Greetings Ward 14 Resident,

It has been one year since I took my oath of office to represent you as your council person in Ward 14 and I am looking forward to another exciting and productive year.

In 2018, we handled over 1,400 citizen complaints and coordinated 45 community events, including neighborhood cleanups, art projects, health fairs and women-empowerment workshops. We also held dozens of community meetings centered on safety and housing issues.

This year, we are continuing to address quality-of-life issues in our near West Side neighborhoods and to build on the successes we have achieved as a community.

Someone once said, “Rome wasn’t built in a day, but its builders were laying bricks every hour.” Brick-by-brick, we will continue the momentum we have gained toward building our neighborhoods and our greater community.

As a member of Cleveland City Council, one of my primary jobs is to oversee how the city’s tax dollars are spent and to gauge the effectiveness of city policies. This is done through annual budget meetings in February. I will be sitting in on those meetings with a focus on neighborhood needs as well as the needs of families and children.

Basic city services are necessary, but so too are social services. The Christian Bible – Proverbs 31:8 – tells us to “Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves.” As always, please do not hesitate to call me with any questions or concerns. My office number is 216-664-4238. If you reach my message machine, I or my assistant Maranyeliz Miranda or Elana Zollars, Community Engagement Coordinator, will return your call promptly.

Thank you. Have a safe and warm winter.

Regards,

Jasmin Santana
Councilwoman, Ward 14

Free College Tuition for Cleveland Students

Does Your Home Have Smoke Alarms?

El programa de la Cruz Roja Americana Save-A-Life se ha asociado con el Departamento de bomberos de Cleveland para proporcionar a los residentes de Cleveland alaromas de humo y baterías gratuitas.

Cleveland bomberos instalará las alarmas y ofrecerá a los residentes materiales sobre cómo eliminar los peligros de incendio en los hogares y mantenerlos seguros. Si vive en un edificio de apartamentos, consulte con el propietario o la persona de mantenimiento del edificio.

Para más información sobre seguridad contra incendios o cómo obtener sus detectores de humo gratuitos, comuníquese con el programa de operación-salvar-A-vida de la Cruz Roja Americana en 216-361-5535. La oficina de la Cruz Roja Americana se encuentra en 3747 Euclid Avenue.

In January, Cleveland officially became the fourth Say Yes to Education community-wide chapter in the nation. Say Yes Cleveland will bring comprehensive resources – including scholarships, support services, mentoring and more – to help many students across the city further their educational ambitions and achievement.

Say Yes founder and chair George Weiss started the program in 1987. Weiss, a money manger, promised to prepare 112 Philadelphia
Habitat for Humanity Offers Home Ownership

The Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization working to help people become home owners, thereby strengthening communities, restoring homes and revitalizing neighborhoods.

With the support of over 250 sponsors and 80,000 volunteers, the organization has helped more than 250 families become home owners throughout 20 different neighborhoods.

Anyone interested in Habitat’s homeownership program can apply through this link: https://clevelandhabitat.org/apply/

Sewer District Prepares Green Project in Clark-Fulton Neighborhood

In December, the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District awarded the Family Ministry Center on Fulton Road a $229,000 grant to reduce damaging impacts of storm water runoff during heavy rains.

The Center’s east parking lot – facing Trowbridge Avenue – will be completely updated with innovative green infrastructure, including permeable pavers, a rain garden and storm water retention chambers.

The project will include pedestrian pathways, improved landscaping, additional trees and beautification of the Clark-Fulton neighborhood. Work is scheduled to begin this summer.

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HEAP - The Home Energy Assistance Program is a federally funded program that provides eligible residents assistance with their home energy bills. This one-time benefit is applied directly to the customer’s utility bill. Residents with a household income at or below 175% of the Federal Poverty guidelines are eligible for the program. One-on-one application assistance is available in our office, at recreation centers (call for schedule) and when needed in an individual’s home.

Other Programs include:
- Access Your Benefits
- Outside Chore services
- Bed Bug Assistance For Homeowners
- Daily phone call to check on wellbeing
- Home Repair Assistance
- Transportation
- Information and Assistance
- Long Term Care Options Counseling

Call 216-664-2833. Para Español 216-420-7616

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Fire Training in Ward 14

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Free Tax Preparation
Preparación de Impuestos Gratis

WHAT TO BRING:
- Government issued photo ID
- Social Security or ITIN cards for each person on the tax return
- All income documents such as W2’s, 1099’s, etc.
- Bank account and routing number if using direct deposit to receive tax refund
- Child care provider information
- Last year’s tax return if possible

QUE TRAER:
- Identificación oficial con fotografía
- Tarjetas de Seguro Social o ITIN para cada persona en la declaração de impuestos
- Todos los documentos de ingresos como W2, 1099, etc.
- Cuenta bancaria y número de ruta si utiliza el depósito directo para recibir el reembolso de impuestos
- Información del proveedor de cuidado infantil
- La declaración de impuestos del año pasado si es posible.

Free tax preparation services are available for low- and moderate-income residents. Taxpayers can schedule a free appointment by calling 211. Your return will be screened for eligibility for the earned income tax credit and the child tax credit. For details and to find a tax site near you, please visit refundohio.org.

Los servicios gratuitos de preparación de impuestos están disponibles para residentes de ingresos bajos y moderados. Los contribuyentes pueden programar una cita gratuita llamando al 211. Se evalúa su declaración de elegibilidad para el crédito tributario por ingresos del trabajo y el crédito tributario por hijos. Para detalles y para encontrar un sitio de impuestos cerca de usted, visite refundohio.org.

