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## Union Street in Bedford closed for next two weeks

By Ellen Psenicka

Bedford City Council met in regular session Monday, June 2, during which City Manager Mike Mallis, in his report to council, announced that Union St. will be closed for the next two weeks for a temporary utility bridge to be built over Tinker's Creek. He said work will begin this fall on the permanent bridge.

He also noted that improvements to the roof and parking lot at Ellenwood Recreation Center will be delayed until August, and that the municipal pool will be opening for the season on June 7. The Bedford Summer Concert Series kicks off today, June 4, on the Public Commons.

Councilwoman Sandy Spinks invited the community to attend the annual Strawberry Festival, sponsored by the Bedford Historical Society, on June 13, 14 and 15.

Nicole McKinney-Johnson, president and CEO of the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center, gave a presentation to council on the services it offers including a 24-hour Crisis and Support Hotline, advocacy during the criminal justice process, counselling support groups and much more.

### Legislation passed

- Assessing the expense of garbage/refuse collection, recycling and disposal in the city. The finance director has determined that the applicable monthly rate beginning July 1, 2025, is \$20 for a single-family residential unit, \$40 for a two-dwelling residential unit, and \$60 for a three-family residential unit, all a slight increase in the current rates.

- Declaring the necessity to improve street lighting in the city.

- Proceeding with improved lighting for streets in the city.

- Levying special assessments for the improvement of lighting on streets and public places in the city. The levy will be at a rate of \$1.60 per each \$100 of tax valuation for tax year 2025 for lots and lands bounding and abutting

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## Concerned Veterans to 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

## GHPD joint operation gets results

On the evening of Friday, May 30, Garfield Heights Police Department officers, Traffic Enforcement Unit detectives, the Ohio State Highway Patrol and the Ohio Investigative Unit conducted a joint operation aimed at traffic and OVI violations in the city of Garfield Heights. The operation, which had been planned over the past two months, yielded the following results:

- 57 traffic stops conducted
- 43 citations issued
- 2 OVI arrests
- 4 firearms seized
- 1 felony warrant arrest
- 7 felony charges pending from a pursuit where drugs, money and a firearm were recovered

As referenced in a GHPD Facebook post from May 5, 2025, this is the second of several operations the department has planned for the year with outside agencies. "Partnering with agencies like OSHP and OIU is a great way for all our departments to maximize our resources and efficiency. Thank you to them for their assistance and thank you to our residents for their continued support," the Facebook post concludes.

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## Neighborhoods on Tap: Taverns that shaped Slavic Village highlighted in book by local author Tom Kaschalk

For author Tom Kaschalk, "Cleveland Neighborhood Taverns: A Pub Crawl Through History" is more than a historical account — it's a personal homecoming. Born and raised on the city's southeast side, including the vibrant neighborhood of Slavic Village, he returns through storytelling to the streets and establishments that shaped his youth.

In Slavic Village, a historic enclave for Polish, Czech and other Eastern European immigrants drawn by the nearby Industrial Valley, taverns were far more than watering holes. They were community anchors. By the mid-20th century, the bars lining Fleet Avenue and Broadway were as central to neighborhood life as its churches, bakeries and factories.

The book brings these places back to life through vivid stories and rare photographs, offering a journey into the city's cultural heart. While Slavic Village holds personal meaning for the author, the book travels across Cleveland — from the West Side to the East Side, from downtown beer halls to tucked-away neighborhood dives — uncovering how taverns reflected the evolution of the city itself.

Spanning from the frontier-era saloons of the 1800s to the ethnic taverns of the industrial boom and into the Prohibition years and beyond, it traces Cleveland's broader story through the lens of its barrooms. It highlights the contributions of Irish, German, Polish, Slovenian, Hungarian, Italian and other immigrant groups, not just through their labor and neighborhoods, but through the corner taverns they built and sustained.

In Slavic Village alone, taverns were so plentiful they could fill an entire book of their own. These were places where factory workers came to unwind after long shifts, immigrants shared news from back home in their native languages, and neighbors forged lifelong bonds over beer, billiards and pierogi.

Highlights include memorable local haunts like Karb's Tavern, known for its lively polka music and its role as a hub near Morgana Park, where tavern-sponsored softball teams brought the community together. The Fleet Café, which weathered Prohibition and even produced a local lottery winner, also makes an appearance. And at Backiel's, later known as the Fleetwood Inn, multiple generations lived upstairs and worked downstairs, running a true family operation that helped sponsor neighborhood events and teams.

