



District 6 News

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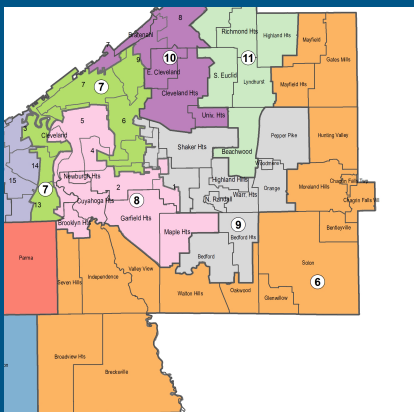
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A Message from...

District 6 County Councilman Robert E. Schleper, Jr.

Dear Neighbors,

I am happy to welcome you to the first edition of my District 6 newsletter.

I'm honored and humbled to serve as your Cuyahoga County Council representative for District 6. The recent election for this seat was one of the closest in county history, decided by just 245 votes out of over 62,000 cast. This tells us—every vote matters, every voice counts, and our collective efforts truly make a difference.

A little about me: Growing up in a blue-collar, working-class family in Portage County, I was surrounded by individuals who worked in trades, skilled labor, and manufacturing. Witnessing the importance of good jobs shaped my perspective and fueled my commitment to public service. As a first-generation college student, I worked full-time while earning three degrees, including a Bachelor's in Journalism and English and a Master's in Education from John Carroll University, and later a Doctoral Degree in Educational Leadership from New England College.

My career in education has spanned roles as a teacher, high school principal, university administrator, academic advisor, professor, and work in educational technology. These experiences have deepened my understanding of the challenges our most vulnerable citizens face and reinforced my belief in the power of good government to address inequities.

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.

Thank you for entrusting me with this responsibility. I look forward to working together to create positive change in Cuyahoga County.

Wishing you a warm spring season.

All my best,

Robert E. Schleper, Jr.

Happening in District 6: Public Works and Infrastructure

The spring season is upon us, so you know what that means—orange traffic cones! Construction season is ramping up, and your County Public Works crew is working hard to improve our streets and bridges. Here are some recently completed projects and work currently underway:



Recently Completed County Administered Projects:		
Valley View	Canal/Hillside Intersection Improvements --(2023)	\$694,756
Mayfield Village	Wilson Mills Road, Lander Road to Alpha Drive -- (2023)	\$1,494,591
Oakwood	Forbes Road, Fair Oaks Road to Richmond -- (2024)	\$2,000,000
Recently Completed City Administered, County Reimbursed Projects:		
Valley View	Canal Road, Fosdick Road Bridge to Rockside Road -- (2023/2024)	\$250,000
Mayfield Village	Ridgebury Boulevard, East Corp Limit to Lander Road -- (2023/2024)	\$250,000
Ongoing County-Administered Projects		
Independence & Valley View	Pleasant Valley Bridge 09.03, 09.68 & 09.35 Rehabilitation, over the Cuyahoga River -- (2023)	\$28,771,798
Chagrin Falls	North Main Street Bridge 00.12 Rehabilitation, over the Chagrin River -- (2024)	\$8,000,000
Future County-Administered Projects		
Valley View	Warner Road Culvert 00.20 Rehabilitation -- (2025)	\$2,000,000
Moreland Hills & Chagrin Falls	Miles Road Bridge 12.10 Replacement over Chagrin River -- (2029)	\$5,600,000
Future City Administered, County Reimbursed Projects:		
Glenwillow	Cochran Road—Phase II, Pettibone Road to 300 ft. north of Emerald Parkway -- (2023/2024)	\$250,000
Oakwood	Tyron Road—Phase II, Jean Drive to Richmond Road -- (2023/2024)	\$235,000
	Tyron Road, Broadway Avenue to Jean Drive -- (2025/2026)	\$200,000
Valley View	Alexander Road, Fitzwater Road to ECL -- (2025)	\$1,000,000
Broadview Heights	Avery Road, Royalton Road to Oakes Road -- (2025/2026)	\$150,000
Chagrin Falls	West Orange Street, Bentleyville Road to North Main Street (2025/2026)	\$200,000
Mayfield Heights	Ridgebury Boulevard, Iroquois Avenue to Orchard Heights Drive (South Side Only) -- (2025/2026)	\$250,000
Solon	Miles Road, Brainard Road to Lander Road (South Side Only) -- (2025/2026)	\$250,000

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 in District 6 community Valley View 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.

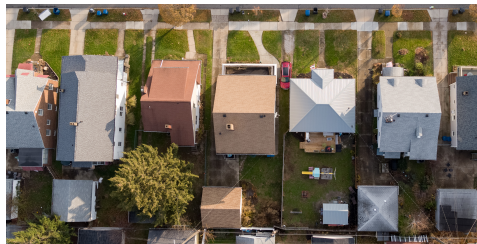
The expansion includes space for indoor playgroups, training and meetings, new signage, new fencing and gates, and new artificial turf for outdoor dog play areas.

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 forever home, or in volunteering at the shelter, visit cuyahogadogs.com.



Property Tax Assistance Program



As property taxes have increased, this has become an added burden on many homeowners in Cuyahoga County. 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 tools they need to catch up on their taxes and make informed housing choices going forward.

To apply, residents can fill out the application on CHN Housing Partners' website or contact the Treasurer's Office by calling 216-443-7400 (Option 1).

Out in the Community



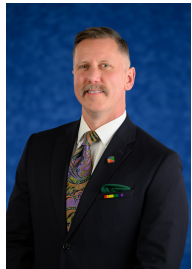
A recent trip to the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office for a tour of the facility, with District 4 Councilman Mark Casselberry, Medical Examiner Dr. Thomas Gilson, District 10 Councilman Michael J. Houser, Sr., and Medical Examiner's Office External Affairs Manager Christopher Harris.



A tour of the Cuyahoga County Jail with new Councilmen Michael J. Houser, Sr., and Mark Casselberry by Sheriff Harold Pretel showed us the inner-workings of the Corrections Center.



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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



County Council's Committee times are as follows:

- Community Development & Housing: Michael J. Houser, Sr., Chair, Mondays at 9:30 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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