



May 2019 Newsletter

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

On Thursday, April 18, Cuyahoga County Executive Armond Budish presented his fifth State of the County Address. The address highlighted 2018 accomplishments, provided updates for ongoing community-wide initiatives and announced far reaching and potentially transformative projects launching in 2019, including a [Climate Change Action Plan](#) and a resilient power grid called a [microgrid](#).

Staying informed about how Cuyahoga County is looking ahead and continuing to make an impact in all residents' lives is important for everyone living and working in the community. You can find our [2018 Overview](#), which highlights progress and services that impact you and your neighbors, on the County website.

Construction and Maintenance Notices

Towpath Trail, Stage 1 in the City of Cleveland: Work will continue along Harvard Road and Jennings Road. Traffic will be maintained in each direction.

Towpath Trail, Stage 3 in the City of Cleveland: Work will resume when weather permits. Landscaping needs to be performed and will have minimal impact to traffic. You can learn more about the Towpath Trail Construction on the [County Public Works page](#).

Wallings in the City of Broadview Heights: Project will be completed in May.

Royalton Road in the City of North Royalton: Current work will continue on Royalton Road. Current traffic patterns will remain the same for the next few months.

Future Amazon Site Perimeter Roads in the City of Euclid: Limited single-lane closures along Babbitt Rd., Lakeland Blvd., St. Clair Ave., and E. 260 St. as intersection and sidewalk paving operations continue.

Stone Road Bridge in the City of Independence: Construction will continue. Traffic will be maintained across the bridge with one lane as it has since the start of the project. Installation of parapet walls and the asphalt roadway up to the bridge will be performed. Expected project completion in summer 2019.

Cedar Road in the Cities of Beachwood, Lyndhurst, South Euclid and University Heights: Work in Phase 1 from Richmond Road to South Green Road will continue. The contractor is currently working in the westbound lanes while two-way traffic is maintained on the eastbound lanes. Within the next few weeks, two-way traffic will flip to the westbound lanes, and the contractor will begin work on the east bound lanes. Although two-way traffic will be maintained, expect delays.

Warrensville Center Road in the Cities of Bedford and Maple Heights: Construction began on April 1, 2019. Work has begun in the section between Rockside Road and I-480. Traffic will be maintained in each direction while working in this section. The contractor is currently working in the westbound lanes while two-way traffic is maintained on the eastbound lanes. Within the next few weeks, two-way traffic will flip to the westbound lanes, and the contractor will begin work on the eastbound lanes.

Bradford Pump Station Elimination in the City of Brecksville: Restoration along Settlers Passage including drive aprons and landscaping. Work will continue on Crinkleroot.

Rehabilitation of Bridges 156, 157, 158 and 226 on Highland Road in the City of Euclid: Work on the bridges will continue. Traffic is being maintained in each direction.

Bagley Road/Pleasant Valley Road in the Cities of Parma and Middleburg Heights: The contractor will be out to perform final items of work such as landscaping. There will be minimal impact to traffic.

Pleasant Valley Road from State Road to Broadview Road in the City of Parma: Contractor will be out to install the permanent lane markings when weather is dry and warm enough. There will be minimal impact to traffic.

West 41st Street Bridge in the City of Cleveland: Concrete sealing will take place. There will be no impact to traffic.

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

Fiscal Office

The Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer is responsible for County services such as estate taxes, general accounting, homestead exemption, licenses, manufactured housing, real estate assessment and services, real estate tax duplicates and rates, and weights and measures.

The Fiscal Office is currently sending out letters to homeowners that are not current in their property tax payments. **This situation could impact you and your continued ownership of your home.**

If you own a home and are unable to pay the entire balance due, you may be eligible for a payment plan which can help you pay off the delinquent tax balance over the agreed-upon time period of the payment plan by making monthly payments and also paying all current taxes when they are due.

If you receive this letter, you can contact the Fiscal Department for further information on the payment plan program or review your current situation. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. You can call the **Treasury Office main phone number at 216-443-7420** or the **Delinquent Tax Outreach Department within the Prosecutor's Foreclosure Division at 216-443-7698.**

FROM OUR BLOG AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Conversations with the County

For this month's "**Conversations with the County**," County Executive Armond Budish spoke with Director of Sustainability Mike Foley about the new Climate Change Action Plan. Climate change has real impacts both globally and here in Cuyahoga County, and the Climate Change Action Plan includes tangible steps and goals to help make Cuyahoga County a healthier and more vibrant place to live.

[Watch this month's video.](#)

Cuyahoga Performance Report

Cuyahoga County recently released its first-ever Cuyahoga Performance Report. This report uses data collected throughout 2018 to identify how the County is making progress toward the 15 goals of the Cuyahoga County Strategic Plan and where we can further meet the needs of our residents. You can find information on topics like greenhouse gas emissions, job creation and retention and enrollment in federal programs such as Medicaid and SNAP. You can check

out the full report on the [County website](#).

EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

The **Primary Election** is **May 7th**, with polls open from **6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.** The Primary Election is in select municipalities throughout the county, therefore not everyone will be voting. You can check to see if your municipality has issues on the ballot on the [primary election page](#).

The next **Cuyahoga County Council Meetings** will be held **May 14th** and **May 28th** at **5 p.m.** in the Council Chambers on the 4th Floor of the Administrative Headquarters at 2079 East Ninth Street, Cleveland. [Watch a live stream of County Council Meetings](#).

The Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) continues its **In Your Neighborhood** event throughout 2019 to help residents get to know DCFS staff, learn what they do and how you can work together to help families. Each event will have focused discussion topics and staff will be available to address specific cases and personal questions. The next In Your Neighborhood event is **May 22nd** from **4-6 p.m.** at the Cuyahoga County Library in Garfield Heights, 5409 Turney Road, Garfield.

Join the **Solar United Neighbors Cuyahoga County Solar Co-Op** by attending a Community Information Session. At these sessions you can learn about how solar works, how it can be financed, and how it can be installed on your home. Solar panels have saved roughly 170 Ohio homes more than \$5 million on electricity costs over a 25-year span. Sessions are **May 22nd** from **6-8 p.m.** (Southeast Branch Cuyahoga County Public Library, 70 Columbus Rd., Bedford 44146) and **May 23rd** from **6-8 p.m.** (City of Parma Council Chambers, 6611 Ridge Rd., Parma 44129). Visit the [Solar United Neighbors site](#), or email ohteam@solarunitedneighbors.org. [Watch this video](#) to hear about the impact of the solar co-op.