But these taverns weren't just about drinks. Many served hearty, home-cooked meals like stuffed cabbage, kielbasa and Friday fish fries that nourished not just bodies but cultural traditions. They were spaces where identity was preserved, friendships were formed, and local news was passed across the bar long before social media existed.

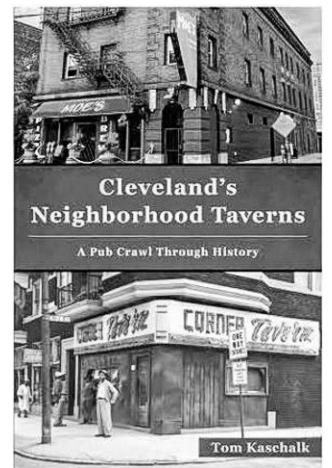
While the book doesn't shy away from the neighborhood's struggles, economic decline, white flight, crime and fires that claimed more than a few beloved taverns, it ultimately celebrates the resilience of these communities and the barrooms that helped hold them together.

Drawing from sources like The Plain Dealer archives and the Cleveland Memory Project, the author honors the unsung dives and beloved corner bars that served as second homes for generations. For those who grew up in Slavic Village and similar neighborhoods, this is a heartfelt toast to the past — one filled with memories, music, laughter and the unmistakable clink of glasses in places where everyone knew your name, your grandparents, and probably your softball stats.

**Tom Kaschalk will participate in two local events highlighting his book, as part of Cleveland History Days, a celebration of Cleveland's rich legacy.**

**Friday, June 20, from 5 to 8 p.m., he will speak at the Polish American Cultural Center, 6501 Lansing Ave., Cleveland. Free event but tickets required. Call 813-362-4983.**

**On Saturday, June 21, from 4 to 6:30 p.m., the author will speak at Sokol Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave., Cleveland. Also a free event. Call 813-362-4983.**





### 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

**Digital Navigator** The library's Digital Navigator will be at Garfield Heights to offer one-on-one assistance to help you connect to the internet, get a device, set up a telehealth appointment and more. By appointment only. Call 216-749-9420 to register. Thursday, June 12, and Friday, June 13, 12-4:30 p.m.

**Tuesday Evening Book Discussion** Join us for our monthly book discussion. This month's title is "Crying in H Mart" by Michelle Zauner. Tuesday, June 17, 6-7 p.m.

**Learn About Volunteering in Greater Cleveland** Greater Cleveland Volunteers will be on-site to talk about the many volunteering options available in the community. Saturday, June 21, 11-11:30 a.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. Wednesday, June 25, 6-8 p.m. Registration required.

**Word Basics** Learn the basics of Microsoft Word using tools such as entering and formatting text, copying, pasting, saving and printing. Friday, June 27, 1-4 p.m.

**Creative Somatic Movement & Journaling** This is a gentle, beginner level class that will guide you through a gentle somatic practice to promote energy flow and mindfulness, followed by journaling prompts to unlock creativity and self-discovery. Saturday, June 28, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Registration required.

#### TEENS

**Teen Summer Deep Dive - Video Game Coding** Learn how to code different mini-games. Tuesdays, June 10-24, 2:30-4 p.m. Registration required.

**Teens Innovate** Teens can come explore STEAM activities, new technologies and make cool things in the library's Innovation Center. Friday, June 20, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Registration required.

#### CHILDREN and FAMILIES

**Summer Fun For Everyone** Drop-in programs will be held Monday-Thursday covering various STEAM challenges and presenters. Mondays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.; and Thursdays at varying times.

**STEAM Family Storytime** Join us for a STEAM storytime and activities. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m.

**Akron Zoo at the Library** As part of the library's Summer Fun for Everyone programming, children of all ages and their caretakers can join us for an afternoon with the Akron Zoo. June 5, 2-3 p.m.

### Garfield Hts. Police Reports

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

#### Menacing

On May 27, at about 3:52 p.m., GHPD officers responded to Dairy Mart, 5703 Turney Rd., for a report of a customer with a gun. The female suspect tried to buy food at the store but did not have enough money. Store surveillance footage captured the incident. The suspect was described as a black female, in her late teens to early 20's, wearing black glasses, pink boots, black leggings and a long-sleeved black shirt with multiple designs on the front. When an employee stepped away briefly to help another customer, the suspect pulled a black handgun from her purse and placed it on the counter, pointing it in the employee's direction saying, "Don't make me hurt you." She did not take any merchandise and was last seen walking north past the storefronts. The report was forwarded to the Garfield Heights Detective Bureau for further investigation.

