

District 7 News

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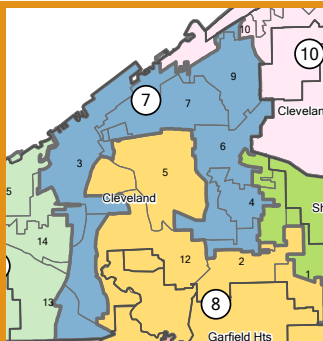
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A Message from...

Councilmember Yvonne M. Conwell

Dear Neighbors,

As the crisp autumn air settles in, I hope this message finds you well and energized for the exciting months ahead. Fall is always a time of reflection and renewal, and I'm proud of the progress we continue to make in District 7. County Council is officially back from our summer recess, and our community is thriving through collaboration and shared purpose.

In this issue, you will find information about many resources to make your lives easier and more productive, including the Senior Resource Fair I am hosting in October, in partnership with Ward 9 Cleveland City Councilman Kevin Conwell and Ward 7 Councilwoman Stephanie Howse-Jones. You'll also learn about how you can do business with the County, Cleveland's new 311 online service, and scam alerts to be aware of so you can protect your money. Most importantly, I'm providing you with all the resources you need to make sure you are VOTE READY!

Looking ahead, we'll continue working together to strengthen our neighborhoods. Stay tuned for updates on local projects, important community events, and opportunities to get involved. I encourage you to reach out to my office with any questions or ideas—we are always here to serve.

Wishing you a joyful and productive fall season!

Sincerely,

Yvonne M. Conwell

What does Cuyahoga County do for me?

Builds & Maintains Infrastructure:
The County builds and maintains physical infrastructure like roads and bridges. Counties also provide public transit options and support essential community infrastructure, including airports, parks, and water and sewer systems.

Supports Job Creation:
Cuyahoga County runs economic development programs to draw investment, attract new businesses, and promote job growth. This includes revitalization programs, tax incentives, and workforce skill-building.

Manages Money:
The County balances residents' needs for services with finite taxpayer funds. Counties can raise or reduce public funds by adjusting taxes and fees, and by placing referendums before voters.

Helps Those in Need:
The County administers programs that protect children and older adults, provide child support, and connect families to food, transportation, employment opportunities and more.

Administers Justice:
The County's Sheriff's Office keeps the peace and runs the County Jail, while the Prosecutor's Office prosecutes criminal acts. The Court of Common Pleas helps people resolve wide-ranging disputes.

And More!
In addition to these vital functions, the County also implements programs to protect our environment, air, and water, enforce building code and land use restrictions, administer elections, and so much more!

Are You VOTE READY?

The November 5, 2024 Presidential General Election is fast-approaching, and it will decide the next President and Vice President of the United States, U.S. Senate, Congress, Ohio Senate, Ohio House, and County Council, as well as state, county, and local issues. You can vote by mail, early in person, or on Election Day.

I cannot stress enough that your voice and your vote are SO powerful. Voting is one of the only ways that you can have a real effect on change both in your community and across the country. Voting is safe and confidential!

Important dates:

October 7: Last day to register to vote

October 8: First day of early in-person voting and vote-by-mail voting

October 29: Last day to send in vote-by-mail/absentee ballot applications

November 3: Last day to vote in-person at the Board of Elections

November 4: Last day to send in vote-by-mail/absentee ballots

November 5: Election Day (6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.)

Access all voting materials you need at boe.cuyahogacounty.gov, including:

- Register to vote
- Fill out vote-by-mail application
- Access early in-person voting hours
- Apply to be a poll worker
- Look up your voting location
- View a sample ballot




See you at the polls!

Living in Place Senior Resource Fair


Roughly 16% of District 7's population is over the age of 65—that's roughly a 5th of the population! Yet our older adults are often not set up with the resources to continue living in their communities and their homes for as long as they can.

That's why I'm inviting you to join me as I host "Living in Place: A life worth living" senior resource fair on Thursday, October 17 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. At this event, you can receive a biometric screening, plan your estate, get connected with senior resources and programs, apply for food assistance, and much more. I look forward to seeing you there!



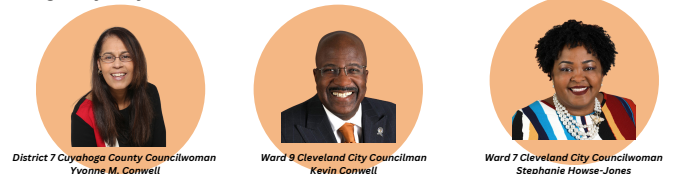
Living in Place: A life worth living event

Resources for seniors and older adults
Thursday, October 17, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
St. Martin de Porres, 1264 E 123rd St, Cleveland





Brought to you by:



District 7 Cuyahoga County Councilwoman
Yvonne M. Conwell

Ward 9 Cleveland City Councilman
Kevin Conwell

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Stephanie Howse-Jones



Nailed It!

