



# District 9 News

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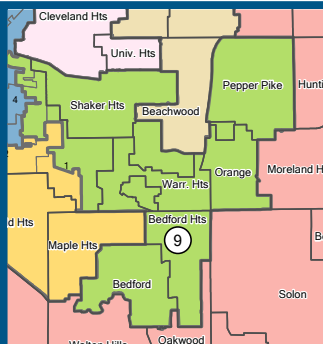
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## A Message from... Councilmember Meredith Turner

Dear Cuyahoga County Residents,

It's hard to believe that we're heading into fall and another school year for our children. And while the weather may be cooling down, your County government surely isn't!

This issue is full of information to help prepare you for back-to-school season and how to take advantage of resources available to your family. Also included is information on the recent sexennial reappraisal, and how to potentially lower the cost of your property taxes moving forward. I also provide an update on how ARPA Community Grant dollars are being put to good use.

As always, I value your thoughts and will continue to be a strong advocate for you and Cuyahoga County as a whole. I hope to see many of you out and about in the community—please say hello!

Wishing you all an easy and enjoyable back-to-school season.

All my best,

Meredith Turner

# Q2 - 2024 Accomplishments:

Cuyahoga County received \$239,898,257 from the federal government through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Cuyahoga County calculated 100% of the ARPA dollars as loss 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 have 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 9 has approved \$5.2 million in American Rescue Plan Act dollars to benefit District 9 and other Cuyahoga County projects that are beneficial to our Cuyahoga County community. These include:

Ashbury Community Services Inc.'s Digital Aviator Program:	\$5,000
Building and Leveraging Opportunities Foundation Bicycles for Warrensville City Schools:	\$5,000
Case Western Reserve University's National Youth Sports Program:	\$10,000
The City Club of Cleveland's Office Space Renovations:	\$10,000
Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation's Mt. Zion Baptist Hill Church Project:	\$2,500
DNA Rising's Foundation of Home 2 Project:	\$50,000
The Literacy Cooperative Dolly Parton's Imagination Library:	\$10,000
Make Them Know Your Name Foundation's Heart Health Program:	\$10,000
Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program of Cleveland, Inc.'s Empowering the Future Program:	\$10,000
New Directions' Summer Education Program:	\$10,000
Ohio Aerospace Institute/Great Lakes Biomimicry Lab's Cuyahoga County Business Sustainability Initiative:	\$10,000



# Sexennial reappraisal



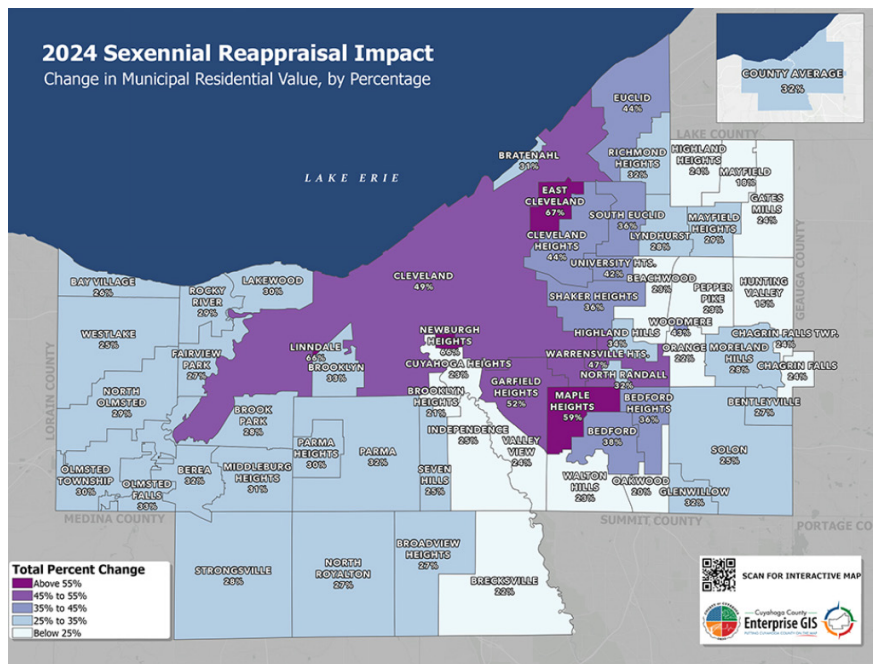
Under Ohio State law and Department of Taxation rules, real property is reappraised every six years by state licensed appraisers. An appraisal is a professional opinion/estimate of value. Property values are updated based on market estimates, neighborhood sales and new construction, and proposed values per square foot. An increase in valuation does not mean your property taxes will increase. Residents should have already received their property value notices, and tax bills will become available in December.