#### Animal Cruelty

On May 24, a female contacted GHPD and Euclid Beach Cat Rescue for an abandoned cat at her neighbor's house, in the 4900 block of E. 90 St. She said the neighbors were evicted from their residence a couple months ago and she had observed a small cat in the window on that date but had seen no activity or persons there since. According to court records, the tenants were to be out of the home by March 28, 2025. Euclid Beach Cat Rescue went to the home and was able to set a trap and retrieve the cat, which was severely underweight, dehydrated and emaciated. The rescue then provided medical care to the animal. According to the rescue company, the cat would have been dead in another day or so. The cat appeared to have been eating insulation from the walls to stay alive. Report forwarded to the city prosecutor for review.





# 2025 HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

## EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE GRANT

**Application Submission Period: May 19 thru June 25, 2025**

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**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](http://www.garfieldhts.org)'s Economic Development, Building Dept. & Community web pages.**

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2: \$63,600	6: \$92,250
3: \$71,550	7: \$98,600
4: \$79,500	8: \$104,950

# Trinity grad earns honors **An Open Letter to Parents Regarding the Incident at Garfield Hts. Library on June 2, 2025, from G.H. Councilwoman Stacey Collier**



Marie-Elizabeth Gloria Taylor, the daughter of Emerald Thompson and Anthony Taylor, graduated from Trinity High School in Garfield Heights last week and will head to the University of Arizona to continue her education.

During her years at Trinity, Marie-Elizabeth was a member of the National Honor Society; First Honors Scholar; Mathematics Department Distinguished Scholar; Four-Year Ambassador Award; and the University of Arizona Excellence Award.

Dear Parents,

As an African American woman, mother and councilwoman in Ward 1, Garfield Heights, I write this letter with a heavy heart and deep concern.

Yesterday evening, what should have been a productive community meeting at the Garfield Heights Library for the residents of Ward 1 turned into a disheartening and embarrassing moment. A group of middle school-aged children, after being asked to leave the premises for attempting to start a fight, returned in a mob-like fashion and forced their way back inside — this time to physically fight.

Many of us in Ward 1 were gathered at the library for a community meeting, a space where residents came to share ideas and build solutions together. That meeting had to be cut short. The atmosphere, once calm and hopeful, quickly shifted to one of shock, concern and disbelief. This type of behavior is not what we've come to know or expect from our young people. While disagreements among youth are not new, never before have the residents of Ward 1 witnessed children who look like them unite to storm a public space to escalate a fight.

This moment deeply saddened and disappointed many long-standing residents who have always believed in and supported our youth. For years we have worked to build a reputation for Ward 1 as a proud, peaceful and united community. So, seeing young people from Garfield Heights behave in such a manner was a bit troubling. I believe it also has changed our conversation.

Some residents have previously questioned the level of police presence in our ward, feeling that for years Ward 1 had unfairly been portrayed in a negative light. But as of late not enough was being done to show a police presence in our community. However, after witnessing yesterday's events, several Ward 1 community members openly acknowledged that the challenges faced in neighboring Wards 2 through 7 are more severe than they realized. We now extend our empathy to those wards and join them in calling for a return to stronger parental involvement, community accountability and support systems for our children.

We must parent again. We must guide again. We must correct their wrongs again. Our children need direction and discipline as much as they need love and opportunity. It is not solely the responsibility of the police, school officials or library staff — it starts at home, with us.

I also want to sincerely thank the Garfield Heights Library staff and our police officers for their professionalism and calm during the entire situation. They showed respect, restraint and leadership even in the face of unacceptable behavior.

Let this be a wake-up call — not one filled with blame, but with purpose. Our children are watching us. Let's give them something worthy to follow.

Sincerely,

Councilwoman Stacey Collier  
Ward 1 – Garfield Heights

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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.**

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### Open Office Hours for pass purchases:

Wed., June 4: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Wed., June 11: 2:30 - 7 p.m.; Thurs., June 12: 12:30 – 6:30 p.m.; Fri., June 13: 12:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Check web page for more details:-  
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All programs are free unless marked otherwise. For questions or to register for programs, please visit [clevelandmetroparks.com](http://clevelandmetroparks.com) or call CanalWay Center at 216-206-1000.

### BEDFORD RESERVATION

**June 13: Friday Hike to the Falls.** Join a naturalist for this early summer hike through the woodlands of Bedford Reservation. We will hike along Deer Lick Creek to see a few waterfalls that send water down to Tinker's Creek ending our adventure at Bridal Veil Falls. 1-2:30 p.m. Meet at Bridal Veil Falls parking lot. Terrain: natural surface, hills, stairs, 2 miles.

