



*September 2019 Newsletter*

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

### **Bike and Scooter Rentals**

Dockless scooters are coming to Cuyahoga County! Last month the Cuyahoga County Department of Sustainability issued four vendor's licenses to shared mobility companies. Lime, Spin and VeoRide will be operating e-scooters within the County, while Bird will be operating both e-scooters and e-bikes.

While Cleveland will be the main location for most of the devices, the license requires at least 150 devices per operator to be placed in some areas outside of Cleveland. The County is currently collaborating with the City of Cleveland, a few of the first-ring suburbs and other interested parties to designate preferred parking locations for these devices. This program increases availability of sustainable transportation. For more information on dockless scooters and bikes, visit the County's [Bike and Scooter Share Page](#).

## DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

### **Office of Emergency Management**

The Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) works to protect the lives, property and economy of Cuyahoga County through preparedness, planning and effective response to natural disasters, man-made catastrophes and emergencies. OEM facilitates programs like ReadyNotify, which is an emergency notification system used by Cuyahoga County and participating municipalities to issue important, potentially life-saving updates to the public. You can sign up for ReadyNotify on OEM's [website](#).

September is National Preparedness Month, which promotes family and community disaster and emergency planning. OEM encourages families to create communications plans and utilize emergency supply lists in the event of an emergency so families can feel a sense of relief

knowing that they are prepared. For more information on emergency preparedness and helpful forms your family can fill out, visit the [Ready.gov website](#).

## FROM OUR BLOG AND SOCIAL MEDIA

### Fathers Walk

The Cuyahoga County Fatherhood Initiative invites fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, brothers, uncles and father figures in Cuyahoga County to walk your child to school in support of education for the **Fathers Walk on Thursday, September 19**. Many fathers take their children to school every day throughout the school year. On this day, they are encouraged to join other fathers in a visible, productive demonstration of commitment to supporting their children. Those participating in the Fathers Walk should arrive with their children at school 15-30 minutes before the starting bell. Each participating school will greet the fathers and share opportunities to be more involved in the school and education of their child. To sign up your school, email [Theresa.Thomas@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:Theresa.Thomas@jfs.ohio.gov) or call **216-348-3967**.

### National Voter Registration Day

National Voter Registration Day is **September 24**. Every year millions of Americans find themselves unable to vote because they miss a registration deadline, don't update their registration, or aren't sure how to register. The deadline for voter registration is Monday, **October 7<sup>th</sup>**. You can check your registration status on the [Board of Elections website](#).

### Recycling Tips

The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District is reminding residents that recycling contamination can wreak havoc on the recycling process in Cuyahoga County.

The best way to avoid recycling contamination in your curbside recycling is to recycle only these five items:

- 1) **Cans:** Empty and rinse.
- 2) **Cartons:** Empty and rinse. Replace the cap—it's too small to be recycled by itself!
- 3) **Glass Bottles and Jars:** Empty and rinse.
- 4) **Paper and Boxes:** Flatten cardboard items, like cereal boxes, to save space.
- 5) **Plastic Bottles and Jugs:** Empty and rinse. Replace the cap.

## EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

The next **Cuyahoga County Council Meetings** will be held **September 10** and **September 24** at **5 p.m.** in the Council Chambers on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Administrative Headquarters at 2079 East Ninth Street, Cleveland. To watch a live stream of County Council Meetings, visit <http://bit.ly/2XCy3UT>.

The Division of Senior and Adult Services and The MetroHealth System are co-hosting the **25<sup>th</sup> Annual Cuyahoga County Conference on Aging** on **Friday, September 13 from 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.** This conference will contain presentations and discussions that seek to elevate the conversation about making a positive impact on the aging population in Cuyahoga County and will provide resources to support older adults with collaboration and networking opportunities. This year's keynote speaker is the President of the AARP Foundation Lisa Marsh Ryerson. General registration is \$65 and retiree and student registration is \$25. To register, visit <http://bit.ly/30ril7b>, or call 216-698-2562 for any questions.

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 community members 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 **September 26 from 5-7 p.m.** at the Parma CBS Parkview Head Start Building, 5210 Loya Parkway, Parma.

The Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter is hosting a Jog for **Dogs 5k and 1m Fun Run and Walk**. This dog-friendly event is **September 22**, with the **5k starting at 8:30 a.m.** and the **1m walk starting at 9 a.m.** right down the street from the shelter on the Valley View Towpath, 8333 Rockside Road, Valley View, 44125. This event supports the dogs of the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter's Best Friend Medical Fund that serves to help treat and cure the sick and injured strays that come into the shelter. After the race, there is a post party where awards to top runners and fundraisers will be given out along with a DJ, food trucks, vendors, games for your dogs, face painting and more! Sign up by yourself or invite friends/family and co-workers to start a fundraising team! Register at <http://bit.ly/2XSNJ6r>.

Join the **Social 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 in your home. Sessions are **September 24** (Melt Bar and Grilled, 6700 Rockside Road, Independence) **September 25** (Paragon Wine Bar, 21920 Lake Shore Blvd., Euclid) and **September 26** (Michael Zone Recreation Center, 6301 Lorain Ave., Cleveland), all at 6:00 p.m. Click [here](#) for more information, or email [ohteam@solarunitedneighbors.org](mailto:ohteam@solarunitedneighbors.org). [Watch this video](#) to hear about the impact of the solar co-op.

## **Construction and Maintenance Notices**

Royalton Road in the City of North Royalton: Curb, sidewalk and drive aprons will be installed on the north half of Royalton Road. Contractor will move into Section 2 (Abbey Road to York Road) to begin the roadway work.

Cedar Road in the Cities of Beachwood, Lyndhurst, South Euclid and University Heights: All lanes are open to traffic. Temporary lane closures may be needed.

Rehabilitation of Bridges 156, 157, 158 and 226 on Highland Road in the City of Euclid: Work on the bridges will continue. Highland Road is closed at Bridge 226 due to unsafe conditions. Highland Road will remain closed until the Spring.

Eddy Road and Shaw Road Resurfacing in the City of Cleveland: Work has begun on both roads. Base repairs will be performed in September. One-way traffic will be maintained.

Mastick Road in Fairview Park: Asphalt intermediate course has been placed. Currently working on base repairs and aprons. Road is open to two-way traffic, with the exception of the areas where base repairs are being performed. A detour is posted.

Cedar Road from SOM Center Road to Chagrin Road in Gates Mills and Hunting Valley: Cedar is currently closed to thru traffic. A detour is posted. Local traffic is maintained while the contractor performs the overlay project. Roadway base repairs and intermediate asphalt has been paved. Widening near Chagrin River Road will take place in the next 30 days.

Adele Lane and Westwood Lane Culvert replacements in Olmsted Township: Working on demolition of Adele Road culvert. Preparing for Westwood culvert demolition. Both roads are closed to traffic and a detour is posted.

Sprague Road in the Cities of Middleburg Heights and Strongsville: Work is scheduled to begin in September. One-way traffic will be maintained in the eastbound direction. A detour will be posted.