Residents who wish to contest their valuation can file a complaint with the Board of Revision by visiting [cuyahogacounty.gov/bor](http://cuyahogacounty.gov/bor).

There are some options for lessening property taxes or make it easier to pay property taxes:

- **Homestead Exemption Program:** a statewide program that reduces the property tax burden of qualified senior citizens and permanent and totally disabled homeowners, disabled veterans and surviving spouses of public service officers killed in the line of duty, by exempting some of the market value of their home from taxation. You can request an application at [homestead@cuyahogacounty.us](mailto:homestead@cuyahogacounty.us) or by calling **216-443-7050, prompt 1**.
- **Owner Occupancy Tax Credit:** A real estate tax reduction of 2.5% available to a homeowner for their principal place of residence. If you do not see this credit applied to your bill, contact the County at [OOC@cuyahogacounty.us](mailto:OOC@cuyahogacounty.us) or call **216-443-7050, prompt 2**.
- **EasyPay:** Homeowners wishing to pay their future property taxes in monthly or semi-annual installments rather than one lump sum can take advantage of EasyPay, a free service allowing for auto pay for property taxes. The form is available at [cuyahogacounty.gov/treasury](http://cuyahogacounty.gov/treasury).
- **Active Military Property Tax Deferral:** Allows National Guard Members and Military Reservists to defer the property taxes until six months after termination of active duty, in the event that they are deployed. The form is available at [cuyahogacounty.gov/treasury](http://cuyahogacounty.gov/treasury).

I know that this is a stressful and important issue for homeowners. Unfortunately, the property reappraisal process is mandated by state law. County Council has no ability to alter or cap property taxes. Only the Ohio legislature has the ability to do that. **If you would like to reach out to your representative, you can find out who represents you and get their contact information by visiting [legislature.ohio.gov](http://legislature.ohio.gov).**



# Back to School!

The summer has once again flown by, which means school will be starting back up before we know it! This can be a stressful time for families, but Cuyahoga County wants to make it a little easier by providing resources and information for parents.

## Family Fun Day

Join Cuyahoga County at Public Square for a day filled with fun activities, great resources from our county agencies and partners, and school supply-filled backpacks while supplies last! Kids can enjoy crafts, games, face painting, music, splash pads and more.

**We hope to see you Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.**



**COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA**  
OHIO

# FAMILY FUN DAY

Tuesday, August 6, 2024  
11:00am-2:30pm  
Public Square

**FREE ADMISSION**

**LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES!**

- Bubbles
- Crafts
- Games
- Face Painting
- Splash Pad & More!

**Free school supplies!**

While supplies last. Backpacks for youth K-12. Children must be present with caregiver to receive backpacks. Limit 3 per household. For additional backpacks, must provide copy of birth certificate.

## Cuyahoga County Fatherhood Walk

Thousands of fathers, stepfathers, and father figures will walk their children to school for Cuyahoga County's annual Fathers Walk on Thursday, September 19th. The Fathers Walk is a demonstration of men's visible, proactive engagement in their children's lives and creates family support and a celebration of education like no other event of its kind. The event is simple—fathers escort their children to school, with the opportunity to meet the principal and teachers. In addition to walking their children to school, fathers are encouraged to make a year-long commitment to dedicating themselves to family, supporting their children financially, spiritually, and emotionally, and building clean and healthy communities. For more information or to see if your child's school is participating, call 216-348-3967.





## CUYAHOGA & COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT START DATES 2024-25

**7/29 Cleveland (Year-Round Schools)**  
(Digital Arts, Davis A&M, John  
Adams, Lincoln-West, MC2STEM)

**8/5 Cleveland (Extended Year Schools)**  
Science & Medicine, Architecture &  
Design, School of One

8/12 Richmond Heights

8/14 Beachwood  
Solon  
Warrensville Heights

8/15 Euclid

8/16 Maple Heights

**8/19 Cleveland (Traditional Schools)**  
Bay Village  
Elyria  
Strongsville  
Toledo

8/20 Berea  
Brooklyn  
Lakewood  
Nardon Hills

8/21 Brecksville-Broadview Heights  
East Cleveland  
Cleveland Hts. -University Hts.  
Independence  
North Royalton  
Rocky River  
Shaker Heights

8/22 Bedford  
Canton City  
Chagrin Falls  
Cuyahoga Heights  
Fairview Park  
Mayfield  
North Olmsted  
Olmsted Falls  
Orange

8/23 South Euclid Lyndhurst

8/26 Garfield Hts.  
Lorain

8/28 Westlake

8/29 Akron

9/3 Parma

9/4 Youngstown

*\*Some districts have staggered start dates\**

# Back to School!

## Ohio's Sales Tax Holiday

Every year, the State of Ohio has a sales tax holiday of at least three days if a budget surplus exists. This year, Ohio's sales tax holiday is from 12:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> until 11:59 p.m. Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup> (that's 10 days!). This year's tax holiday period includes more eligible items that before, and offers much higher price limits on items that will not be taxed, up to \$500 (when it used to be only \$75!). The holiday also covers internet sales if the retailer accepts the order during the exemption period. The only exceptions are alcoholic beverages, marijuana products, motor vehicles, services normally subject to sales tax, tobacco and vapor products, and watercraft or outboard motors that must be titled.