**June 30: Firefly Quest.** The twinkle of fireflies filling summer nights brings wonder to children and adults alike. Join us in taking a step deeper to explore the lives and diversity of these amazing insects. Free, no registration required. 8-9 p.m. Firefly fun: activities for the whole family. 9-10 p.m.: Firefly Hike. 10-10:30 p.m.: Firefly viewing with campfire & music (lawn chair recommended). 8-10:30 p.m. Hemlock Creek Picnic Area.

**June 29: Nature Journaling - Sounds of Bedford.** Join a naturalist for a guided nature journaling program and hike. We will use various journaling techniques to observe the natural sounds of Bridal Veil Falls and Tinkers Creek Gorge Overlook. Bring your own notebook and preferred writing utensils. Markers and colored pencils provided. 1-3:30 p.m. Bridal Veil Falls parking lot. Ages 16 and over. Terrain: natural and paved surface, hills, staircase, 2-3 miles.

**June 30: My Adult and Me Camp.** Camp-aged kids and their adult companion can come and experience hiking, games, forest exploration and cooking your lunch over an open fire together. This camp is ideal for children who may not be ready for an independent camp experience or those looking for a special time together with their grown-up. One adult may attend with either one or two children.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Egbert Picnic Area. Ages 5-6 years with adult. Fee: \$40 per child. Terrain: natural surface, 1 mile. Max. 10 children.

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**June 18: Colorful Summer Birds Walk.** Bright orange, velvet red, and flashes of yellow are just some of the many colors that we can see on our local birds. Come admire the beauty of early summer migratory and year-round birds as we explore the woods and wetlands near CanalWay Center. Binoculars available for loan. Beginner birders welcome. 3-4:30 p.m. CanalWay Center. Terrain: paved, crushed gravel, one hill, 2 miles.

**June 21: Family Fun - Bike the Towpath.** Bring your little kids on a family bike ride. Whether they are in a ride-behind wagon, ride-behind bike, a strider bike, have training wheels or cruising on a big kid bike, everyone will enjoy the journey. Our bike adventure will take us into the Cuyahoga River Valley with stops along the way for water breaks and to take in the beautiful views and wildlife. Please bring your own bikes and helmets; equipment not provided. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. CanalWay Center. Ages 3-5 years with adult. Terrain: paved surfaces, hills, 2-3 miles.

**June 22: Birding on the Canal.** Join Naturalist Justin Willard for a bird hike along the Ohio and Erie Canal. The summer migrants are now here, so we could expect to be seeing flashes of yellow, red and blue as we walk the Towpath on this beautiful summer day. 1 to 3 p.m. CanalWay Center. Terrain: paved, hill, 2 miles.

**June 28: Pollinator Garden Tour.** Discover what's blooming in the native plant pollinator garden at CanalWay Center. We will also take a look at the many showy wildflowers along the Great Blue Heron Boardwalk and the canal. 10 to 11 a.m. CanalWay Center. Terrain: paved, crushed gravel, one hill, 1 mile.

## Newburgh Hts. PD plans OVI sobriety checkpoint

The Newburgh Heights Police Department has announced that officers will operate an OVI checkpoint to deter and intercept impaired drivers this coming weekend. The location will be announced the morning of the checkpoint.

NHPD asks that if you plan to consume alcohol, designate a driver or make other travel arrangements before you drink. Don't let another life be lost for the senseless and selfish act of getting behind the wheel impaired, it warned.

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## Donate Blood



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## Slavic Village gets spruced up for summer season

With warm weather finally here, many Slavic Village volunteer groups hit the streets last week with shovels and brooms to make the neighborhood look its best. The Village Gardeners led by Donna Smith attacked the long street planter in front of St. John Nepomucene Church. The Fullerton-E 71st Block Club under Vandetta Brown swept E. 71 St. from Fleet Ave. to Harvard Ave. And a crew of landscapers led by Tony Brancatelli joined Holden Arboretum professionals to plant paw paw trees at the old Victory Theater site on E. 71 St. Some of their work is shown in the accompanying photos.



## Governor Mike DeWine announces two-week Ohio Sales Tax Holiday

Governor Mike DeWine is encouraging Ohioans to take advantage of this year's Sales Tax Holiday, which is designed to provide meaningful savings for families across the state.

