



January 2020 Newsletter

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

2019 Urban Tree Canopy Assessment

The County Planning Commission released its updated 2019 Urban Tree Canopy Assessment. The study found that 6,600 acres of trees have been lost since 2011, but there are over 370,000 acres available for planting! Earlier this year the County contributed **\$950,000** to 26 community plans. Municipalities, community organizations and non-profits can apply again in early 2020 to receive funding for tree planning or planting.

To read the full assessment and find information on grant funding, visit the [Planning Commission website](#).

The Lab @ Cuyahoga County

The Lab @ Cuyahoga County is a new program launched by the Office of Innovation & Performance that aims to connect local entrepreneurs and businesses with public sector partners to test new ideas, products or services in a real-world environment for 12-16 weeks. Participants will be given the resources they need to go from idea to launch.

Applications open January 6, and you can apply on the [Innovation & Performance website](#).

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

County Archives

The County Archives, at 3951 Perkins Ave., allows both residents and visitors the chance to discover birth or death records, marriage records, property history and other records of interest.

Blast through the past by visiting the Archives, open Mondays, Wednesday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

FROM OUR BLOG AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Plastic Bag Ban FAQ

What is a “plastic bag ban” and why does Cuyahoga County have one? How does this affect me as a shopper in the County? Does this mean I won’t be able to buy trash bags or Ziploc bags?

We know you have questions, so we have compiled a list of **FAQs** and answers to these questions on our [BYOBag website](#) to help you navigate the plastic bag ban, which goes into effect January 1.

Census 101—Security and Confidentiality

Your responses to the 2020 Census can’t be taken by the government and used against you—not even by the FBI, CIA, Homeland Security or ICE. The law requires that the Census Bureau keeps your information confidential and uses your responses only to produce statistics. Census takers must take an oath to keep your information secure and confidential.

For a list of myths about the 2020 Census, read our [blog post](#).

EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

County Council Meeting

January 14 and January 28, 5 p.m., Council Chambers - 2079 East Ninth Street, Cleveland

[Watch the live stream.](#)

Solar United Neighbors Cuyahoga County Solar Co-Op Community Info Session

January 9, 6 p.m., Rocky River Public Library—1600 Hampton Rd., Rocky River, 44116

Learn about how solar works, how you can save money and energy, and how it can be installed in your home.

Construction and Maintenance Notices

Rehabilitation of Bridges 156, 157, 158 and 226 on Highland Road in the City of Euclid: Work on the bridges will continue. Bridges 156 and 157 are nearly complete. The contractor will continue work on the east halves of Bridges 158 and 226. Highland Road will remain closed until the Spring.

Sprague Road in the Cities of Middleburg Heights, Strongsville, North Royalton and Parma: Traffic is

being maintained in the eastbound direction only. A detour is posted for westbound traffic. Work on the new water line and storm sewers will continue through the winter.