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## IRON WARD FESTIVAL RETURNS



"The first Iron Ward Music Festival of the year was a wonderful success at Dan Kane Park on a beautiful Monday night in Slavic Village," commented Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli. The KMOB Trio, shown above, played jazz and Latin music topped off with a special ice cream treat at the end of the night compliments of organizer Chuck Gliha. Next Monday, July 12, will feature music by Frank Jones and Hot Property playing jazz, blues and Motown.

## Gun-wielding man makes threats at Sunoco station

At 2:55 a.m., last Wednesday, June 30, Garfield Heights Police responded to the Sunoco station at 6009 Turney Rd., for a report of shots fired. Upon arrival they learned that a male had entered the gas station brandishing a firearm and started making derogatory statements about Palestinians. The male began making threats to the three employees stating he was going to kill them. One of the employees offered him a cup of coffee and told him to calm down and put the gun away. The suspect then exited the store and fired one round into the air while walking eastbound on Rockside Rd. from the gas station.

He was tracked to a home in the 12900 block of Rockside Rd. Officers were able to make contact with the suspect's family there and safely had them exit the home, according to a GHPD media release. The male involved would not respond to attempts to contact him. SWAT and CIT teams were called to the scene and negotiations continued.

At 8:15 a.m., the suspect surrendered to the SWAT team and was taken into custody without incident. The firearm used was also recovered. He was transported to the Garfield Heights City Jail and charged with having weapons under disability, discharge of a firearm within the city limits and aggravated menacing.

## Named G.H. council clerk

Debra Sarnowski was recently appointed by Garfield Heights Council to serve as clerk of council, filling the position of retired clerk Barbara Molin.



Sarnowski

Sarnowski brings a wealth of experience to the job, having served as a Ward 4 city council member, Zoning Board secretary, secretary and treasurer of the Kiwanis Club of Garfield Heights, president of the Garfield Heights Woman's Club, member of the Garfield Heights Domestic Violence Task Force, treasurer and secretary of the Catholic Parent Teachers League and AARP district coordinator.

## One dead in Maple Heights homicide

On Monday, July 5, at 8:38 p.m., Maple Heights Police Department responded to the 5500 block of Clement St., for a report of gunshots and a vehicle into a residence.

When officers arrived, they found a black Ford SUV that had struck the porch of a home. The driver of the vehicle, 22-year-old Tyler West, was taken to Marymount Hospital where he died from a single bullet wound to his back. Two male passengers were not injured.

According to police, a suspect in the homicide had followed West's car and then opened fire on him. The suspect vehicle is described as a silver SUV or truck with a sunroof.

Anyone with information related to this case is urged to contact the Maple Heights Detective Bureau: 216-587-9624 or Detectives@mhpd-ohio.com

Information can be also be supplied anonymously to Crime Stoppers.

## Maple Hts. starts campaign to recognize beautiful homes, yards

By Judith Goldsworth

In an effort to honor those property owners who continue to make an effort to beautify their homes and yards, the city of Maple Heights has started a new recognition campaign, Mayor Annette Blackwell announced last week.

The campaign began last weekend and will continue throughout the summer with residents recognized with a yard sign outside their homes for their dedication to maintaining their property.

The city is presenting the yard signs and other rewards, including thank you letters, and 10% off a subsequent visit to Gales Garden Center in Maple Heights.

Blackwell said that the recognition campaign was developed after she noticed residents were hard at work in their yards and around their homes. "There are stunning yards in the city, and our residents have made significant investments of time and money in their homes and yards. We need to recognize that investment and how keeping homes and yards looking good improves the community," she said.

Homes will be recognized for being well-maintained, having healthy lawns, attractive landscaping, beautiful, colorful bushes and flowers, or other outstanding features. There are 200 homes in the city that will be recognized throughout the summer.

For more information, Blackwell's office may be reached at 216-587-9011.



Shown above is an example of a beautifully maintained house and yard recognized by the city of Maple Heights in a new campaign this summer to reward homeowners for their efforts. Photo courtesy of the city of Maple Heights

## N. News online

Neighborhood News readers can get their favorite newspaper on the web at: [theneighborhoodnews.com](http://theneighborhoodnews.com).

The entire newspaper is available on the N.N. website every Wednesday morning and can be read in Adobe Acrobat. Just click on the front page to download the remaining pages. Archives and other features will be added as the website evolves.

# Fatal crash in Maple Hts. claims two lives Block club to

Last Wednesday, June 30, around 10:55 a.m., the Maple Heights Police Department received a call of a motor vehicle accident on Broadway Ave. near Lee Rd. with three people inside the car. The caller reported that the vehicle had struck a pole.

When police arrived they located the three still trapped inside who needed to be mechanically extracted from the car by the Maple Heights Fire Department, with help from surrounding agencies.

One victim, age 17, was transported to MetroHealth Medical Center by Life Flight helicopter and is still being treated for his injuries. The other two victims, Devin Glenn, 18, and Arnez King, 18, both of Maple Heights, were pronounced dead on scene.