In keeping with the concept of “living in place,” many older residents can’t physically perform home repairs or afford repairs or installation of disability accommodations. The Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging (WRAAA) NailsIt program addresses this issue by providing basic repairs and modifications so that homeowners can stay in their residences for as long as possible. These repairs include the installation of grab bars, toilet rails and ADA toilets, disability accommodating showers, and stair safety rails—this can go a long way in ensuring the safety of our county’s most vulnerable population.

I was proud to work with WRAAA on the development of this initiative and provide \$1.4 million in ARPA Community Grant funding as we work together to keep residents in their homes. If you or someone you know may be interested in these home repairs, see if you’re eligible and apply by calling 216-539-2138.



Improvements to West Side Market

Cleveland’s West Side Market has been an architectural gem in our city for more than a century, and still stands as one of Cleveland’s greatest assets and one of Ohio’s iconic landmarks. You may have heard that changes are coming to the market—it needs extensive restoration and investment to bring it into the 21st century to achieve its full potential as a community resource.

To help the Market overcome challenges and thrive for another 100 years, Mayor Justin Bibb urged the formation of the Cleveland Public Market Corporation (CPMC), an independent nonprofit with its own staff to manage and grow the Market. The CPMC worked with the community and Market retailers to develop a Master Plan for the future of the Market, and exciting things are coming!

Improvements to the Market include:

- A new prepared food hall with seating in the North Arcade building
- A landscaped courtyard with seating between the Arcade and the Market Hall
- A new teaching kitchen designed for education programs
- A new commercial kitchen to serve merchants and entrepreneurial ventures
- Event space with seating on the East Mezzanine

While a multitude of government funding sources have been identified, the completion of this transformation will take buy-in from the entire community. To make a donation to the Market or learn more about changes coming, visit westsidemarket.org.



Doing Business with Cuyahoga County

Want to do business with Cuyahoga County? We're hosting a Vendor Fair on Thursday, October 17 from 9 a.m.-noon at 2501 Harvard Avenue in Newburgh Heights. Current or potential vendors can meet Procurement staff, share their offerings, expertise, and qualifications, and learn about goods and services purchased by Cuyahoga County. Attendees will receive assistance from County staff with registering in the County supplier portal, viewing current bids, requests for proposals, quotes for goods and services, and submitting bids. Vendors will also learn how to apply for County certifications, including Small Business Enterprise (SBE), Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), and Women Business Enterprise (WBE). The Vendor Fair is a great opportunity to access the resources you need all in one place and get your face and business out there! Questions? Call 216-443-7230.



New 311 Online Service

The City of Cleveland recently unveiled its new 311 online service, which allows residents to submit requests related to public works, sanitation, street maintenance, city parks and more via online forms. The online forms are routed directly to City Hall departments to complete the work. Forms are designed to be simple and accessible, asking residents to tell the city what the issue is, where it's located, and upload up to 3 pictures. After submitting, residents will receive a confirmation number to track their requests. If residents create a login, they can track the status of their requests through their online account.



Residents can still contact the 311 phone line if they prefer.
The online service is available now at clevelandohio.gov/311.



SCAM SQUAD

HANG UP IF...

- ☒ Caller threatens to arrest you or freeze your accounts
- ☒ Caller insists you pay right away to fix a problem
- ☒ Caller asks for remote access to your computer

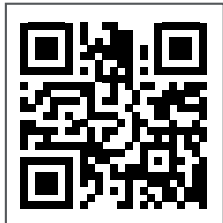
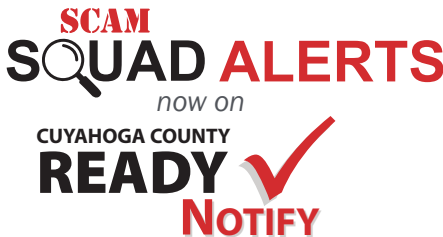
216-443-SCAM (7226)

cuyahogacounty.gov/scamsquad

Scam Alerts from the Cuyahoga County Scam Squad

Scam Squad is a financial fraud task force in Cuyahoga County made up of local, state, and federal law enforcement, nonprofits, and social service agencies that tracks and shares scam reports and alerts residents to current scam threats.

To stay aware of the latest scams, sign up for the new Scam Squad Alerts on ReadyNotify, the County's mass notification system, at readynotify.us, or by calling 216-443-7035.



SIGN UP TODAY!


Out in the Community




*Learning about how our
Northeast Ohio Regional
Sewer District keeps our water
clean and healthy at the 2024
Clean Water Fest.*

Hearing from our Associate Justice on the Supreme Court of the United States, Ketanji Brown Jackson, at The City Club of Cleveland.





