



District 4 News

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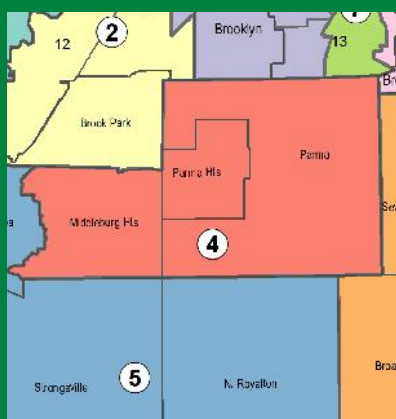
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A Message from...

District 4 County Councilman Mark Casselberry

Dear Neighbors,

I am happy to welcome you to the first edition of my District 4 newsletter.

It was my honor to be sworn in as the Councilman for District 4 this past January. Having served as Ward 3 Councilman in Parma for 13 years, I am a long-time public servant who has always wanted the best for our communities. Serving as your County Council representative is an honor, and I am committed to keeping you informed, engaged, and empowered. Through this newsletter, I will share updates on key initiatives, upcoming events, and ways you can get involved in shaping the future of our district. Whether it's improving infrastructure, enhancing public safety, or ensuring responsible economic growth, I am dedicated to advancing policies and legislation that enhance our quality of life.

In the months ahead, I look forward to hearing from you. I encourage you to reach out to my office with any questions or ideas—we are here to serve.

Stay cool out there this summer!

Sincerely,

Mark C. Casselberry

County Councilman, District 4

Happening in District 4: Public Works Projects

The warm season is upon us, so you know what that means—orange traffic cones! Construction season is well underway, and your County Public Works crew is working hard to keep our roads and bridges in tip-top shape. Here are projects with work currently underway and projects beginning construction soon.



Ongoing County-Administered Projects

Middleburg Heights	Sheldon Road, Engle Road to Smith Road	\$1,047,177
	Smith Road, Sheldon Road to Pearl Road	\$3,596,117
Parma	Snow Road, Ridge Road to State Road	\$2,756,758

Future County-Administered Projects

Middleburg Heights	Sheldon Road Bridge 01.61, Over Abram Creek -- (2027)	\$7,000,000
Parma	Ridgewood Road Bridge 03.50, Over West Creek -- (2025)	\$2,600,000

Future City Administered, County Reimbursed Projects:

Parma	W. Ridgewood Road, State Road to Broadview Road -- (2025/2026)	\$250,000
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Taxpayer Assistance Program



Property taxes have increased, and this has become an added burden on many homeowners in Cuyahoga County. No one should have to make the choice of whether to pay their property taxes or their monthly medication.

The County's new Taxpayer Assistance Program can provide up to \$10,000 in one-time direct assistance to qualified County taxpayers aged 70 or older with an active delinquency. In addition to direct assistance, the program will fund housing counseling services to help ensure residents are given the tools they need to catch up on their taxes and make informed housing choices going forward.

To qualify for this direct assistance, the resident must:

- Maintain a primary residence in Cuyahoga County for at least 3 years
- Have an active certified delinquency on that residence
- Be aged 70 years or older
- Have a household income of less than \$70,000 per year
- Participate in housing counseling services with CHN Housing Partners, including a counseling session, completion of a budget, and demonstration of ongoing ability to pay
- Participate in the County's EasyPay installment payment program for future taxes
- Establish a delinquent tax payment contract for any remaining delinquency

A few additional notes:

- Applications will be processed by CHN Housing Partners on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Applicants will be asked to complete a program application, and to provide proof of residence, income, and household membership qualification.
- Assistance is available one time per household.
- Applicants who have received prior assistance from the Ohio House Finance Agency's Utility Assistance Program are not eligible for further assistance under this program.
- Additional assistance is available by lottery following initial distributions.

To apply, residents can fill out the application on CHN Housing Partners' website by visiting chnhousingpartners.org, or by contacting the Treasurer's Office by calling 216.443.7400 (Option 1).

Mental Health Co-Response Program Expanding



I'm excited to share that in July, I participated in a press conference announcing that the County's Mental Health and Substance Abuse Crisis Response Program will be expanding into the communities of Parma and Parma Heights. The program will embed full-time social workers with police and fire departments to improve the response to those suffering from mental health or substance abuse crises. And in the coming months, Council will be reviewing legislation allocating \$3.5 million in Opioid Mitigation Funds to develop the response program county-wide.

This co-responder model has been shown to improve outcomes by connecting individuals to the care and support they need most, while avoiding further contact with the criminal justice system.

These efforts are personal for me, and mental health supports such as these were an issue I campaigned on when running for County Councilman. I'm thrilled that the County has prioritized this work and that these services will be coming to District 4 communities.

Help is available if someone is experiencing a mental health crisis.
If you need help, call or text 988 for mental health support.

Out in the Community



With my colleagues District 10 Councilman Michael J. Houser and Robert E. Schleper, Jr. touring Juvenile Court



Presenting co-owner Liza Bosinger with a proclamation congratulating Corleone's Ristorante & Bar for being selected as Parma's Business of the Month. They've been in business for over 30 years!

New Board of Elections Headquarters -- Now Open

The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections has officially moved to the old Plain Dealer building at 1803 Superior and celebrated with a ribbon cutting this month. Last June, the Council approved a 17-year lease at the building.