The 2025 Sales Tax Holiday will run for two full weeks, beginning at 12 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 1, and ending at 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 14.

In 2024, Gov. DeWine and the Ohio General Assembly expanded the Sales Tax Holiday to include more items and run for a longer period. Instead of the usual three days, it lasted 10 days and was expanded to include a wide range of items up to \$500, rather than limited to school supplies.

"The timing of this year's sales tax holiday not only supports families preparing for back-to-school, but also provides relief on other important household needs," said DeWine.

During the holiday, shoppers will be able to make qualifying purchases both in-store and online without paying state sales tax. The tax exemption does not apply to services or to purchases motor vehicles, watercraft, outboard motors, alcohol, tobacco, vapor products or any item containing marijuana.

For full details, including eligible items and frequently asked questions, visit the Ohio Department of Taxation's Sales Tax Holiday page. You can also contact the Department by email or by calling 1-888-405-4039.

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### Public Hearing Notice

The city of Garfield Heights will have a public hearing at 5:30 p.m., Monday, June 16, 2025 at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Road. The purpose of the meeting is 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. 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](mailto:psalemi@garfieldhts.org). Any person who wishes to attend and requires special accommodations under the American with Disabilities Act should contact Pat Salemi no later than 72 hours prior to the meeting by e-mail or at 216-475-1100 Ext. 2425.

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Applications can be obtained from our website, at <https://bedfordoh.gov/civil-service-commission/>. Application must be completed and submitted with all required documentation by June 30, 2025.

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## Legion Post 309 to hold Pork Chop Dinner

American Legion Post 309, 15521 Broadway Ave., Maple Heights, will hold a Pre-Father's Day Dinner on Wednesday, June 4, from 3-6 p.m. On the menu will be breaded pork chops, au gratin potatoes, applesauce, roll and dessert.

Dine-in or carryout; open to the public; donation \$13. Advance orders appreciated by calling 216-662-7768.

## Union Street in Bedford closed for next two weeks

(Continued from Page 1)

- A resolution to adopt the Solid Waste Management Plan for the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management District.

- An ordinance authorizing a contract with Cargill for rock salt for the 2025-2026 winter season.

- An ordinance to enter into a contract with Stryker Medical Devices for the purchase of Lifepak CR2 AED devices for the Fire Department. The fire chief recommends the purchase to replace outdated and, in some cases, inoperable equipment, at a cost not to exceed \$49,082.05.

### On first reading

- An ordinance to enter into a contract with United Systems for the purchase of water meter reading equipment for the Water Department, at a cost not to exceed \$39,345.00.

### On second reading

- Approving and accepting the proposed 2025 tax budget for the period Jan. 1, 2026, to Dec. 31, 2026.

This resolution allows the county auditor to set the property tax rate for next year at the same rate it has been in the past at 21.7 mills.

Bedford Council is now on its summer schedule and will meet again on Monday, July 7.

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### Village of Newburgh Heights

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

The public is invited to attend a hearing to voice their opinions or to submit written opinions to the address below regarding the proposed Alternative Tax Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2026. A brief overview of the proposed Resolution will be given at the hearing which will be held on June 24, 2025 at 5:30 pm in Village Hall, 3801 Harvard Avenue, Newburgh Heights, OH 44105. A copy of the proposed Resolution will also be available for review at Village Hall during regular village office hours. Please send written comments to Fiscal Officer Cathleen Nagorski at the address listed above. Any persons who wish to attend and require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please contact Village Hall at 216-641-4650 no later than 72 hours prior to the public hearing.

Cathleen Nagorski  
Fiscal Officer

Village Hall 5/28/25  
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# Bedford Hts. Council OKs trash change, prepares for infrastructure projects

By **Tristan Douglas**

Bedford Heights City Council unanimously approved two ordinances at its May 20th meeting, including a change to the city's trash container removal policy and an update to the job creation grant program.

An ordinance amending a section of the Bedford Heights Codified Ordinances was approved unanimously. Trash and recycling containers must now be removed from front yards and tree lawns by 11 p.m. on the same day of trash collection. Councilwoman Kathie Kelso-Perez explained that the change was made to prevent trash containers from being left out for many days after collection takes place.

Council also adopted an ordinance which updates the requirements of the city's Job Creation Grant Program. The revision aims to enhance the city's efforts to attract new businesses and retain the businesses that are currently located in the city.

In addition to the ordinances, Council approved the first reading of a resolution which will approve a bid for the Bedford Heights Welcome Wall reconstruction project. The resolution will require further readings before final adoption.

