A Message from Councilwoman Jasmin Santana

Dear Ward 14 residents,

Despite these difficult times the neighborhood continues to develop by leaps and bounds and I continue to work hard to empower residents to lead the changes around them.

The Mercado Project, the MetroHealth transformation and others continue despite the pandemic.

But many lives have been put on hold as people watch for updates in this time of uncertainty. I know we are a community that lives paycheck-to-paycheck and this is a difficult position many are faced with – please know we are here to help.

There are many community organizations working together to provide current information and services. My office aims to connect food to families and families to the internet.

We are partnering with food banks to offer support to our seniors, disabled, and those most susceptible to the COVID-19 Virus by dropping food off on porches. We are committed to getting food to every corner of the community. Two months ago we were dropping off food to 20 families and this month we are partnering to provide food to over 400 families.

We are partnering with Digital C, MetroHealth and Dollar Bank to provide internet connection for as low as $18.00 a month. Every household should have access to quality affordable internet for school and work.

Those with internet and on social media have the fastest access to information, but my office is committed to getting information out by email, robo-calls and even text message services to help us reach more people, faster.

This pandemic will challenge each of us, but we have enough committed local leaders to build a bridge to one another. MetroWest and Tremont West are offering small business resources and helping residents fill out the census. But now residents must do their part and complete the Census. Money for schools, parks, recreation centers and so much more is on the line. Take 5 minutes to make sure you count!

Regards,

Jasmin Santana
Councilwoman, Ward 14
Tri-C Launches Full Tuition Assistance Program

In May, Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) announced a Full Tuition Assistance program to offset academic and workforce training costs for Cuyahoga County residents facing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

The program will cover tuition for new or returning Tri-C students with financial needs that intensified during the pandemic response. Only Cuyahoga County residents are eligible.

The funding can be used toward academic courses or workforce training programs. Students can begin the program this summer or fall, with funding available for three consecutive sessions (summer-fall-spring or fall-spring-summer).

“These are uncertain times, and people don’t have the futures they had in mind,” Tri-C President Alex Johnson said. “Thanks to the generous support of Tri-C Foundation donors, this program will allow people to earn a degree or credential in a high-demand field that pays a family-sustaining wage without incurring any tuition costs.”

The program serves to increase access to Tri-C for a variety of groups affected by the COVID-19 outbreak, including:
• Unemployed individuals who lost employment and/or income due to COVID-19 and are seeking a short-term credential, advanced training or a degree to increase their employability.
• Current college students who are or were enrolled at a four-year college or university that Tri-C has to receil or have been forced to defer to due pandemic financial hardship.
• Graduating high school students who planned to attend a four-year college or university this fall but have to reconsider due to financial hardship.

Students should visit tri-c.edu/fulltuitionassistance or call 216-987-6000 for more information or to begin the application process.

Clark-Fulton Juntos – Plan Maestro para la comunidad

Clark-Fulton Juntos es un plan maestro impulsado por residentes para el vecindario de Clark-Fulton en Cleveland, Ohio, que busca mejorar la calidad de vida para los ciudadanos más vulnerables, equitativo y sostenible. Metrópoli Community Development Organization es el organismo de fomento de este estudio de zona que incluye el centro y el barrio de Clark-Fulton.

Con más de 10 años de trabajo, los residentes trabajaron juntos en las decisiones que van desde la planificación estratégica hasta la implementación de proyectos urbanos a nivel de barrio. El plan maestro Clark-Fulton se centrará en transformar una de las áreas más vulnerables en Cleveland, Ohio, con una visión de largo plazo que incluye la creación de espacios verdes, la mejora de la conectividad y la promoción de la economía local.

The Project Timeline | Cronograma

The Clark-Fulton Neighborhood Master Plan will be developed collaboratively through a 12-month process divided into four phases. The first phase begins in April and the final phase concludes in April 2021.

How can we get involved?

