The Drumbeat of the Community

Greetings Ward 9 Residents

I am happy to announce that the federal government is giving the Glenville area a $9.7 million grant to reduce lead hazards and lead poisoning in residential homes. The grant, issued by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, is a major infusion of funding in support of the City of Cleveland’s Lead Hazard Reduction Program.

The target area includes four census tracks within the Glenville community, which – because of its older housing stock – has high levels of lead poisoning. Lead-based paint was commonly used in houses built prior to 1978. Our city – like all older cities – is dealing with the problem of dangerously high levels of lead in our environment and in our housing stock, mostly rental units in low-income neighborhoods.

Lead is extremely detrimental to young children who might ingest it through flaking, lead-based paint chips and dust. The toxic substance can affect children’s brains and nervous systems.

Our city has launched an ambitious initiative to limit children’s exposure to this dangerous substance.

This past summer, I and my colleagues on City Council adopted legislation that expands and makes key changes in the city’s rental registration laws to help ensure that children are not exposed to poisonous lead paint hazards in their homes. Beginning in March, 2021, owners of rental units constructed before 1978 must certify to the city that their units are lead-safe. While the legislation is geared to rental units, home owners will also have access to resources and programs to make their homes lead safe. I was a co-sponsor of the bill.

Meanwhile, I will continue working with the Lead Safe Cleveland Coalition – a public-private group that includes residents, public officials, philanthropic groups and health care providers.

As a community, we must make every effort to protect our children. That starts in the home. So the home must be safe.

$14 Million East 105th Street Rehabilitation Project to Begin

The first phase of a major renovation of East 105th Street is scheduled to break ground in January.

The $14 million project will see a complete rebuilding of a 2.5-mile stretch of East 105th from East Boulevard to Interstate 90 near the Bratenahl border. The work includes replacing water mains, repairing curbs and sidewalks, installing new drainage and a complete resurfacing with asphalt. There will also be new LED street lighting.

“This is a project long overdue,” said Councilman Conwell. “Parts of East 105th are dangerous to drive on. But that will soon end. Residents and businesses in this area of Ward 9 will finally be getting some relief.

Furthermore, I believe this newly restored street – a major artery in our community – will foster economic development. Safe and sound infrastructure is essential for development.”

Walter Burks Park in Line for Major Renovation

Walter Burks Park at Grant Avenue and Parkwood Drive will soon see major landscaping and new playground equipment.

The $811,000 project includes the installation of a summer splash pad, new swings and playground equipment and the opening of more green space.

Two existing basketball courts will be reconfigured and improved with new blackboards, hoops and fences. A central gathering area in the two-acre park will include a drinking fountain, benches, bike racks, waste receptacles and shade trees.
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Please help the city clear our streets by moving your cars during snow events.

Construction is nearly completed on the new Centennial Peace Plaza in the Cultural Gardens along Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

The plaza is an $800,000 project of the non-profit Cleveland Cultural Gardens Federation. It features a circular, open public space with theater seating for outdoor events. It is located next to the lower level of the German Garden, across from St. Casimir Way.

The aim of the plaza is to create a common ground for the various ethnic and cultural gardens that line MLK Boulevard.

The central gathering place will be a forum for multicultural music, dance and various ethnic and cultural art forms.

The plaza is also a celebration of the Cleveland Cultural Gardens which was established 103 years ago.

“As a musician, I am a big supporter of public art,” said Councilman Kevin Conwell who is a jazz drummer. “This project is important for the Cultural Gardens and important for our community. For every culture, ethnicity and race, art is important. It is a bond that makes us human.”

The plaza

To celebrate our proud past and plan for the future, we are creating a central gathering place for arts and cultural events and civic and educational programs.

The plaza is dedicated to the idea that all these different cultural groups have a common meeting place.

The Centennial Peace Plaza will enable the Cleveland Cultural Gardens to offer diverse, multicultural music and dance and other educational and cultural offerings on a regular basis. The plaza also will help the Federation become a more active part of the community surrounding Rockefeller Park and more of a destination spot for our region.

The Federation welcomes grassroot support and major donor support. They also welcome your comments, suggestions and participation at any level. Please contact the Cleveland Cultural Gardens Federation with any questions you might have, or make a donation. Thank you.

They are a 501 c (3) nonprofit organization. Donations are tax deductible.

Winter Schedule for City Rec Center Programs

The City of Cleveland’s Neighborhood Resource & Recreation Centers offer free programs for residents of all ages, including after-school activities for our youth.