## Committee Reports

Mayor Phillip Stevens announced that the city has begun working with inSITE Advisory Group to provide the city grant writing services. A kickoff meeting recently took place where city staff could share their needs with the company and determine grants that may be of use to the city.

Councilman Michael Willis, chair of the Public Service/Water Reclamation Committee, reminded residents that the groundbreaking for the city's new wastewater treatment plant will take place on Friday, May 30. The estimated timeframe for completion of the project is 26 months.

Danielle Henderson, chair of the Infrastructure & Capital Improvements Committee, announced several infrastructure projects set to begin in the coming weeks which will result in road closures. Beginning on May 27th, Rockside Road will be closed between the I-271 East bridge and Aurora Road. Rockside Road will remain closed until June 10. From June 6 to July 11, Solon Road will be closed between Eldridge Boulevard and the site of the city's new wastewater treatment plant to allow early preparations to take place.

Community Life Chair Paul Bounds and Finance Committee Chair Kathie Kelso-Perez announced a joint committee meeting on Wednesday, May 28, at 5 p.m. to discuss the city's NatureWorks grant application. The Natureworks grant provides reimbursement assistance to cities for the acquisition or rehabilitation of recreation areas. The committees will analyze the needs of the city's current facilities and prepare information for the application.

Economic & Community Development Chair Alton Tinker proposed a motion to seek bids for the city's Master Plan project. The motion was approved 7-0.

Enid Thomas, chair of the Legislative/Education Committee, announced that the Bedford Heights Scholarship Committee has identified four graduating seniors to

receive scholarship awards. Presentation of the awards will take place at the council meeting on June 17th, at 7 p.m. Thomas also announced that a Legislative/Education Committee meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 25, at 5 p.m.

In new business, Thomas also announced that a Juneteenth 5k Walk/Run will take place at Bedford Heights High School. Additional details will be forthcoming.

## American Red Cross blood drive sites

### Bedford

June 15: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Guru Gobind Singh Sikh Society, 38 Tarbell Ave.

### Garfield Heights

June 12: 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Marymount Hospital, 12300 McCracken Rd.

Reserve your spot by going to [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org).

Those who come to give June 1-30, 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](http://RedCrossBlood.org/June).

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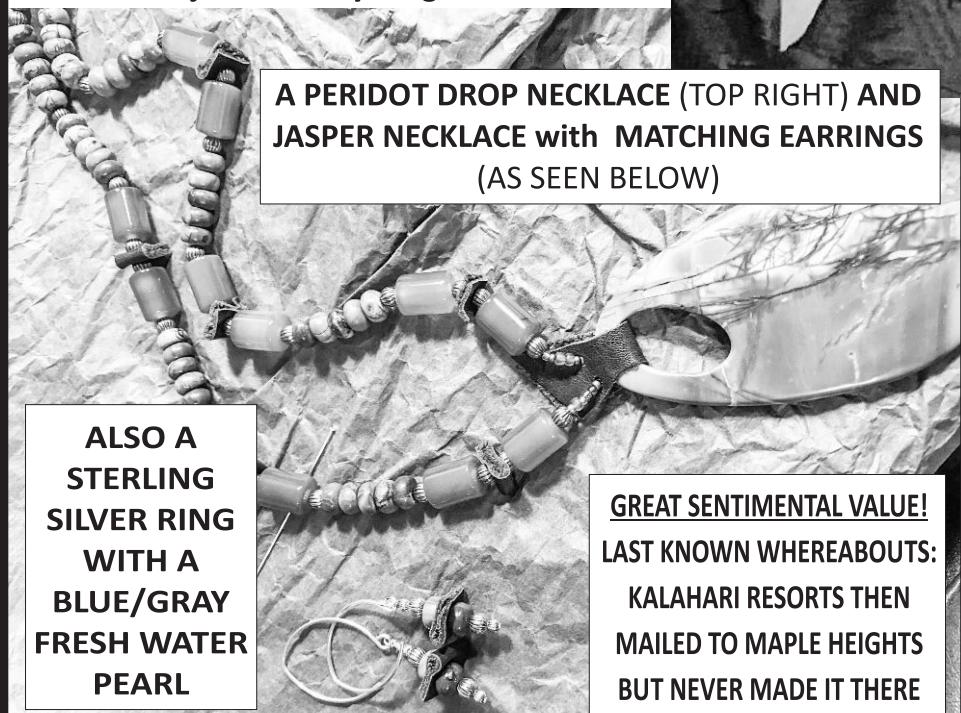
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