Councilman Matt Zone Launches Initiative to Prevent Traffic Deaths and Injuries

Councilman Matt Zone has co-sponsored a City Council resolution supporting an aggressive initiative to reduce and ultimately eliminate traffic deaths and injuries.

The councilman is putting together a task force to implement a program called Vision Zero, which began in Sweden where traffic fatalities are the lowest in the world.

The public-private task force will study ways to create healthy, safe and equitable mobility in Cleveland with a goal of eliminating collisions.

“Traffic fatalities are steadily rising in Cleveland and throughout the state,” said Councilman Zone. “The message of Vision Zero is that traffic-related fatalities and injuries are neither inevitable nor acceptable. They are simply preventable.”

Councilman Zone notes that other cities across the nation – Chicago, New York, Minneapolis, Philadelphia and more – have adopted the Vision Zero plan with positive results.

Some of the possible directives to eliminate collisions include: increase enforcements of moving violations; design safer streets; reduce speed limits and create bicycle lanes.

“We need to address meaningful changes to traffic enforcement, land use and transportation ordinances,” said Councilman Zone. “Above all, we need to change our existing commuter culture by adopting a whole new way of thinking about transportation. Everyone is entitled to safe travel, no matter what your mode of transportation.”

Jacob VanSickle, executive director of Bike Cleveland, notes that there were 53 traffic deaths on Cleveland’s streets last year and more than 7,000 injuries. “Vision Zero will improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods by making our streets safer for people driving, walking and biking,” he said.

Councilman Zone and the city’s Chief Operating Officer Darnell Brown have assembled a Vision Zero Taskforce. It includes various City Hall directors ranging from departments of Aging, Health, City Planning, Public Works, Safety and more. It also includes school crossing guards who are on the streets every day, guiding kids with caution. The task force, which is charged with creating an action plan, also includes community organizations like NOACA, Bike Cleveland, Cleveland Neighborhood Progress, Cleveland Metropolitan School District, and the Regional Transit Authority (RTA).

Shoreway Project Scheduled to be Completed by Summer

After two years of construction, the $100-million West Shoreway project – which is transforming a two-mile freeway into a tree-lined boulevard – is expected to be completed by this summer.

The project will give better access to Edgewater Park and Lake Erie, develop more green space and improve biking and pedestrian facilities. The project is also seen as a catalyst for future developments in the nearby neighborhoods. Already, there are new condominiums and loft apartments on a bluff overlooking the Shoreway and the lake. And a new $4.5 million beach house/observation deck built by Cleveland MetroParks in Edgewater Park, has been drawing thousands of people.

The new Shoreway will have three traffic lanes in each direction – east and west – at a speed limit of 35 miles per hour. Adding to the scenic boulevard are rows of antique-style street lights and lines of trees along the medium.

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Ward 15 Senior of the Year Bernie Rose: “Stay Busy. Stay Young.”

Bernie Rose has lived her entire 70 years on Cleveland’s West Side, including 25 of them in the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood. She and her late husband Billy, together for 48 years, were married on Christmas Eve, 1968. They raised four children and now Bernie has nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Bernie has been deeply involved in the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood. She is a member of Our Lady Mt. Carmel Parish where she has been singing in the choir for the past 37 years. She was the parish secretary for 20 years.

Bernie chaired the Gordon McClintock Club for 15 years before stepping down to organize the Community Involvement Forum, covering the entire Detroit Shoreway service area.

Bernie has been active with the Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization, participating in its committees and activities over the years, including the Housing Committee, the Safety Committee, Neighborhood Ambassadors and neighborhood cleanup.

She helped organize potluck appreciation dinners for safety forces in the Second Police District and has been a volunteer for the Rite Aid Cleveland Marathon, which runs through the neighborhood.

Bernie is well known for her generous leadership with the Detroit Shoreway’s annual Children’s Christmas Party, which is held in the Gordon Square Arcade. Bernie’s other involvements include serving as a member of the First Advisory Board of the Michael J. Zone Recreation Center and organizing volunteers for the Herman Avenue Community Garden. Bernie is now in her fourth year as Ward 15 Advisory Council member for the Cleveland Department of Aging.

