



# District 7 News

SUMMER 2024



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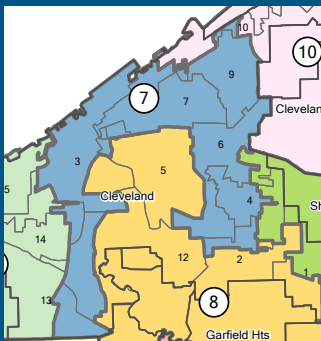
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## A Message from... Councilmember Yvonne M. Conwell

Dear District 7 Residents,

As the warmth of summer embraces our community, I am thrilled to extend my heartfelt greetings to each and every one of you. Summer in District 7 is always a time of vibrant energy, growth, and connection, and I am excited about the opportunities and events that await us in the coming months.

First and foremost, I want to express my gratitude for your continued trust and support. It is an honor to serve as your councilwoman, and I remain committed to working tirelessly on your behalf.

Summer is a busy time of year for everyone, especially your local government. During these warm months, you'll see children out of school and construction and rehabilitation on roads and bike lanes, with the goal of making District 7 more accessible and safer for all residents. Please leave space on the road for construction workers and drive with caution, and be on the lookout for children playing outside!

As always, County Council is here to assist you. Whether you have questions about local services, need assistance with a concern, or simply want to share an idea, please do not hesitate to reach out. Your input is vital in helping us create a vibrant and thriving District 7.

Wishing you all a safe, fun, and fulfilling summer!

Sincerely,

Yvonne M. Conwell

# Q1-2024/ Q2-2024 Accomplishments:

Cuyahoga County received \$239,898,257 from the federal government through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Cuyahoga County calculated 100% of the ARPA dollars as loss revenue under the U.S. Department of Treasury's Final Rule and deposited it into the County's General Fund. The County Executive and County Council have authorized \$86 million of the ARPA dollars for community grants to benefit the residents of Cuyahoga County, known as the ARPA Community Grant Fund. \$66 million was evenly distributed to the 11 Council Districts. Since funds were allocated, District 7 has approved \$6 million in American Rescue Plan Act dollars to benefit District 7 and other Cuyahoga County projects that are beneficial to our Cuyahoga County community. These include:

**Ashbury Community Computer Center** - \$15,000  
(Digital Aviator Program)

**The Bail Project** - \$50,000  
(Assisting with bail)

**Black Professionals Association** - \$40,000  
(Scholarships)

**CASE Sports Program** - \$10,000  
(Youth Summer Scholarships)

**Catholic Charities** (Fatima Family Center) \$90,000  
(Furniture upgrades)

**Catholic Charities** (Fatima Family Center) \$63,000  
(Strategic plan)

**Catholic Charities** (Job and career training center) \$75,000  
(Workforce Development Career pathways)

**Catholic Charities** (St. Martin De Porres Family Center) - \$65,000  
(Strategic plan)

**The City Club of Cleveland** - \$20,000  
(Capital Improvements)

**City Fresh** - \$73,770 (New electronic van)

**Community Housing Solutions** - \$700,000  
(Senior & Adult Services client housing repair grants)

**Community Housing Solutions** - \$125,000

**Community of Hope** - \$20,000  
(Assistance for young adults who age out of foster care)

**CWRU Community House** - \$200,000  
(Capital for new community engagement center)

**The Devin Moore Heart Foundation** - \$5,000

**The Diaper Bank of Greater Cleveland** - \$10,000

**East End Neighborhood** - \$250,000 (Capital)

**Famicos Foundation** - \$500,000

**Front Steps Housing Services** - \$75,000 (Electronic health record to support housing stability & behavioral health)

**Habitat for Humanity** - \$25,000

**Hitchcock Women's Center** - \$1 Million  
(Capital- new construction & housing)

**Legal Aid Society of Cleveland** - \$50,000  
(Legal assistance)

**The City Club of Cleveland** - \$20,000  
(Capital Improvements)

**Merrick House** - \$106,000  
(Youth Development & Leadership program)

**Merrick House #2** - \$49,000 (Capital)

**MobileMed1 DBA Medworks** - \$250,000

**Murtis Taylor** - \$700,000  
(Behavioral Health Center capital repair)

**Near Westside Multiservice Corporation** (May Dugan Center) - \$100,000 (Capital expansion & upgrading)

**Olivet Housing and Community Development Corporation** - \$25,000 (NECESS initiative and workforce development training and education).