The cause of the crash is under investigation by the Southeast Area Law Enforcement Accident Investigation Unit and the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office. Speed was definitely a factor in the accident, said Police Chief Todd Hansen. He said the car did appear to be racing other vehicles just before the crash, according to witnesses.

Anyone that may have witnessed this accident or who has information regarding this incident is urged to contact the Maple Heights Detective Bureau: 216-587-9624 or email to: Detectives@mhpd-ohio.com. Anonymous information can also be supplied to CrimeStoppers.

# host Ward 12 candidates

The E. 63rd Street Block Club is hosting a "Meet the Cleveland Ward 12 Council Candidates Night" at their Thursday, July 8, block club meeting. All of the Ward 12 candidates have been invited to come and speak.

The meeting will be held at the PLAV Lincoln Post 13 at 6009 Fleet Ave., side entrance, at 7 p.m. Those attending are invited to write down their questions for the candidates, which will be read by block club President Kurt Black.

There will be a 50/50 drawing and light refreshments. All are welcome!

# Named to Dean's List

Sarah Piteo of Independence has been named to the Spring 2021 Dean's List at Muskingum University in New Concord, Ohio.

To be named to the Dean's List, students must earn a term GPA of 3.60 or above on a minimum load of 12 completed semester hours of A-F graded coursework.

# County library offering free mentoring for grades 1-6

This summer, the Cuyahoga County Public Library and its branches are offering free mentoring for students in grades 1-6 to help them get a head start on the upcoming school year.

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# Community police reports

## Cleveland

Shooting, June 26, 2:30 a.m., 6600 block of Fullerton Ave.

Shooting, June 30, 9:32 p.m., E. 74 St. & Indiana Ave.

Assault, June 30, 11:51 p.m., 4100 block of E. 64 St.

Assault, July 2, 3:26 a.m., 3400 block of E. 69 St.

Shooting, July 2, 4:31 a.m., E. 70 St. & Morgan Ave.

Shooting, July 5, 2:27 a.m., 6600 block of Harvard Ave. 67-year-old male victim of gunshot wound to the arm. Transported to Metro.

Robbery, July 5, 12:12 p.m., E. 65 St. & Broadway Ave.

Burglary, July 5, 2:18 p.m., 5800 block of Broadway Ave.

Burglary, July 5, 3:28 p.m., 6400 block of Broadway Ave.

Shooting, July 5, 9:45 p.m., 6100 block of Broadway Ave. 25-year-old female victim of gunshot wound to the shoulder. Transported to Metro.

## GARFIELD HEIGHTS

### Theft

On June 28, at 3:54 p.m., an officer spoke at the station with a woman who stated she was contacted by Chase Bank on June 25, and was informed her checking account was being closed. On the report date, June 28, she said Chase again contacted her and told her the \$9000 in her checking account was being transferred to another account. The woman said she didn't authorize the transaction and no one else is listed on her account. Chase has initiated a fraud investigation.

### Breaking & Entering

On June 29, at 8:47 a.m., police were called to the upstairs unit of a home in the 12900 block of Maplerow Ave. for a breaking and entering report. The homeowner said that on the previous day a former worker who he knows as "Mann" showed up at the residence with another man known as "Paco." They wanted work and the homeowner complied. The men were paid \$160 for painting and everyone left the residence at 2:30 p.m. The victim said he received several threatening phone calls from the pair demanding more money and said they would break into the property and damage it. About 8 a.m. the next morning the homeowner arrived at the house and found damage to the glass on the front door and materials missing, including a sander and six gallon buckets of paint.

## Call Crime Stoppers with tips

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS FOR 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR**  
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July 15, 2021	January 20, 2022
August 19, 2021	February 17, 2022
September 16, 2021	March 17, 2022
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November 18, 2021	May 19, 2022
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The City of Garfield Heights will hold a Budget Hearing Meeting regarding the 2022 Fiscal Tax Budget at 5:30 p.m., Monday, July 12, 2021 at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, Council Caucus Room, 5407 Turney Road, Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125. All citizens are invited to attend and have the right to provide oral and written comments and ask questions concerning the 2022 Fiscal Tax Budget. CDC guidelines will be followed.

A copy of the 2022 Tax Budget is available for public inspection in the Office of the Finance Director from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