This new space will address some of the problems in the former building on Euclid Ave. and East 30th. For one, parking was a major issue. The former site had only 48 parking spaces, meaning voters often had to park offsite and walk to the building to register or vote in-person. The new location has 700 dedicated spaces for parking, and more space for line-queueing (inside!) and general operations.



The Board of Elections now occupies the first and part of the second floor of this building, and some of the County's Health and Human Services operations will occupy the rest of the second and all of the third floor.

I am excited for the BOE staff to now call this space home, and look forward to residents taking advantage of this facility upgrade. Thanks to our County Department of Public Works for their work on this significant project.

Great Estates Events Around District 4

I enjoyed attending the latest Great Estates event in Parma held in July. I'm always happy to see residents taking advantage of information and resources our County provides.

Middleburg Heights residents: the Great Estates tour is headed to you! You're invited to the County's Great Estates Outreach Event on Wednesday, August 13 from 6-8 p.m. at the Cuyahoga County Public Library-Middleburg Heights Branch (16699 Bagley Rd., Middleburg Heights).

Great Estates Outreach Events help residents avoid unnecessary costs and delays in settling an estate by providing guidance and documents for real estate, bank accounts, motor vehicles and other personal property to ensure that assets are passed directly to the intended beneficiary. In addition, there will be a discussion on the importance of trusts in estate planning.

Representatives from the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Office and Cuyahoga County Probate Court will be available to provide residents with a Great Estates Program Kit. The kit contains documents needed for real estate and motor vehicle title transfer. Representatives will answer questions about how to fill out and file the appropriate paperwork and be available to process real estate affidavits on-site.

Registration is encouraged and can be done here: <https://greatestates.timetap.com/#/>

For those not able to attend, Great Estates Program Kits are available at the Cuyahoga County Public Library and Cuyahoga County Auto Title Bureaus.



Me and my friend Patrick McCune, who invited me to learn about Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry's culinary program.



Enjoyed another great year walking in Parma's Independence Day Parade. It was great to see so many friends along the parade route.



Enjoyed running into some of the members of the Parma Heights City Council at Parma Heights' Memorial Day Parade



I had a great time participating in the Middleburg Heights Summer in the City Parade in June. There was plenty of family-friendly entertainment!

Early in my tenure as County Councilman, my newly-elected colleagues and I had a tour and conversation with County Sheriff Harold Pretel

Scam Squad Guides

The Cuyahoga County Department of Consumer Affairs has created a new Scam Squad Guide to help older Cuyahoga County residents protect their money from scams.

This free, easy-to-read guide reveals how scams work, what scammers are really after and how to use simple strategies to fight back. Each guide comes with an action plan to help residents reach people they trust anytime they feel pressured to act fact.



The Scam Squad Guide is now available in print at various locations across the county, including these spots in District 4:

- Cuyahoga County Public Library-Middleburg Heights Branch: 16699 Bagley Road, Middleburg Heights
- Cuyahoga County Public Library-Parma Heights Branch: 6206 Pearl Road, Parma Heights
- Cuyahoga County Public Library-Parma-Powers Branch: 6996 Powers Boulevard, Parma
- Cuyahoga County Public Library-Parma-Snow Branch: 2121 Snow Road, Parma
- Parma Donna Smallwood Center: 7010 Powers Boulevard, Parma
- Parma Heights Senior Center: 9275 N Church Drive #1, Parma Heights

You can also print a guide by visiting cuyahogacounty.gov/scamsquad.

County Council Meetings and Committees Open to the Public with Complimentary Parking

All regular Council meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. Often, the Committee of the Whole meets prior to the Council Meeting. These meetings are free and open to the public.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend in person in the County Administrative Headquarters, 2079 East 9th Street in the C. Ellen Connally Council Chambers located on the 4th floor.

You can also watch meetings via Council's live stream at cuyahogacounty.gov/council



County Council's Committee times are as follows:

- Community Development & Housing: Michael J. Houser, Sr., Chair, Mondays at 10:00 a.m.
- Council Operations, Information Technology, & Public Transportation: Robert E. Schleper, Jr., Chair, Tuesdays at 3 p.m.
- Economic Development & Planning: Patrick Kelly, Chair, Mondays at 3 p.m.
- Education, Environment & Sustainability: Sunny Simon, Chair, Wednesdays at 3 p.m.
- Finance & Budgeting: Meredith Turner, Chair, Mondays at 1 p.m.
- Health, Human Services & Aging: Yvonne M. Conwell, Chair, Wednesdays at 1 p.m.
- Human Resources, Appointments & Equity: Martin J. Sweeney, Chair, Tuesdays at 10 a.m.
- Public Safety & Justice Affairs: Michael J. Gallagher, Chair, Tuesdays at 1 p.m.
- Public Works, Procurement & Contracting: Pernel Jones, Jr., Chair, Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Dates and times are subject to change; please go to Cuyahoga County Council's Website at cuyahogacounty.gov/council or you may call (216) 698-2010, to access the schedule of upcoming meetings. Complimentary parking is available to the public in the attached garage at 900 Prospect. A skywalk extends from the garage to provide additional entry to the C. Ellen Connally Council Chambers from the 5th-floor parking level of the garage.



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