**Providence House** - \$100,000

**Shaker Square** - \$250,000 (Renovations)

**St. Clair Development Corporation** - \$50,000  
(Superior WayFinding Plan and Sign Design program)

**To Attain Healing LLC** - \$50,000

**Swing Phi Swing Social Fellowship** - \$15,000  
(Youth Mentoring Program for Junior High & High School)

**Wade Oval Park** - \$200,000

**Wallstreet Nottingham Development Inc.** - \$25,000  
(Business Entrepreneurship)

**Westside Catholic Centers** - \$150,000  
(Resource center & housing initiative)

**West Side Community House** - \$50,000  
(Strategic plan) Aresilla bemula publis horivente, auctus coniae

# Save the Date: Hitchcock Center Groundbreaking

The Hitchcock Center for Women will be celebrating a groundbreaking on a new building on Friday, June 28th at 11:00 a.m. (1227 Ansel Road, Cleveland). The new 77,000 square-foot facility plans to bolster the Hitchcock Center's supportive housing and residential treatment options and will allow for expanded care and for children to stay with their mothers, a service unique to the center. I was proud advocate and spearhead this project in the County. In total, County Council and the County provided more than \$3.6 million in ARPA funding across two Executive administrations to support this much-needed expansion. My allocation of \$1 million and Council's overall contribution of \$647,000 is a testament to the importance of this project. In addition to residential treatment, the Center also provides recovering housing during the early stages of recovery, as well as treatment options for those with mild to moderate addiction who want to carry on with their daily life and get the care they need on a flexible schedule. To schedule an assessment, call 216-421-0662. Or, if you'd like to celebrate the future of this project, join us at the groundbreaking!



## Addressing the Juvenile Justice System

Cuyahoga County is concerned about how the juvenile justice system is affecting our youngest residents—is it working? Is the system solving the problem or exacerbating it? Do changes need to be made?

County Council has created the Juvenile Justice Advisory Subcommittee to review how the juvenile justice system is working, and make recommendations to enhance services and improve outcomes for youth. The five-member committee is tasked with assessing how current court programs are working, whether new programs should be added, and where funding is needed to implement reforms. Their first meeting will be July 1st at 9:00 a.m. and streamed on the County's YouTube page. They will report their recommendations back to Council by December 31st.



In addition, the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court, in partnership with the Cuyahoga County Office of Reentry, Third Sector Capital Partners, Inc., and Case Western Reserve University, received a \$450,000 grant to design a continuum of care to divert youth from the juvenile justice system into community-based alternatives. The initiative, Care First Cuyahoga, will focus on early intervention and prevention strategies to address the root causes of youth involvement in the justice system.

In combination, these two initiatives can work together to divert kids away from the juvenile justice system. I look forward to seeing the positive effect this work will have on our community.

## Sexennial Reappraisal

Under Ohio State law and Department of Taxation rules, real property is reappraised every six years by state licensed appraisers. An appraisal is a professional opinion/estimate of value. Property values are updated based on market estimates, neighborhood sales and new construction, and proposed values per square foot. An increase in valuation does not mean your property taxes will increase. Property value notices will be sent to property owners in July, and tax bills will become available in December. Residents who wish to contest their valuation can file a complaint with the Board of Revision by visiting [cuyahogacounty.gov/bor](http://cuyahogacounty.gov/bor). Sexennial Reappraisal Presentations are taking place through July. Residents can join the next presentation happening in District 7 on Monday, July 29 from 6-8 p.m. at Saint Agnes Our Lady of Fatima Church (6800 Lexington Ave., Cleveland).



# Office of Small Business

Cuyahoga County now has a new place for entrepreneurs and small business owners to go for support. The County has created an Office of Small Business, which offers personalized assistance and guidance to small business owners, ensuring they receive the support needed to navigate the business landscape seamlessly.

The Office of Small Business will serve as a one-stop shop for business owners to grow their networks, increase their workforce, find pathways to financial opportunities, seek educational services, and lean into peer support resources.

The most critical time for every small business is the starting point. Cuyahoga County is home to more than 30,000 small businesses, and if you've thought about starting your own, I encourage you to reach out to learn more. Call the office at 216-698-2272 or email [smallbusiness@cuyahogacounty.us](mailto:smallbusiness@cuyahogacounty.us).



## Well Wishes to Olympian

Cleveland's Morelle McCane is on a quest for the gold medal as she represents the USA in Paris, France at the 2024 Summer Olympics!

The 9-time USA Champion, 4-time National Golden Gloves Champion and native Glenville resident has been an athlete ambassador for the United States for half a decade. She is the most decorated female boxer in Cleveland history and the first ever to go to the Olympics. I was thrilled to meet Morelle a few weeks before she heads off to Paris to give her my well wishes. Bring back the gold, Morelle, and tune in on July 28th for the first fight!



## Adopt Hope. Create Change



Every Child  
Needs Family

### Adoptable Kids



Cuyahoga County  
Division of Children and Family Services

Adopt Hope. Create Change. There are thousands of children currently in the care of Cuyahoga County. Many of them need a safe, stable, and loving home. With support, **\*you\*** can create and provide a safe space to help a child heal while their families seek out the change necessary to bring them safely back home or become the permanent family every child needs and deserves. Consider becoming a foster or adoptive parent. It takes a village.