Over the last month we received and reviewed applications from residents of the Clark-Fulton Neighborhood who want to be part of the community master planning process. Up to 12 Ambassadors will be selected to help shape and support this community master planning process throughout the next year. If you have any questions, please contact the Neighborhood Ambassador, don’t worry – there are many other ways you can get involved and participate in the project. For more information about our Phase 1 events, please:

- Check our website: www.ClarkFultonTogether.com for more information.
- Sign up for our Social Media:
  - Facebook: Clark-Fulton Together
  - Instagram: @ClarkFultonTogether
  - YouTube: Clark-Fulton Together

Looking for a high school? We have available seats for you. Make us your school of choice!

To register, visit:
Graham Holeman, Executive Director, Cleveland Metroparks
www.grahamholeman.com
Office: 216-592-6880
Cell: 216-592-6880

Women's Empowerment & Development Series

S.E.D.S. is now being offered virtually

Women's empowerment and development series will be offering a range of educational sessions for women that are residents of the City of Cleveland.

For more information contact Glenn Zibler: 216-991-9073 Ext. 216
Residential Dumping Policies

This EPA-approved facility is one of the most efficient Transfer Stations in the area and features a daily capacity of 3,000 tons, computerized weighing scales and highly efficient operators. Operating hours for residential dumping are Monday through Saturday from 9 am to 3 pm.

Cleveland residents with proof of residency can dump 4 times a year free of charge using a non-commercial vehicle.

NOTE: A trailer and vehicle loaded simultaneously constitutes two loads

Required for Proving Residency:
• Ohio driver's license or State of Ohio identification card
• City of Cleveland utility bill

Ineligible for Residential dumping:
• Vehicle restrictions:
  • non-passenger vehicles;
  • vehicles with commercial or dealer plates;
  • box, cargo or step vans;
  • enclosed U-haul type vehicles;
  • vehicles with mounted holding or ladder racks;
  • truck with altered side boards;
  • pickup or dump trucks;
  • vehicles with business signs or phone numbers;
  • stake body vehicles

• Trailer restrictions:
  • enclosed trailer;
  • trailer larger than 4x8 feet;
  • trailer pulled by a commercial vehicle;
  • trailer altered with sideboards

• Refuse:
  • Materials inconsistent with residential trash (see list below);
  • refuse over one foot above truck or trailer sidewalls

• Disposer:
  • Has already dumped four times within the present year;
  • cannot provide Ohio driver's license, state identification card, or utility bill proving City of Cleveland residency;
  • is a City of Cleveland landlord who is not a Cleveland resident.

Prohibited Materials:
• Brick
• Dirt
• Concrete
• Cinder block
• Auto parts
• Drums or barrels
• Hazardous material
• Waste containing liquids
• Materials violating EPA regulations

Automated telephone reassurance system for Cleveland Seniors 60 and over or adults 18-59 with a disability by the Department of Aging and Public Safety. An application must be completed to participate. To sign-up, contact the Cleveland Care Calls Project Director at 216-664-6316 or 216-664-2833.

"Thanks Campbell's for these great treats," said Councilwoman Jasmin Santana. Local favorite Campbell's Sweets Factory donated hundreds of bags of their gourmet popcorn to Journey Church for its food drive.

Esbeey Madera, owner of All Phase General Construction Inc., is working hard rehabbing neighborhood gems in the Clark-Fulton neighborhood. This local diamond in the rough sits at the corner of W. 33rd & Sackett is in progress. Madera is one of the principal contractors on projects like the Aragon Ballroom restoration and the forthcoming Floressa Café (both in La Villa Hispana).

Another Masterpiece!

It is important to note that the response rate in Cleveland for the 2020 Census is still lagging behind the state and nation considerably; we have a long way to go to make sure that everyone in our community is counted.

In response to the impacts of COVID-19 on our small businesses, Metro West is offering grant support to those that are eligible. For consideration, they must:
• Have 20 or fewer employees
• Be located within the Metro West service area boundaries
• Operate out of a commercial space or retail storefront (not for home-based business)
• Prove negative business impact as a result of COVID-19

For applications, contact Kristyn Zollos at kzollos@metrowestcle.org or call 216-961-9073 x269.

Have you seen our Census 2020 banner at Dave’s Supermarket? You can complete your questionnaire online, by phone, or by mail when your invitation to respond arrives.

Visit www.my2020census.gov to begin.

#2020Census #GetCountedCLE #CLECounts