John Hope Bryant
Founder of
Operation HOPE and
Bryant Group Ventures




UNITEDWAY

GREATER CLEVELAND

The Business Plan for Cleveland:

The Untold Story of How We ALL Succeed

Presented by
KeyBank



Keynote by best-selling author of
Financial Literacy for All, **John Hope Bryant**

Joined in discussion by **Mayor Justin M. Bibb**
and **Christopher M. Gorman**


Mimi Ohio Theatre at Playhouse Square

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

5:30 – 7:00pm

A reception will follow.

PURCHASE TICKETS



This special event will explore how all Greater
Clevelanders can build income and wealth to create
a healthier, more prosperous region.

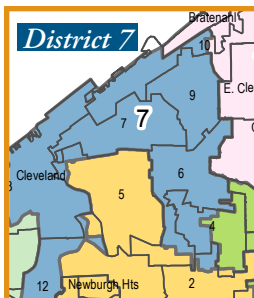
Questions? Please email Brandi Gil at bgil@unitedwaycleveland.org

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 Kevin Gowen Administrator of Cuyahoga Job & Family Services
 Natasha Pietrocola Administrator of the Division of Senior and Adult Services
 Simeon Best Administrator of the Office of Reentry
 Shawna Rohrman Administrator of Invest In Children
 Melissa Sirak Administrator of the Office of Homeless Services
 Robin Martin Administrator of Family & Children First Council
 Tiffany Dobbins-Brazelton Administrator of the Office of Child Support Services

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Quick Reference Directory

Agencies, Boards & Commissions	Phone
Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services	216.241.3400
Animal Shelter	216.525.7877
Auto Title	216.443.7010
Board of Developmental Disabilities	216.241.8230
Board of Elections	216.443.8683
Board of Health	216.201.2000
Children and Family Services	216.431.4500
Child Abuse Hotline	216.696.KIDS
Child Care Assistance	216.416.4440
Child Care Information Line	216.987.6929
Child Support Services	216.443.5100
<i>Fatherhood Initiative</i>	216.348.3967
Clerk of Courts	
<i>Civil Division</i>	216.443.7951
<i>Criminal Division</i>	216.443.7999
County Council	216.698.2010
County Executive	216.443.7178
County Metropolitan Housing Authority	216.348.5000
Department of Development	216.443.7260
Department of Sustainability	216.443.7178
Fiscal Office	
<i>Appraisal, Board of Revision, Property Valuation,</i>	
<i>Real Estate Services, Tax Assessment,</i>	216.443.7010
<i>Treasury and Collections, & Unclaimed Funds.</i>	
Food Assistance/Medicaid	216.987.7000
Healthy Start	216.987.7346
Home Repair Loan Program	216.348.4066
Homestead Exemption	216.443.7010
Employment Opportunities	216.443.7190
Inspector General	216.348.3941
<i>Whistleblower Hotline</i>	216.698.2999
Jury Duty	216.443.8625
Medical Examiner	216.721.5610
MetroHealth System	216.778.7800
Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District	216.881.6600
Office of Emergency Management	216.443.5700
Office of Homeless Services	216.420.6844
Office of Mediation	216.698.4996
Office of Procurement & Diversity (OPD)	216.443.7200
Office of Re.entry	216.698.3437
Ohio Means Jobs	
Main Location Downtown	216.777.8200
Old Brooklyn NFSC	216.635.2931
Quincy Place NFSC	216.561.5503
Prosecutor's Office	216.443.7800
Public Safety & Justice Services	216.443.7265
Public Works Department	
<i>Sanitary & Sewer Maintenance.</i>	216.348.3800
Recycling Programs	216.443.3749
Regional Transit Authority (RTA)	216.621.9500
Senior and Adult Services	
<i>Elder abuse hotline, Community Office on Aging,</i>	
<i>Home Support Programs, Options for Elders.</i>	216.420.6750
Sheriff's Office	216.443.6000
United Way, Essential Community Services	2-1-1
Veterans Service Commission	216.698.2600
Witness/Victim Service Center	216.443.7345



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Councilmember,
District 7

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 and 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, 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: Cheryl Stephens., Chair, Mondays at 10 a.m.
- Council Operations & Intergovernmental Relations: Martin J. Sweeney, Chair, Tuesdays at 3 p.m.
- Economic Development & Planning: Jack Schron, Chair, Mondays at 3 p.m.
- Education, Environment & Sustainability: Sunny Simon, Chair, Wednesdays at 3 p.m.
- Finance & Budgeting: Dale Miller, Chair, Mondays at 1 p.m.
- Health, Human Services & Aging: Yvonne M. Conwell, Chair, Wednesdays at 1 p.m.
- Human Resources, Appointments & Equity: Meredith Turner, Chair, Tuesdays at 10 a.m.
- Public Safety & Justice Affairs: Mike J. Gallagher, Chair, Tuesdays at 1 p.m.
- Public Works, Procurement & Contracting: Mike Byrne, 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 Avenue.

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