The sales tax holiday is a great way to provide help to Cuyahoga County families, especially during school shopping and while the cost of living is still rising. I encourage you to take full advantage of the holiday and support local when you can! Learn more at [ohio.gov](http://ohio.gov).

Help local kids get ready for school by donating the following:


<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Backpack	<input type="checkbox"/> Index Cards
<input type="checkbox"/> Calculator TI 30 or higher	<input type="checkbox"/> Markers
<input type="checkbox"/> Colored Pencils box of 12	<input type="checkbox"/> Pencils
<input type="checkbox"/> Crayons box of 24	<input type="checkbox"/> Pens
<input type="checkbox"/> Glue Bottle/Stick	<input type="checkbox"/> Scissors
<input type="checkbox"/> Headphones	<input type="checkbox"/> Folders
<input type="checkbox"/> Highlighter	

Or purchase online and ship directly to us using our wishlists at

Target  Scan me

Amazon  Scan me

Donations should be dropped off on Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm or email [DCFSOutreach@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:DCFSOutreach@jfs.ohio.gov) to schedule a pick-up.



Cuyahoga County  
Division of Children and Family Services

## Backpack and School Supplies Needed

Many of the families in our community are not able to afford school supplies or backpacks for their children. If you have the means, I encourage you to participate in the Division of Children and Family Services 2024 Back to School Challenge by donating school supplies or a backpack for a student in need. Or you can make it even easier by purchasing online and shipping the supplies directly to DCFS using their wishlists at Target or Amazon. I am so appreciative of any donations you can make.

# Office of Small Business

Cuyahoga County now has a new place for entrepreneurs and small business owners to go for support. The County has created an Office of Small Business, which offers personalized assistance and guidance to small business owners, ensuring they receive the support needed to navigate the business landscape seamlessly.

The Office of Small Business will serve as a one-stop shop for business owners to grow their networks, increase their workforce, find pathways to financial opportunities, seek educational services, and lean into peer support resources.

The most critical time for every small business is the starting point. Cuyahoga County is home to more than 30,000 small businesses, and if you've thought about starting your own, I encourage you to reach out to learn more. Call the office at 216-698-2272 or email [smallbusiness@cuyahogacounty.us](mailto:smallbusiness@cuyahogacounty.us).





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**OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS**

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**YOUR BUSINESS IS OUR BUSINESS**

- Start your business
- Grow your business
- Access to capital
- Procurement & Contracting

## Do you need help with home energy costs?

**Ohio's Home Energy Assistance Summer Crisis Program (SCP) may be able to assist in paying your summer utility bills.**

We can provide application assistance to eligible households.



**Call our Connection Center for Assistance 216-420-6700**

This program is made possible by a grant from the Ohio Department of Aging through the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging.



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Division of Senior and Adult Services



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 must have clear space for postal  
 machines to read address

## Cuyahoga County Important Numbers



Councilwoman Turner is the Chair of the *Human Resources, Appointments and Equity Committee*, and is a member of the *Finance & Budgeting Committee*, the *Public Works, Procurement and Contracting Committee* and the *Health, Human Services and Aging Committee*.

Board of Elections	216.443.8683
Board of Health	216.201.2000
Child Abuse Hotline	216-696.5437
Child Support Services	216.443.5100
CMHA	216.348.5000
Food Assistance/Medicaid	216.987.7000
Home Repair Loan Program	216.348.4066
Jury Duty	216.443.8625
MetroHealth	216.778.7800
Homeless Services	216.420.6844
Ohio Means Jobs	216.777.8200
Sheriff's Office	216.443.6000
RTA	216.621.9500
Veterans Services	216.698.2600

**Council Meetings and Committee Meetings are Open to the Public**  
**Free Parking at 900 Prospect – 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Skywalk**

Attend a regular Council meeting – 5pm, every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month

Watch on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/CuyahogaCounty> (live and archived) Dates and times are subject to change; please go to Cuyahoga County Council's Website at [www.council.cuyahogacounty.gov](http://www.council.cuyahogacounty.gov) or you may call 216.698.2010, to access the schedule of upcoming meetings.