



# County News Now

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## Cuyahoga County Resources, Services and Information for You



### Cuyahoga County Diversion Center Now Open

The Cuyahoga County Diversion Center, a first-of-its-kind facility in Ohio created to help keep individuals with mental illnesses and substance use disorders out of jail system, opened its doors on May 3. The Diversion Center works in conjunction with law enforcement to help individuals involved in a low-level offense who are exhibiting signs and symptoms of a mental illness and/or addiction receive the help, care and linkage to community resources they need in a treatment environment rather than going to the County jail.

[Learn More About the Transformative Diversion Center](#)



Our Response To The Covid-19 Crisis

**COMMITMENT**  
RESILIENCE  
COMMUNITY



### Cuyahoga County's Emergency COVID Response Report

The County's "Emergency COVID Response Report," recently released by County Executive Budish, outlines the County's comprehensive response to the pandemic. The report reviews several of the different ways the County worked internally and with its community partners to combat the effects of the pandemic on our residents and businesses. The three focus areas of the report are: public health and safety, economic crisis, and maintaining county services. The work highlighted in this report demonstrates the urgent commitment of our County workers and our community partners to helping our residents get the

supports they need to stay safe and healthy during the ongoing COVID crisis.

[Read the County's COVID Response Report](#)



### Cuyahoga's Older Americans Keep Our County Strong

Every May, Cuyahoga County joins the rest of the nation in celebrating Older Americans Month (OAM). This year's OAM theme is "Communities of Strength." When Older Americans Month was established in 1963, only 17 million living Americans had reached their 65th birthday. Today, [more than 54 million Americans are over the age of 65](#). And many are living vibrant, active lives – working longer in careers, volunteering in their communities, raising grandchildren, and so much more. Our [Division of Senior and Adult Services](#) (DSAS) helps thousands of older adults in Cuyahoga County live independently by providing adult protective services, in-home care, information services and senior center programming.

Do you know an older American who is a pillar of strength in our community? We would love to hear their story. Contact us and tell us more about how this special person is helping to make Cuyahoga County a "Community of Strength."

[Contact Us](#)



### Tree Canopy Grant Program

The "Healthy Urban Tree Canopy" grant is an initiative of County Executive Armond Budish to promote a healthy tree canopy in our county with grant funds for tree planting and maintenance projects. In its second year of funding, the County will invest \$950,000 into its tree canopy by funding 26 projects for tree plans and tree planting sponsored by area municipalities, neighborhoods, and nonprofits. This funding will spur the creation of 20 tree planting projects, five tree planning and planting projects, and one new tree nursery.

[View the Full List of Awards and Locations](#)

### 2021 State of the County Address

In his annual address, Cuyahoga County Executive Armond Budish will provide the community with an update on efforts to support public health and safety during the pandemic, and the many ways in which the County supported residents and small



businesses in the ensuing economic crisis. In this virtual address, Executive Budish will also provide a look ahead as we begin to emerge from the worst of the pandemic and consider how the County moves forward.

The livestream will be available **May 20 beginning at 12 p.m.**

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