City of Garfield Heights  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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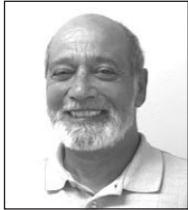
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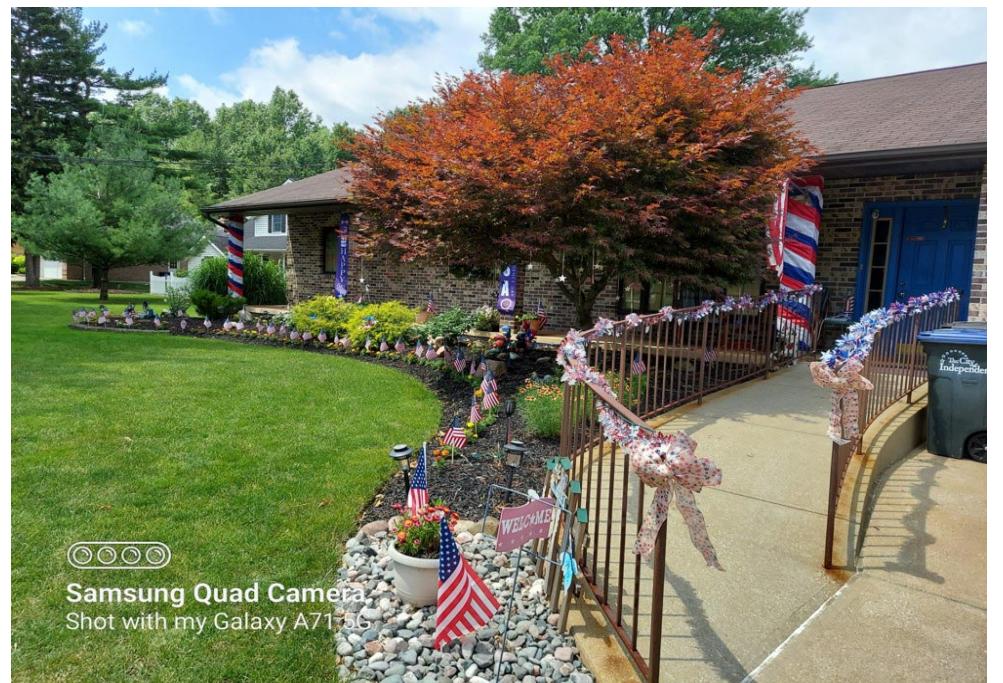
# City of Independence names winners of first Spirit of Patriotism Home Decorating Contest

The city of Independence, instead of its traditional fireworks display this year to celebrate the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, held a home decorating contest inspired by patriotic pride and celebration of the city's "Independence." Two winners were named, with each family receiving a \$100 gift card and posting on the city's website and Facebook page.

Winners named were: Patrick and Stephanie McCarthy, 6629 Public Square, and Judy Topola and Sonya Topola, 6594 Wood Ave.



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# Mark Kaye now official police chief in Garfield Hts.; Merchant named deputy chief

Acting Garfield Heights Police Chief Mark Kaye was sworn in to the official police chief position by Mayor Matt Burke yesterday at the Civic Center.

Kaye has been acting chief for about a year now since the resignation of then-Chief Robert Byrne in June, 2020. Kaye's official duties begin today.

Acting Deputy Police Chief Dale Merchant was sworn in to the official deputy police chief position, also by Mayor Burke in ceremonies yesterday.

Merchant assumed the acting deputy chief role which was formerly held by Kaye before his promotion to acting chief last year.



Garfield Heights Police Chief Mark Kaye was sworn in yesterday by Mayor Matt Burke.



Garfield Heights Deputy Police Chief Dale Merchant was also sworn in yesterday by Mayor Burke.

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# Ohio's Home Energy Assistance Program now accepting applications for help with summer utility bills

Cuyahoga County is once again participating in a statewide program to assist older adults and adults with disabilities with their summer utility bills. Ohio's 2021 Home Energy Assistance Program's (HEAP) Summer Crisis Program will provide eligible households with a one-time benefit to assist with electric utility bills, central air conditioning repairs and air conditioning unit and/or fan purchases.

"We want older residents to know there is help as we move into the warmer months," said County Executive Armond Budish. "No one should suffer through high summer temperatures without utilities to keep them cool and safe. This program helps keep the air on."

The county's Division of Senior and Adult Services (DSAS) partners with the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging as one of its Aging and Disability Resource Centers. Through this partnership, DSAS receives funding to provide residents ages 60 and over (or 18 to 59 with a disability) with assistance on HEAP and a variety of other programs to keep them safe and supported at home.

Last summer, DSAS helped over 200 older adults with utility assistance. The maximum benefit amounts for the 2021 program are \$500 for customers of regulated utilities and \$800 for customers of unregulated utilities (municipal utilities or cooperatives). Household income must be at or below 175% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines and households must have at least one additional eligibility criteria listed below:

A household member who is age 60 or older.

A household member who has a documented medical condition verified by a licensed medical professional who is qualified under Ohio law to write prescriptions.

A household member that was diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 12 months may provide a written statement as proof of medical diagnosis.

A household's electric utility has a disconnect notice, has been shut off or new electric service is being established for the household.

As an additional benefit, households may also receive an air conditioning unit and/or fan or central air conditioning repairs if the household can maintain electric service for 30 days. Households may receive the maximum utility assistance benefit towards their electric bill and still receive the additional benefit (central air conditioner repair, air conditioner unit and/or fan). Air conditioning units and fans will only be provided to eligible customers who have not received one in the last three years.

The Summer Crisis Program will be open from July 1 to September 30. For more information and application assistance, contact the Division of Senior and Adult Services at 216-420-6700 or visit dsas.cuyahogacounty.us.

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