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A Message from Councilwoman Jasmin Santana

Greeting Ward 14 Resident,

Spring has finally arrived and I hope residents throughout Ward 14 take advantage of the nice weather to get to know your neighbors and get involved in community events.

It’s been less than five months since I was sworn in as your new city councilwoman, and I’m energized by the spirit and opportunity in our ward.

During this warm weather, I am committed to making Ward 14 shine, but I need your help. Together we can clean up litter and put a stop to illegal dumping in our neighborhoods.

Residents this summer will be seeing more road repairs, more neighborhood cleanups and more police patrols. These are quality-of-life issues that concern us all. And you can help your neighborhood by reporting high weeds and grass, graffiti, standing water and abandoned properties and vehicles.

Also, keep an eye on any criminal or suspicious activities in your neighborhood. If you “See something. Say something.”

The city, due to enhanced resources in its operating budget this year, will be boosting its staff and programs aimed at curbing youth violence and improving safe, summer recreation.

Meanwhile, lots of big things are happening in our ward. MetroHealth

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Medical Center is preparing to launch a massive transformation and renovation that will benefit neighborhoods along Scranton Road and West 25th Street. The project will open public space and stimulate business opportunities in the area (details on page 3).

MetroHealth is expected to unveil the project’s design in the next few months. A new parking garage is currently under construction.

MetroHealth is committed to its nearby neighborhoods and to ensure that Ward 14 residents' concerns are heard. The hospital is establishing an “Open Table Initiative” to identify families in need of support and to gather community volunteers to offer that support.

Teams of volunteers, using their professional and personal experiences, will provide guidance for those among us who have little hope. For some, this program is truly a life line.

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Executive Assistant for Ward 14 Maranyeliz Miranda

I am pleased to introduce Maranyeliz Miranda as my executive assistant on Cleveland City Council.

As I had mentioned during my campaign, a top priority as your elected official is to improve communication between residents and the Ward 14 council office and to provide the necessary services to keep our neighborhoods safe and healthy. Maranyeliz will be working very closely with Ward 14 constituents to ensure everyone’s questions and concerns are addressed. She will also be coordinating and scheduling community meetings and events. And in my absence, she will be attending community meetings in my behalf. Maranyeliz Miranda was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. She grew up in the Clark/Fulton neighborhood in her adolescent years and attended Scranton Elementary School. Maranyeliz currently lives with her family in Ward 11. She is currently attending Cuyahoga Community College with a concentration on Public Relations and Customer Service. She is bilingual in Spanish and has seventeen years of customer relations experience at New York Community Bancorp F.K.A. Ohio Savings Bank, providing her with the tools necessary to better serve the public. During her time, she has learned to recognize the importance of supporting the needs of the population she will serve.

“I will be an asset to those I serve, continuously representing the community with pride and respect,” says Maranyeliz. “I look forward to serving the general-public and doing my part to help improve this city that I love.”

– Councilwoman Jasmin Santana

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Neighborhood Connections, with additional funding from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture, have awarded grants to numerous projects in Ward 14. Projects marked with an asterisk (*) are co-funded by the residents of Cuyahoga County through Cuyahoga Arts & Culture.

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- LatinUs Theater*: awarded $4,844 to do theater presentations using the street as a venue. The show is free to the public and will feature the use of Big Heads (cabezones) that are popular at festivals in the Caribbean, Central America and Latin America.
- Mercedarian Walkers: awarded $500 to promote their physical fitness program. The program is designed to increase and improve the physical and mental health of the elderly.

**STOCKYARDS**

- Garden Leaders Cleveland: awarded $5873 for a Toolbank Maintenance Project. Funds will be used to maintain and replace tools that the whole neighborhood can use. Stockyards
- Metro West Safety Committee: awarded $2,007 for Cookouts with Cops 2. New members of the community will get a chance to meet longtime residents and local police officers for a day of food and fun.

The next upcoming grant deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, August 10, 2018. To learn more visit: www.neighborhoodgrants.org/apply-for-a-grant-2/

Tri-C Program Works to Empower Women

Cuyahoga Community College, through its Women in Transition program, is offering classes aimed at empowering women to move forward personally, academically and financially.

Admission to the program is based on areas of educational needs and values, along with workforce, career and personal objectives.

Class curriculum includes career exploration, personal development, computer training and various workshops on coping with life’s stresses.

For more information, visit www.tri-c.edu/wit or call the closest Tric-C campus near you. Here are the phone numbers:

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- Eastern – 216-987-2272
- Western – 216-987-5091
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MetroHealth Campus Transformation Update

MetroHealth will soon have a complete makeover and feature a new, 10-floor main hospital building, a new outpatient plaza, new parking garages and much more. About half the campus – 25 acres – will become park-like and open to the public for the neighborhood to enjoy.

You may have noticed that construction has already begun, and cranes are in the sky. A new 1,500-space parking garage is scheduled to be complete by fall. Once finished, the current parking garage – which is where the new hospital will be built – will be demolished. The new hospital is scheduled to be open in 2022. Once it is open, the symbolic MetroHealth hospital towers will be torn down.