Here in Ward 9, the programs are offered at Cory and Glenville recreation centers. They include:

Cory

- Bucket drumming, ages 8-11, Monday, 4 p.m.
- Chess, ages 5 and up, Tuesday and Thursday, 5 p.m.
- ACT/SAT Prep, grades 10-12, Monday and Tuesday, 5 p.m.
- Circuit Training, adults, Tuesday, 5 p.m.
- College and Careers, Grades 10-12, Monday and Tuesday, 6 p.m.
- Entrepreneurship, ages 13-17, Wednesday and Thursday, 5 p.m.
- Trombone lessons, grades 6-8, Friday and Saturday, 4 p.m.

Cory Recreation is located at 10510 Drexel Ave.

Glenville

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Glenville Recreation is located at 680 East 113th St.

For more information, call 216-664-2516.

Chess Club meets every Saturday, 2:00 - 4:00 pm at Glenville Library (11900 St Clair Ave.)

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Neighborhood Grants Awarded

Neighborhood Connections recently gave grants totaling $180,979 to support 65 projects in Cleveland and East Cleveland. Grants to residents and resident-led projects in Ward 9 include:

Glenville
- Flora Playground Group – $2,500 to host their annual cookout that builds community through food, entertainment, and health and wellness activities.
- Hand Up Ministries Community Building – $1,341 to provide 200 children with backpacks and school supplies as they prepare to enter the 2020-21 school year.
- The Muslim Writers Collective – $2,500 to create a poetry collective for Muslim-identifying and Muslim heritage artists, which is womyn and queer-led and based in Sufi practices of worship and divine communion and creative practice.
- The SCS Youth Leadership Council – $4,000 for plans to expand its solar education program to create Glenville’s first triple bottom line green space called Glenville Greenspace.
- Teen Enterprise – $900 to host the Exploring Entrepreneurship After School Program for 13- to 17-year-old students interested in learning how to start a business.

St. Clair-Superior
- Negative Space Gallery – $5,000 to provide a series of free artist-led workshops in a welcoming atmosphere to provide the community creative outlets.
- People Making a Change – $2,500 toward organizing Moral Unity, an initiative to connect young and old in the St. Clair community through physical activity, including yoga, boxing, and stationary bikes.
- The Rollin Buckeyez Foundation – $2,750 toward organizing We Skate Community Pop-Up Roller Rink. They will host a roller skating event in St. Clair for the community. This will promote healthy lifestyle choices and will engage neighbors.

Interested in applying for a grant? Twice a year Neighborhood Connections offers small grants ranging from $500 to $5,000. The next deadline is Friday, February 14, 2020. Find out more by calling 216-361-0042 or send an email at info@neighborhoodgrants.org.

Notre Dame Tenant’s Council – $2,000 to host a Resident Enrichment Program designed to connect neighbors through monthly art and creative events.

The University Tower Tenant Council – $2,481 to organize Forge Together – regular community events that brings people together in the building (movie night, coffee hours, game nights) to get to know one another, build trust, and have fun.

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Family Size* (circle one) | Low/Moderate**
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1 | $51,600
2 | $59,000
3 | $66,350
4 | $73,700
5 | $79,600
6 | $85,500
7 | $91,400
8 | $97,300

CITY PROGRAM OFFERS FINANCIAL HELP FOR HOUSE PAINTING

The City of Cleveland's exterior paint program provides paint and materials to both homeowners and tenants who qualify. Tenants and landlords who meet income guidelines are eligible for the program, which will cover the cost of up to $1,500 in paint for owner occupants or up to $750 for tenants. Labor is not included.

To obtain an application, visit Room 302 in City Hall, 601 Lakeside Ave. or call 216-664-2045. Applications must be received by February 28, 2020 and the painting must be completed by October 31, 2020.

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**WEEKLY RECYCLING AND WASTE CARTS**

For more information on set out services for large volumes or to purchase additional carts, call (216) 664-3711.

**SET OUT GUIDELINES**

- No trash should be placed un-bagged.
- Yard waste must be bundled.
- Bulk items must be separated and yard waste bundled.
- All waste/garbage must be contained, up to 20 bags per week.
- Excess waste outside of cart.
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**Proper Set Out**

- Mattresses and box springs must be wrapped in plastic.
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- Plus up to 4 tires.
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**IMPORTANT:**

- As shown, 1st full week of month (tires/bulk)
- Yard waste bundled
- Bulk items separated
- All waste in city issued carts.

**BULK ITEMS/TIRE DISPOSAL**

- All leaves and grass clippings cut and bundled. (Each bundle cannot exceed 3 ft. in length and must be contained, up to 20 bags per week."

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