A very special moment for Bernie was in 2012 when she received the Irene Catlin Leadership Award at the neighborhood development corporations’ annual meeting. The award recognizes sustained service and leadership in the neighborhood. Bernie believes that staying busy and volunteering have been her keys to aging successfully. “You’ve got to get involved and stay busy, that’s how you keep feeling young,” she said.

When asked what she loves about Cleveland, she said, “I love the diversity of Cleveland and how much there is to do. I’m sure that I haven’t discovered everything that Cleveland’s got!”

On May 16, Lucky’s Market, a natural foods grocer that offers affordable options for every day foods and specialty choices, opened its first store in Cleveland. Lucky’s is part of the new Shoppes on Clifton (at 11620 Clifton Blvd.). Lucky’s Cleveland store, which is 22,000 square feet and employs about 150 people, is the second Lucky’s Market in Ohio, joining a store in Columbus.

Opening day activities included presentations of more than $70,000 to impact Grants to support three local non-profit organizations – The Refugee Response to fund the purchase and installation of a cold storage unit and a start-up heater for the Ohio City Farm to help increase sales and reduce waste, Gets with Sole to support costs of transportation, materials, healthy foods and fitness equipment for Camp Power; University Settlement to support nutrition programming and to provide dairy meals for clients in the Adult Wellness Program.

The store includes Lucky’s own in-house smoked bacon, house-made sausages, local producer and a bakery. They also have made-to-eat meals, grab and go sushi options, a made-to-order ramen bar, cheme island, as well as a bulk section. They also have a juice bar for fresh juices and smoothies. Customers can eat in the outdoor seating area or in the café area and grab beer, wine or kombucha with their meal.

On Wednesday, the City of Cleveland Department of Aging will host its annual event, Cleveland Senior Day.

“The award recognizes the sustained service and leadership in the neighborhood,” said Councilman Matt Zone, who was joined by his colleagues on City Council, all of whom were honored for their long service in the neighborhood. Bernie was also honored with the award.

Mr. Zone and his colleagues were joined by a variety of Clevelanders who were also honored for their service.

The event will be held on May 24th at 10:00 a.m. at Cleveland Public Hall.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School Opens New Learning Lab

The pre-K-8 school at Our Lady of Mount Carmel recently hosted a grand opening of its STREAM Learning Lab in the school library. STREAM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts and Math.

The redesigned library offers students hands-on learning experiences, including building robotics and programming digital applications. Students can learn design and construction using Legos and other building blocks. The lab’s learning stations also include digital design computer programs and 3D printers, giving students opportunities to create and print.

Students attend weekly classes in the new lab – a place of artistic expression, problem solving and just plain fun.
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Artists, musicians, food kids, fun fresh setting. It’s free!

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Arts & Music Fest

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To reduce stormwater runoff, help residents save money, and engage Cleveland youth, the Summer Rain Barrel Program provides City of Cleveland residents with rain barrel systems free of charge.

At the workshop, you will learn more about the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District’s Stormwater Management Program and Individual Residential Property Credit; learn how to properly care for your rain barrel; see how rain barrels are assembled; TAKE HOME A FREE RAIN BARREL!

In order to participate, you MUST:

• Be a homeowner within the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORSD) and Cleveland Division of Water (CWD) service area;
• Agree to all Terms and Conditions stated in this Eventbrite registration form;
• Complete rain barrel installation following the workshop by installing the downspout diverter and properly connecting the rain barrel.

Workshop dates (locations are throughout the city and the workshop lasts about 2 hours):

• Friday, June 22
• Friday, July 6
• Thursday, July 12
• Friday, July 13
• Friday, July 20
• Friday, July 27
• Saturday, July 28

Spots are limited. You must register for the Free workshop. You can find the link on www.eventbrite.com or on the Council’s Facebook page www.facebook.com/clecitycouncil. For questions regarding the workshops please call Nikki Snider at 216-420-7601.