The MetroHealth System Winter Update

A Season to Celebrate

On December 1st, more than 200 people from the neighborhood and beyond gathered at MetroHealth in a festive tent on the outdoor quad near the hospital towers for the Season to Celebrate community event hosted by MetroHealth and Turner Construction. Councilwoman Jasmin Santana provided welcoming remarks, and guests enjoyed a hot cocoa bar, delicious food by Johnny’s Restaurant and baked goods by Floressa Cafe & Bakery, live performances by The MetroHealth System Employee Choir, the Urban Community School Choir and flutist Gayle Getts, and a visit from Santa. What an amazing way to celebrate the season with our neighbors!

To see the beautiful photos and video by Olivia Maintenieks go online: https://news.metrohealth.org/metrohealth-hosts-community-tree-lighting/

SouthPoint Garage Demo & New Hospital Video

On December 21, Turner Construction began demolition of MetroHealth’s SouthPoint Garage (pictured above) to clear the area for the new hospital tower. Crews expect to have the site cleared by mid-February. To date, the project is under budget and on time. It’s exciting to see where the new hospital will be located!

MetroHealth also has a new virtual tour of what the interior of the hospital may look like when it opens in 2022. To see the video, go to: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TBilyfpvdH8&feature=youtu.be

Free Tuition Continued

Sixth graders for college and to pay their college tuition if they graduated high school. In 2008, Say Yes grew to help entire communities make a similar commitment to every public high school student.

“The members of the Say Yes National Board and I have been deeply impressed, and moved, by the efforts of the city of Cleveland,” says Weiss, “to come together to offer its young people hope – an aspiration that has always served as a cornerstone of Say Yes to Education.”

After a multi-round review process, the Say Yes to Education national organization informed Cleveland in May 2017 that it had satisfied the early milestones on the long path to become the next chapter of Say Yes. Since then, Cleveland and Cuyahoga County have been working diligently to meet the final requirements to become a chapter.

This historic initiative – which begins with the graduating class of 2019 – will help more than just the students. By offering free college more students will be better educated and can improve the region’s economy as adults.

SAY YES CLEVELAND LAUNCH HIGHLIGHTS:
Scholarships for 25 Years

Over the next 25 years, eligible students living in Cleveland* and attending the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) or partnering charter high school will have the opportunity to receive scholarships toward tuition for post-secondary education (four-year university, two-year college or Pell-eligible certificate program.) The scholarship program will begin with the high school graduating class of 2019.

*All students who have continuously lived in Cleveland and been enrolled in a CMSD or eligible partnering charter high school since the beginning of ninth grade are eligible for the scholarship.

- For students in the graduating classes of 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 – who meet the residency requirements as of January 18, 2019 – and are continuously enrolled in a CMSD or eligible partnering charter high school through graduation – will receive the same scholarship as the class of 2023 and subsequent years.

- Eligible students who reside in Bratenahl, Linndale, Newburgh Heights, and parts of Brook Park and Garfield Heights assigned to the CMSD are also eligible for the Say Yes scholarship if they graduate from the CMSD or partnering charter high school.

$125 Million Fundraising Campaign Launches Publicly

Almost $90 million has been raised locally in the early phase to provide scholarships to any public university, college or Pell-eligible certificate program in Ohio. Cleveland students also now have access to tuition scholarships from over 100 private colleges in the Say Yes National Higher Education Compact. (Nine private colleges and universities in Ohio joined the Compact in January, bringing the number of participating institutions in the state to 12.)

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Visit www.SayYesCleveland.org for scholarship application and program information.

STUDENTS: Also see your school counselor or College Now advisor for details
WARD 14 News

Every 4th Thursday of the Month
6:30 - 7:30 pm at
Family Ministry Center
March 28
April 25
May 23
June 27
July 25
August 22
September 26
October 24
November 21
December 19

WARD 14 Women’s Empowerment Series
City Hall Office: Room 209
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Ladies, Sign-up Now! • ¡Señoras, Regístrate ahora!

Freshly Rooted presents...
S.E.E.D.S.
Support Empower Engage Develop Sustain
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Women in our community who desire to improve their lives and neighborhoods are invited to take part in S.E.E.D.S., a FREE program presented by Freshly Rooted. It is a part of Councilwoman Santana’s Women’s Empowerment & Development Series. For details, contact Etana Zollars at 216-664-4238 or email: elanazollarsward14@gmail.com

Las mujeres de nuestra comunidad que desean mejorar sus vidas y vecindarios están invitadas a participar en S.E.E.D.S., un programa gratuito presentado por Freshly Rooted. Este programa es parte de la Serie de empoderamiento y desarrollo de la mujer de la concejal Santana. Si desea obtener más información, comuníquese con Etana Zollars al 216-664-4238 o correo electrónico a: elanazollarsward14@gmail.com

A FREE 9 month women’s empowerment program covering 3 categories: personal, professional, and social development

Sessions begin Wed., April 3 at Cleveland Public Library South Branch, 3096 Scranton Rd.
• Attend one topicsession a week for 2 hours (11am - 1pm)
• Daycare & transportation will be available

REGISTER ONLINE now until March 15th:
www.jotform.com/elanazollars/seeds

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June 15th
July 20th
August 17th

The Clark-Fulton MyCom
is a network committed to igniting positive futures for youth in the neighborhood by connecting them with community-based innovative programming. One of the main initiatives of the Clark-Fulton MyCom is to create Youth Advisory Council to represent the neighborhood’s non-profits and schools. The goal is to empower these young adults to become community advocates and future leaders of our community. If interested in learning more, contact Kevin de Leon at 216-961-9073 x 202

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