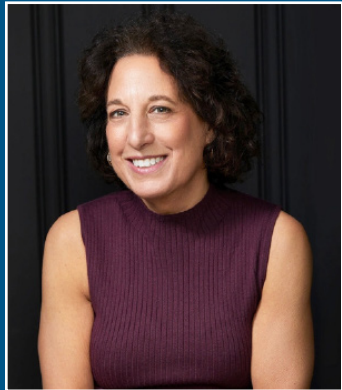




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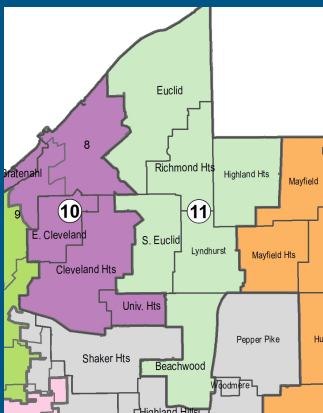
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A Message from... District 11 County Councilwoman Sunny M. Simon

*Serving the cities of Beachwood, Euclid, Highland Heights,
Lyndhurst, Richmond Heights, and South Euclid*

Dear Neighbors,

I am happy to welcome you to the spring edition of my District 11 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 championing sustainability, improving infrastructure, or ensuring responsible economic growth, I am dedicated to advancing policies and legislation that enhance our quality of life.

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.

Wishing you a warm spring season.

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Microgrid

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.

Cuyahoga County has identified an initial set of pilot projects, including in the City of Euclid, 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.



Bird-Safe Glass

According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, in the United States, an estimated one billion birds die each year from collisions with glass.



I believe Cuyahoga County can be part of the solution to this crisis. Which is why last summer, I championed the installation of bird-safe glass on the Huntington Convention Center, Rocket Area and the Cuyahoga County Justice Center.

Bird-safe glass works by transforming window glass into a barrier that birds will see and avoid. Glass that can be considered safe for birds has patterns or visual markers across the entire surface to mute or distort the reflections of surrounding elements.

These installations will make a big difference for millions of migratory birds that travel through our County on their way to and from their breeding grounds.

New Board of Elections Headquarters Coming Soon

The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections (BOE) will move to the old Plain Dealer building near Downtown Cleveland later this year. Last June, the Council approved a 17-year lease at the building at 1801 Superior Avenue.

This new space will address some of the problems with the current building on Euclid Ave and East 30th. The current BOE building has only 48 parking spaces, meaning voters often have to park offsite and walk to the building to register or vote in-person. The new location will have 700 dedicated spaces for parking and more space for line-queuing and general operations.

The Board of Elections will occupy the first and part of the second floor of this new 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.

Early voters should still go to the current BOE Headquarters on Euclid Ave. for the May 6th Primary Election. Early voting begins April 8th. You can expect to see an announcement coming from our office once the new headquarters is open.

I look forward to BOE staff and residents taking advantage of this facility upgrade and thank our County Department of Public Works for their work on this significant project.

Federal funding freeze

It's likely you have seen the news reports about the Trump Administration's 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 refrozen four times at the time of this publication. Federal rental assistance program dollars have not come through, therefore landlords aren't being paid, placing our residents at risk of homelessness.

The effects of this are far-reaching. We're seeing this at the state level as well, with the Governor's Medicaid work requirement proposal. If this gets passed in the state's budget that's currently being reviewed, roughly 100,000 residents could be kicked off of Medicaid. The Medicaid system was even shut down for the better part of a day during this federal freeze, leading to even more uncertainties. If this concerns you, I urge you to reach out to your state public officials and make your voice heard.

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.



VOTE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Early Voting at the Board of Elections

Located at 2925 Euclid Avenue in Cleveland. Voting dates and hours below:



Weekdays*	April 8 - 25	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Monday	April 28	7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	April 29	7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Weekdays*	April 30 - May 2	7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Saturday	May 3	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Sunday	May 4	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Weekdays denotes Monday through Friday
Tuesday, April 29th - Vote-by-Mail application return deadline

Become an Election Day Poll Worker

Earn \$220 or more while serving your community and seeing democracy in action. Learn more and sign up today at our website, boe.cuyahogacounty.gov

For up-to-date information on the Election, visit boe.cuyahogacounty.gov

- Primary Election
- Accessible voting options for individuals with disabilities



Animal Shelter Upgrades

I was happy to participate in 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 country, and serves as a model to other communities. That's why I was proud to contribute \$50,000 in American Rescue Plan Community Grant Funding to support this project.

