

District 7 News

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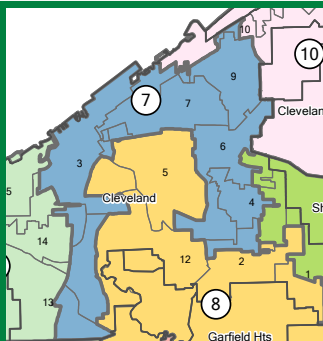
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A Message from...

Council Vice President Yvonne M. Conwell

Dear Neighbors,

What a wet and wild summer it has been! I hope you are staying cool during this hot, muggy weather. Don't forget: if you or someone you know needs a cool place to go, check online to see what cooling centers are open near you at cuyahogacounty.gov/extremeheat. And make sure to check on your older friends and neighbors!

The summer has been full of lots of exciting news and events. In this newsletter, you'll get a glimpse into our new Board of Elections Headquarters and the recent West Side Market groundbreaking. You'll also find resources to help you avoid common scams, and details about an upcoming event that will help you get your estate in order.

I am always happy to hear from residents, so don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions, comments or concerns. I am here to serve.

Stay cool, Cleveland!

Yvonne M. Conwell

Happening in District 7: 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 some projects currently underway.

Ongoing County-Administered Projects:

- Franklin Boulevard, Irishtown Bend--\$2,149,000
- Jefferson Bridge 00.57 Rehabilitation, over NS--\$4,749,202
- Cleveland Lakefront Connector (E. 9th to E. 55th Street)--\$12,000,000



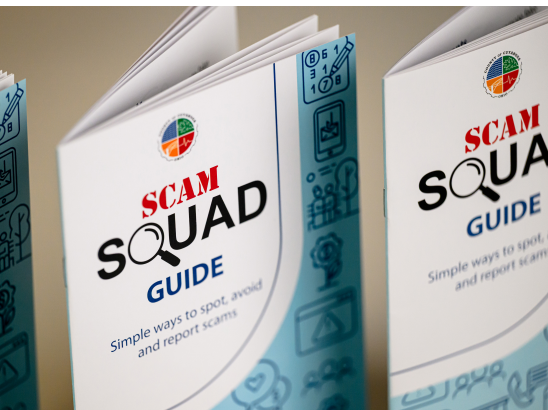
West Side Market Groundbreaking

In May, our West Side Market celebrated a significant milestone as it broke ground on a \$70 million plan to transform and reinvigorate Cleveland's historic public market. Stage 1 of the project includes construction on the East Arcade, which will become the home for all produce upon completion; infrastructure upgrades; and a complete basement overhaul to better support the 60 small businesses and 250 employees that work in the Market each day. This \$52 million stage was made possible by \$1.3 in Cuyahoga County Council funding, \$400,000 in funding from Cuyahoga County, and a host of additional public and private philanthropic partners. The East Arcade will conclude construction at the end of 2025.

Cleveland Public Market Corporation is currently raising the necessary funds to complete the remainder of the Transformation Plan, which includes the North Arcade (the future home of 10-12 new Market merchants who sell prepared local food), the Courtyard, the East Mezzanine Event Space and Balcony, and the Teaching Kitchen. If you would like to support the Market, please visit westsidemarket.org.



Scam Alert & Scam Squad Guides



The Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) has received reports of a possible texting scam being perpetrated on Ohioans from scammers claiming to be from Ohio BMV.

Ohio residents have reported receiving text messages from scammers claiming to be from BMV

and informing the recipients that they have an outstanding traffic ticket. The text then instructs the recipient to pay immediately to avoid a license suspension. This particular scam is a phishing attempt that is being reported by drivers nationwide and is designed to trick residents into giving up personal or financial information.

Do not fall for this scam! Do not click any links, and delete the text. To stay informed and educated about scams like these, the Cuyahoga County Department of Consumer Affairs has created a new Scam Squad Guide to help 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 fast.

The Scam Squad Guide is now available in print at various locations across the county, including all Cleveland Public Library branches.

Out in the Community



District 9 Councilwoman Meredith Turner and I toured the Rivers in the Desert Mobile Healing Room & Trauma Response Unit. This innovative unit delivers rapid, compassionate care to individuals and families who have experienced trauma, including gun violence or the loss of a loved one. This unit travels to the site, providing on-the-ground immediate support and care.



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 last month. Last June, the Council approved a 17-year lease at the building.

This new space will address some of the problems present at 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. Plus, we get to keep the BOE right here in District 7! Thanks to our County Department of Public Works for their work on this significant project.



County Council presented members of the Cuyahoga County Rockets Special Olympics Basketball team with a proclamation congratulating them for clinching the 2025 Special Olympics Adult Division I State Championship title, a title the Rockets have secured six times in the last seven years!

I was proud to provide comments at the County's first-ever Child Wellness Summit, which brought together dozens of community organizations and non-profits that serve the children of Cuyahoga County in many capacities. Thank you for all that you do!



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Save the Date:

Great Estates Event Coming to District 7

District 7 residents are invited to Cuyahoga County's Great Estates Outreach Event on Wednesday, October 22 from 6-8 p.m. at the Fatima Family Center, 6600 Lexington Ave., Cleveland.

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 will 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 Cuyahoga County Public Library branches and Cuyahoga County Auto Title Bureaus.



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

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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