apartment to get the belongings they left behind, and the same male became angry. They began arguing, and once the girls were outside, the

same male again started shooting, striking the second girl in the leg. She was first taken to Marymount Hospital and was transferred to Metro.

Officers found five spent shell casings on the ground in front of an entrance to an apartment. Police also saw a male running from Henry St. towards McCracken and he was stopped. Police brought him to E. 126th and one of the girls positively identified him as one of the males in the apartment at the time of the shooting. He was arrested for investigation of felonious assault.

MAPLE HEIGHTS

Breaking & Entering

A resident of the 15800 block of Raymond St. called police on January 6th, around 11:30 a.m., and said someone had broken into the house through a side window and stole the furnace, water heater and kitchen sink. There were no suspects at the time of the call.

Fugitive of the Week



Jewan Kyle

The Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force is offering a reward for information which would lead to the capture of fugitive Jewan Kyle. Kyle is wanted by the United States Marshals Service and the Cleveland Division of Police for his alleged involvement in an aggravated murder that occurred on November 29, 2017 near the 2500 block of St. Clair Ave., Cleveland.

Kyle, 29, is a black male, standing approximately 6'1" and weighing 220 pounds. Kyle's last known address is 7511 Garden Valley, Cleveland. Kyle is to be considered armed and dangerous.

Those with information about Jewan Kyle should contact the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force at 1-866-4WANTED or text keyword WANTED and tip to 847411 (tip411). Tipsters can remain anonymous and reward money is available.

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Family activities include a flower clown Sunday at 1:30 p.m., "The Dance Sound of Music" Sunday at 2 p.m.; Big Band, Polka Dancing, Sunday at 5 p.m.

Raffle tickets for a \$2000 grand prize, plus additional prizes, will be sold.

There will also be Chinese raffle baskets, a 50/50 raffle and instant bingo; live music featuring local artists; games of chance; kids' booths with prizes, multiple interactive games and activities; delicious, home-cooked food available for purchase.

Admission to the event is free and open to the public.

Teens needed at Indy library

Teen volunteers are needed to make cozy, comfy, no-sew blankets for a local pet shelter. Come to the Independence Library, 6361 Selig Dr., on Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 6:30 p.m., to help!

For more info call the library at 216-447-0160.

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Wed., Jan. 3, 2018
Puzzle #15

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10 points. Meechie Johnson scored 8 and Donovan Forte scored 4, all according to the Garfield Heights High School website athletics page.

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NN 'Freebies'

The Neighborhood News has two free tickets to give away for the NARI Home Improvement Show at the I-X Center, good for any one show day, January 18-21, 2018.

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Romona Robinson coming to Garfield Heights library

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Her book, titled "A Dirt Road to Somewhere: An Emmy Award-Winning Anchor's Incredible Journey of Faith Over Fear," will be available for purchase and signing at the program.

For more info call the library, 216-475-8178, or visit www.cuyahogalibrary.org.

Recycling 'bonus week' to benefit G.H. Resource Center

Bring magazines, old phone books, broken down cardboard boxes, etc., to the recycling bin at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd., during a Bonus Week, January 15th-19th, announced by River Valley Paper Recycling Co.

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For more information, contact Pat Salemi at 216-475-1100, ext. 2425 or psalemi@garfieldhts.org.

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Bingo

Seniors are invited to play Bingo on Wednesdays from 1-2:30 p.m. at Stella Walsh Recreation Center, 7345 Broadway Ave., Slavic Village. Play for free; winners will receive prizes.

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The Garfield Heights Senior Center, 5407 Turney Rd., offers its Zumba for Seniors program on Thursdays from 12:45-1:45 p.m. Each class costs \$3. For more information call Annie at 216-475-1100, ext. 2435.