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



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 11 has approved more than \$5.6 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 Beachwood	Beachwood Community Playground Project	\$700,000
City of Euclid	Heritage Park Home Improvement Grant Project	\$200,000
	Hero Park Playground & Trail Project	\$100,000
	Shore Cultural Centre Window Replacement	\$250,000
	Sidewalk Snowplows	\$90,000
	Euclid Animal Shelter Fencing and Roof Repairs-	\$32,000
	Euclid HOPE Task Force	\$13,500
City of Highland Heights	Baseball Field Restorations	\$130,000
	City Community Center Upgrade & Expansion	\$20,000
	Emergency Generator Replacement	\$250,000
	City Municipal Complex Technology	\$50,000
	Community Park Connectivity	\$100,000
City of Lyndhurst	Fire Attack Engine	\$700,000
	Snow Removal Equipment	\$173,930
	All Hazards Command Rehab Vehicle	\$28,850
City of Richmond Heights	Citywide Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan	\$40,000
	Greenwood Farm Community House Porch Replacement	\$100,000
	Richmond Heights Fire Station Area Pedestrian Bridge Replacement	\$150,000
	City Hall Emergency Generator	\$100,000
	Richmond Heights Division of Fire Ambulance Replacement	\$230,000
	Community Housing Solutions (Senior Home Repair Program)	\$50,000
	Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation- (Demolition of 422 Richmond Rd. Property)	\$12,000
	Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation- (Greenwood Farm Community Park Demolition)	\$12,000

City of South Euclid	South Belvoir Resurfacing Project	\$400,000
	Victory Park Adult & Senior Recreation Area	\$300,000
	Deer Sterilization Pilot Program	\$200,000
	Dog Park at Quarry Park North	\$10,000
Community/Non-profit Projects:		
	The Bail Project- (Bail Disruption Services)	\$50,000
	The City Club of Cleveland- (Office Space Renovation)	\$10,000
	Cleveland Zoological Society- (Primate Forest Project)	\$800,000
	Community Partnership on Aging- (Safe at Home Program)	\$10,000
	Crossroads Health- (New Directions Summer Education Program)	\$10,000
	Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter- (Capital Improvements)	\$50,000
	Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio- (Stronger Together Project)	\$17,500
	Dunnican Foundation- (Corner Literacy Lounge Comics)	\$5,000
	Environmental Health Watch- (Fresh Fest Cleveland)	\$50,000
	The Gathering Place-(Resident Services Vehicle)	\$10,000
	West Creek Conservancy- (Chippewa Creek watershed acquisition and conservation)	\$75,000
	The Literacy Cooperative- (Dolly Parton Imagination Library)	\$5,000
	National Congress of Black Women Greater Cleveland Chapter- (Bring Back the Village Initiative)	\$5,000
	Near West Theatre, Inc.- (Safety and Security Planning)	\$10,000
	Neighborhood Pets Outreach & Resource Center- (Pet Care Support for Homebound Seniors)	\$5,000
	PetFix Northeast Ohio- (Clinic Roof Replacement)	\$10,000
	Share Homes Inc.- (SAFETEE Mental Health Tracker)	\$23,000
	Waterloo Alley Cat Project- (Care of Abandoned and Feral Cats)	\$10,000

Great Estates Outreach Event Coming to District 11

District 11 residents are invited to Cuyahoga County's Great Estates Outreach Event on Wednesday, April 16th from 6-8 p.m. at the Beachwood Community Center (25325 Fairmount Blvd.).

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 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 the Cuyahoga County Public Library and Cuyahoga County Auto Title Bureau.

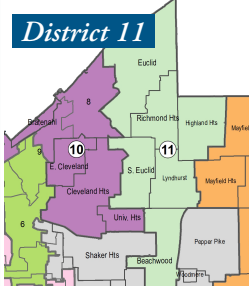
Saying Goodbye to Community Leader Ilana Hoffer Skoff

Our community is mourning the recent loss of Ilana Hoffer Skoff, co-founder of Milestones Autism Resources, at the age of 58. Her organization helps autistic individuals reach their unique potential through support, evidence-based methods and coaching for families and professionals.

Ilana's dedication to the autism community has left a lasting impact on countless lives. Her advocacy and leadership helped expand education, support, and resources for individuals with autism and their families across Northeast Ohio.



Under Ilana's guidance, Milestones grew into a vital organization, offering direct assistance to families navigating the challenges of autism. Her legacy will continue to inspire and uplift the community she served so tirelessly. My thoughts are with her family, friends, and all who were touched by her work



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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, & 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 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 & 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>	216.420.6750
<i>Home Support Programs, Options for Elders.</i>	
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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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.
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- Public Works, Procurement & Contracting: Pernel Jones, Jr., Chair, Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

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