Throughout the development, MetroHealth is working closely with the city and the Ohio Department of Transportation to keep traffic difficulties to a minimum. MetroHealth is also exploring ways to improve traffic flows around its main campus, including the I-71 and West 25th Street interchange. We also know how important it is to have easy access to public transportation for the patients, families and employees we serve. We are working with RTA on these efforts and details are still being worked out.

The goals of the MetroHealth Transformation are to improve access to healthcare for everyone in Cuyahoga County, create healthier communities, which includes strengthening Ward 14 neighborhoods by investing and developing new businesses, homes, restaurants and retail for the community.

MetroHealth representatives will soon give a presentation to residents about the Transformation and will answer questions. If you have any questions in the meantime, please call 440-592-1320 or email transformation@metrohealth.org.

After Six Years Condemned Home to Be Demolished in June

A condemned home on Denison Avenue owned by the Cleveland school district is scheduled to be demolished in June and the property, next to Denison Elementary School, will be turned into greenspace while the district continues to examine plans to rebuild the school. Since taking office, Councilwoman Jasmin Santana has worked to have the empty, condemned home taken down.

Roads Repaved in Ward 14

Numerous streets are being repaved in Ward 14. The construction recently started and is expected to be completed by the end of July.

Advance notice signs will be posted on streets to advise residents of upcoming construction. I understand its can be an inconvenience, but it will be well worth it. More than $477,000 is being spent on road re-pavement and improvements in Ward 14 this year.

One lane of traffic will be maintained for local traffic for the duration of each project and no detours are expected. Access to all businesses, residences and side streets will be maintained during construction. However, on-street parking will not be allowed during construction.

As we move into spring, we want to keep the City of Cleveland and Ward 14 beautiful, healthy and clean by reporting nuisance properties and illegal dumping.

If you observe illegal dumping please call 9-1-1 and report it immediately. If you find an area where illegal dumping has occurred already, call 664-DUMP (3867) and report it. “Look around, walk around, breathe clean air and don’t litter the ground.”

Nuisance Properties

The city’s lot cleaning and cleaning program aims to eliminate health and safety hazards in vacant lots. The activities include cutting weeds and removing debris.

Owners who abandon their properties will be charged for maintenance services and fines will be incurred. If owners do not pay their service invoices, liens will be placed on the properties. Properties are cleaned and cut every 6-7 weeks from April to September.

Here is some important info to know about the lot cleaning and cleaning program:

• The program is systematic and all vacant properties with high grass and weeds will be cut during the growing season. If you have a question on when a particular property will be serviced, please call 420-8300 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Message Continued

In other Ward 14 news, work should soon begin to complete the Tow Path Trail and add connectors to the section that now runs along the border of the Steelyard Commons shopping center, giving walkers and bike riders the ability to go north and south on the trail.

And speaking of outdoor fun, don’t forget to stop by La Placita an open-air market held three Saturdays this summer at 3104 West 25th Street, the heart of Cleveland’s Latino community. The three Saturdays are June 9, July 14 and August 18. The event features live entertainment, Latino foods and artisan vendors. Hope to see you there.

Finally, I am happy to say we are seeing some significant developments in Ward 14 and I intend to keep the momentum going. Despite challenges we face, we still have many accomplishments and we will continue to build on them.

I look forward to continue working with you. Together we will build community.

Have a safe and fun summer. And please do not hesitate to contact me with any thoughts, questions or concerns at jsantana@clevelandcitycouncil.org or 216-664-4238.

Respectfully Yours,

Jasmin Santana
Councilwoman, Ward 14
Community Meetings

Every 4th Thursday of the Month
6:30 - 7:30 pm
at Family Ministry Center
(3389 Fulton Rd, Cleveland, OH 44109)

May 24
June 28
July 26
August 23
September 27
October 25

Holiday Break:
No meetings in November and December.
Meetings will resume in 2019.

Si tiene alguna pregunta en relación con las reuniones del Distrito 14, llame a la oficina de la Concejal Santana al 664-4238.

If you have any questions regarding Ward 14 meetings call the Office of Councilwoman Santana at 664-4238.

With Councilwoman Jasmin Santana

Open Streets Cleveland, formerly ciCLEvia, temporarily closes segments of Cleveland streets to cars and opens them for people-powered movement such as biking, walking, dancing, and so much more.

Now in its third year, the Open Streets movement in Cleveland opens up around a mile of city streets once a month in the summer. It is based on the ciclovias of Latin American cities such as Bogota, Colombia, where over 70 miles of streets are open to people every Sunday and holiday.

LOCATION:
W. 25th St. (Clark Ave. to Metrohealth Dr.)

DATE/TIME:
August 18th/1:00 - 5:00 pm

Ward 14 Neighborhood Activities & Events

June 22 • MOVIE: Moana
6:30 pm @ City Life, 3340 Trowbridge Ave.

July 27 • MOVIE: The Sandlot
6:30 pm @ W. 67th & Storer Ave., Greenspace

August 24 • MOVIE: Jumanji
6:30 pm @ W. 73rd off Denison Ave. (Berry Ave.)

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