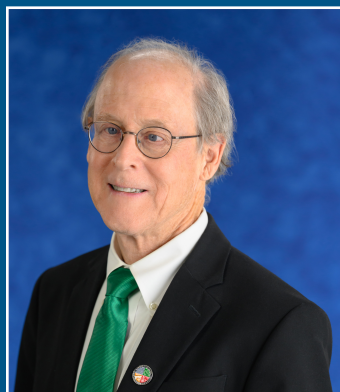




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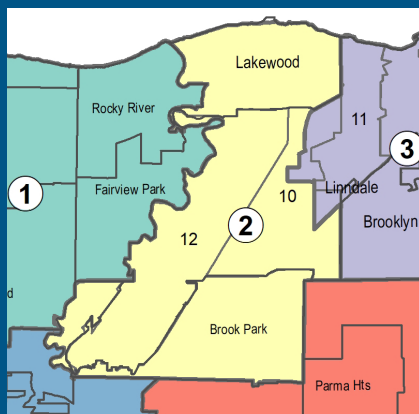
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## A Message from...

### County Council President Dale Miller

Dear Neighbors,

I am happy to welcome you to the summer issue of my District 2 newsletter, and my first as President of Cuyahoga County Council.

Unanimously elected by my colleagues in January of this year, I am proud to serve alongside our new Vice President, Yvonne M. Conwell for the 2025-2026 legislative term. Together, we will work to provide services and resources that give residents their best opportunity at success.

We also welcome three new Councilmembers: District 4 Councilman Mark Casselberry, District 6 Councilman Robert E. Schleper, Jr., and District 10 Councilman Michael J. Houser, Sr. I look forward to learning more about their priorities and working with them to move our county forward.

Through this newsletter, I aim to keep you informed about our initiatives, progress, district-specific updates, and opportunities for engagement. I encourage you to reach out with your ideas, concerns, and aspirations for our district and Cuyahoga County as a whole.

I'm excited to continue our work together to create positive change in our community.

All my best,

*Dale A. Miller*

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Cuyahoga County Council President

## New Cleveland Polling Locations

You may have seen the news recently that over 70,000 Cleveland voters have been assigned new polling locations for 2025. The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections recently formalized the new Cleveland ward maps last month and published detailed interactive maps, which can be found by visiting [boe.cuyahogacounty.gov](http://boe.cuyahogacounty.gov). These changes are taking place due to factors such as building closures, construction work, parking concerns and requests from members of Cleveland City Council. But don't worry, all registered voters in Cleveland were mailed an information guide that includes their new ward, precinct, voting location and election information.

Make your voice heard—if you're not registered to vote or want to check your registration status, head to the Ohio Secretary of State website, [ohiosos.gov](http://ohiosos.gov).



# Happening in District 2: Public Works and Infrastructure

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 County Administered Projects:                  |   |              |
|---|---|--------------|
| Lakewood  | Hillard Road Resurfacing, Warren Road to Riverside Drive -- (2023)        | \$2,310,000  |
| Recently Completed City Administered, County Reimbursed Projects: |   |              |
| Brook Park  | Holland Road, Eastland Road to Engle Road -- (2023/2024)                  | \$250,0001   |
| Ongoing County-Administered Projects                              |   |              |
| Brook Park  | Sheldon Road, Engle Road to Smith Road- (2024)                            | \$1,600,000  |
|   | Smith Road, Sheldon Road to Pearl Road-- (2025)                           | \$2,200,000  |
| Cleveland   | West 150th Bridge 01.94 Repair, over GCRTA & NS -- (2024)                 | \$1,700,000  |
| Future County-Administered Projects                               |   |              |
| Cleveland   | West 140th Street, Puritas Avenue to Lakewood Heights Boulevard -- (2027) | \$6,400,000  |
| Lakewood  | Lake-Clifton Connector, Linda Street to Summit Avenue -- (2026)           | \$11,400,000 |
|   | Hilliard Bridge 08.57 Replacement, over the Rocky River-- (2029)          | \$60,000,000 |
|   | Gold Coast Lakefront Trail -- (2030)                                      | \$TBD        |
| Future City Administered, County Reimbursed Projects:             |   |              |
| Lakewood  | Bunts Road, Lakewood Heights Blvd. to Clifton Blvd. -- (2025)             | \$1,500,000  |

*As crews are out on our streets, please make sure to abide by traffic laws and leave room for construction workers!*

## Animal Shelter Expansion Project

Our Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter just celebrated a ribbon cutting for its first-ever expansion. 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.

Our Animal Shelter serves as a model to other communities, and I am grateful to District 11 Councilwoman Sunny Simon's \$50,000 ARPA contribution to this important project.

If you are interested in giving a dog a furever home, or in volunteering at the shelter, visit [cuyahogadogs.com](http://cuyahogadogs.com).





## Taxpayer Assistance Program

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](http://chnhousingpartners.org), or by contacting the Treasurer's Office by calling 216-443-7400 (Option 1).

## Microgrid/Cuyahoga Green Energy



Cuyahoga County is modernizing and transforming Northeast Ohio's electricity grid by creating a new electric distribution utility. In fall of 2021, the County established Cuyahoga Green Energy, a new energy utility focused entirely on renewable energy and resiliency.

The purpose of Cuyahoga Green Energy is to provide clean, reliable, and locally produced energy to customers through the development of district microgrids. District microgrids are small-scale local electricity systems capable of operating independently from the main electrical grid. They also harness power from local solar arrays and various other renewable energy sources.

Microgrids allow for operational resilience. In power outages, control systems enable these microgrids to disconnect from the main grid and operate in "island mode", ensuring an uninterrupted electricity supply. Community microgrids are also designed to serve multiple interconnected customers, unlike traditional microgrids that serve single or a few adjacent customers.

This utility will spur economic development, propel clean energy, and boost resiliency. As a first step, Cuyahoga County is developing green microgrids to benefit local commercial and industrial customers. Future expansions will include schools, grocery stores, fire departments, and other vital community facilities. The utility's first three projects planned are in Euclid, Brooklyn, and the Aerozone region adjacent to Cleveland Hopkins International Airport.

Cuyahoga County has identified an initial set of pilot projects which will be deployed over the next five years. Once this first set of projects is established, the County will expand the number and size of its microgrid districts. To learn more, contact Mike Foley, Cuyahoga Green Energy Administrator, at 216-443-3055 or [mfoley@cuyahogacounty.gov](mailto:mfoley@cuyahogacounty.gov).

## Federal Funding Uncertainty

It's likely you've seen the news reports about the Trump Administration's threat of far-reaching federal funding freezes. This situation is alarming and chaotic.

So much of what Cuyahoga County does is supplemented through federal funding and grants. As a result, health and human services, public safety, infrastructure and transportation, and environmental initiatives could all be in jeopardy due to these actions. The \$129 million climate pollution reduction grant we received has been frozen and unfrozen four times at the time of this publication.

The effects of this are far-reaching. I assure you, I will not sit back and allow our investment to be withheld from us. I am committed to doing everything I can to ensure potential financial hardships are not felt on an individual level, and that your county government will not stop providing services or prioritizing the health and well-being of our residents. We will navigate the uncertainty of what's coming out of Washington and Columbus with a close eye and as best as we can. If these matters concern you, I urge you to reach out to your state and federal representatives and make your voice heard.





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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. Often, the Committee of the Whole meets prior to the Council Meeting. These meetings are free and open to the public. At Council and Committee meetings, members of the public may sign up to speak for up to 2 minutes during the public comment portion of the meeting.

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 & 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](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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