



District 1 News

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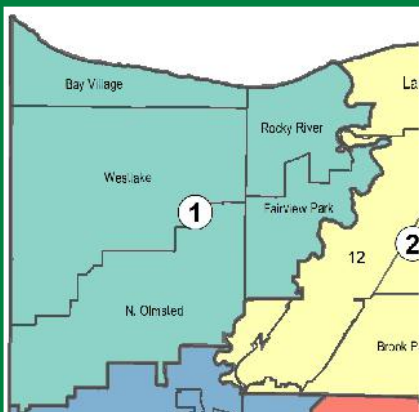
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A Message from...

District 1 County Councilman Patrick Kelly

Dear Neighbors,

I am happy to welcome you to the first edition of my District 1 newsletter.

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 enhancing public safety, improving infrastructure, or ensuring responsible economic growth, I am dedicated to advancing policies and legislation that enhance our quality of life.

I was also happy to recently allocate \$600,000 in Community Development Funding to the City of Fairview Park to purchase land to assist with their expansion and rehabilitation of Gemini Recreation Center. These renovations will mean more access and top-notch amenities for residents!

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,

Patrick Kelly

County Councilman, District 1

Spurring Economic Growth in District 1

I, along with the County's Department of Development, met with Rocky River Mayor Pam Bobst and several officials from Westlake, Bay Village and Fairview Park at the Rocky River Municipal Building to discuss economic development and various programs the County has to offer.

We discussed ways our Department of Development can partner with various local governments in District 1 to spur economic growth in their communities through business growth and lending, real estate financing, and small business support. The plans for this outreach strategy include meeting with government officials in their communities to find out what economic needs would be the best fit to attract businesses that align with the master plan for each community. I look forward to meeting with all communities in District 1 and thank our Department of Development for their partnership and facilitation of incredibly helpful community services.

Happening in District 1:

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 recently completed projects, work currently underway, and projects beginning construction soon.



| Recently Completed City Administered, County Reimbursed Projects: | | |
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| Rocky River | Hilliard Boulevard, Gasser Boulevard to Wooster Road -- (2023/2024) | \$239,000 |
| Westlake | Crocker Road, Detroit Road to Hilliard Boulevard -- (2023/2024) | \$250,000 |
| Ongoing County-Administered Projects | | |
| North Omsted | Clague Road, Lorain Road to Marion Road -- (2024) | \$2,479,900 |
| | Cedar Point Road Bridge-00.49 Rehabilitation, Over the Rocky River -- (2022) | \$3,055,337 |
| Future County-Administered Projects | | |
| Rocky River | Lake-Clifton Connector, Linda Street to Summit Avenue -- (2026) | \$11,000,000 |
| | Hilliard Bridge 08.57 Replacement, over the Rocky River-- (2026) | \$65,000,000 |
| Future City Administered, County Reimbursed Projects: | | |
| Bay Village | Bradley Road, 80 ft. North of Carlton Drive to Lake Road -- (2025/2026) | \$250,000 |
| Fairview Park | West 210th Street, Lorain Road to Center Ridge Road -- (2025/2026) | \$250,000 |
| North Omsted | Dover Center Road, Butternut Ridge Road to the North Corporation Limit -- (2025/2026) | \$250,000 |
| Rocky River | Wagar Road, Hilliard Boulevard to Detroit Road -- (2025) | \$250,000 |

ARPA Investments

Cuyahoga County received \$239 million from the federal government through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Cuyahoga County calculated 100% of the ARPA dollars as loss of 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 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 1 has approved \$6 million in American Rescue Plan Act dollars to benefit the District and other County projects that are beneficial to our Cuyahoga County community. These projects include:

| City of Bay Village | |
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| Bay Village Power Bike Project | \$10,297.98 |
| City of Fairview Park | |
| Evolis Radar Speed Sign Project | \$8,000 |
| Fairview Park Police Patrol Bicycle Project | \$9,998 |
| City of North Olmsted | |
| Springvale Ballroom ADA Ramp Project | \$35,000 |
| Oxcart Food Pantry Backup Generator | \$7,031.23 |
| City of Rocky River | |
| Automated External Defibrillator Replacement | \$12,851.65 |
| Community/Non-profit Projects | |
| City Fresh (Electric Class 4-7 Van) | \$98,770 |
| Community Housing Solutions (CHS Home Repair Program) | \$10,000 |
| The Gathering Place (Mobile Unit) | \$10,000 |
| Near West Theatre--\$5,000 (Safety & Security Planning) | \$5,000 |

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).

Animal Shelter Expansion Project

I was happy to attend the recent ribbon cutting celebrating our newly-expanded County Animal Shelter. This \$2.7 million investment transforms the shelter, enhancing services and programming, while providing a safe and loving environment for our furry friends.

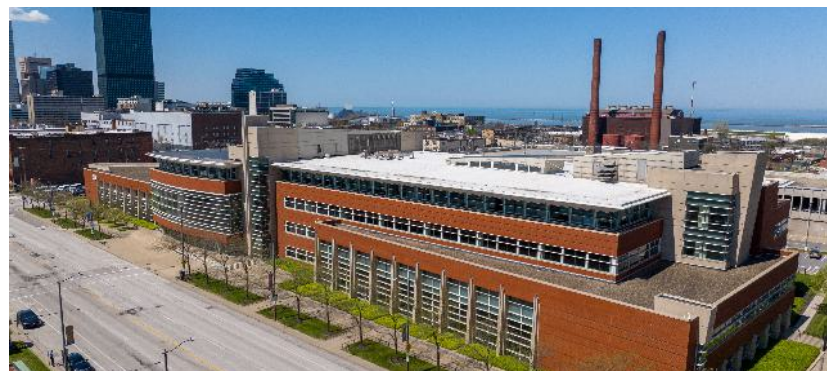


The expansion includes space for indoor playgroups, training and meetings, new signage, new fencing and gates, and new artificial turf for outdoor dog play areas.

The Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter is one of the best county animal shelters in the county, and serves as a model to other communities. It's also where I recently adopted my dog, Yeti, from!

If you are interested in giving a dog a furever home, or in volunteering at the shelter, visit cuyahogadogs.com.

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.

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 fast.



The Scam Squad Guide is now available in print at various locations across the county, including these spots in District 1:

Cuyahoga County Public Library-Bay Village Branch: 27400 Wolf Rd., Bay Village

Cuyahoga County Public Library-Fairview Park Branch: 21255 Lorain Rd., Fairview Park

Cuyahoga County Public Library-North Olmsted Branch: 27403 Lorain Rd., North Olmsted

Fairview Park Senior Life Office: 2076 Lorain Rd., Fairview Park

North Olmsted Division of Aging: 28114 Lorain Rd., North Olmsted

Westlake Department of Senior Services: 28975 Hilliard Blvd., Westlake

Westlake Porter Public Library: 27333 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake

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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