Visit [everychildneedsfamily.com](http://everychildneedsfamily.com)  
or  
call 216-881-5775.

# Our Families First Summer Initiative

Summer can be challenging for families with children and teens. Without the structure and resources often provided by schools, families may struggle with childcare, food, and constructive and safe activities for kids. The County's "Our Families First" initiative outlines summer programs and resources designed to support families and children. Resources including Out-of-School Time Activities, the Youth Advocacy and Leadership Council and Summer Food Programs can be found at [cuyahogacounty.gov/familiesfirst](http://cuyahogacounty.gov/familiesfirst).

## FAMILY CRISIS RESOURCES

If you or your child are experiencing a life-threatening emergency, please call 911.

There are community resources to help families in crisis and PREVENT child abuse and neglect.

### TEEN/PARENT CRISIS

- **Risk of Harm to Self or Others** – Contact Mobile Crisis Child Response Team: 216-623-6888
- **Youth committed a delinquent or criminal act** – Contact Detention Center: 216-443-8400
- **Parents unable or unwilling to care for child** – Work with family, friends, or neighbors to locate a safe, temporary option.



### BEFORE YOU DRIVE TO DCFS

**COOLING OFF PERIOD**- Spend a few hours apart in a safe location, with relatives, or with friends to calm down and gather your thoughts.

**EXPLORE OPTIONS** – Seek help from other safe adults for at least 24 hours to help you calm the situation and address immediate concerns.

**BE AWARE** – Bringing your child to DCFS will initiate an investigation, which could result in a possible neglect complaint and court involvement.

**CONTACT** – If there is no other option to keep the child and/or family safe, contact the 696-KIDS (5437) HOTLINE or local law enforcement.



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## FAMILY CRISIS RESOURCES

**Mobile Response and Stabilization Service**  
1-888-418-MRSS (6777)  
Crisis response service to keep youth safe in their homes

**Domestic Violence & Child Advocacy Center**  
216-391-HELP (4357)  
Assess and offer shelter to battered women

**Witness Victim Center**  
216-443-7345  
Services for victims and witnesses of crime

**Cleveland Rape Crisis Center**  
216-619-6192  
24/7 Hotline for crisis counseling and assistance

**Frontline Mobile Crisis Child Response Team**  
216-623-6888  
24/7 Crisis and psychiatric services

**Project CALM, Applewood**  
216-459-9827  
Low-risk misdemeanors, mental and behavioral health needs

**Westhaven Youth Shelter**  
216-941-0063  
24/7 Emergency teen shelter

**Bellefaire Missing & Runaway Youth**  
216-570-8010  
24/7 Homeless and missing youth hotline

**First Call for Help**  
211 or 216-436-2000  
United Way Social service resources

**Cuyahoga County Division of Senior & Adult Services**  
216-420-6700  
Abuse, neglect & exploitation of older adults

**Cleveland Animal Protective League**  
Animal abuse and cruelty hotline  
216-377-1630

More resources and information  
are available at  
<https://bit.ly/FamilyCrisisResources>  
or scan the QR code.



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3955 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115  
216-431-4500

Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline: 216-696-KIDS (5437)



## Are you struggling to pay your mortgage, rent, utilities or property taxes?

Don't take out a pay-day loan, you may qualify for federal benefits if you are at risk of:



**FORECLOSURE\***  
Amount of assistance varies



**EVICTION**  
Up to 12 months rental assistance paid directly to your landlord



**UTILITY SHUT-OFF**  
Amount of assistance varies

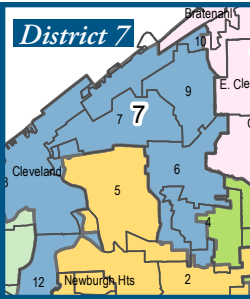


**PROPERTY TAX DELINQUENCY**  
Up to \$7,500 in assistance

Assistance available to those 55 and older. Email [era2@benrose.org](mailto:era2@benrose.org) or call us today at 216-791-8000 to schedule your FREE assessment.

\*Foreclosure assistance is available for all ages.

To create a more integrated experience for those who utilize ESOP as well as other Benjamin Rose offerings, we are thoughtfully phasing out the ESOP name. All of the ESOP financial wellness and housing stability programs and services the community has grown to know and trust will continue to be available and delivered by the same dedicated team.



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 Shawna Rohrman ..... Administrator of Invest In Children  
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 Tiffany Dobbins-Brazelton ..... Administrator of the Office of Child Support Services

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 Jennifer Ciaccia ..... Press Secretary

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Alexa Beeler ..... Inspector General

### Internal Audit

Monica Houston ..... Director of Internal Audit

## 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, &amp; 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 &amp; 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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## 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 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](http://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](http://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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