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SUMMER 2024 EDITION



COUNCIL MEMBER
Jenny Spencer

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WE ARE WARD 15

Nosotros Somos Ward 15 - Al servicio de los vecindarios de Cudell, Detroit Shoreway, Edgewater y parte de Ohio City y Stockyards

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS

Lake Pool Park Improvements



Lake Park on West 85th Street between Lake Avenue and Detroit Avenue is home to Ward 15's only community outdoor pool, but the greenspace and playspace surrounding the pool have long been in need of an upgrade. After extensive community engagement facilitated by the City of Cleveland and the Edgewater

Parke Neighbors Block Club, a new park design has been finalized. **Park improvements are part of the City's capital budget and will feature a major expanded entryway on West 83rd Street, new nature-themed play equipment, a picnic shelter, a splash pad, 27 new trees, and an enhanced crosswalk on West 85th Street at the park's entrance.** Council Member Spencer has also opted to modify the park's name, from Lake Park to Lake Pool Park. **The total value of park improvements will exceed \$650,000.**



Also, \$20,000 has been budgeted for public art, thanks to the City's "percent for art" requirement as well as an additional contribution from Council Member Spencer. Residents Julia Van Wagenen and Preston Triggs will serve as the community representatives on the committee who will select the artist.

Council Member Spencer would like to thank all members of the Edgewater Parke Neighbors Block Club and Friends of Lake Park for their leadership and engagement throughout this process. Note, the pool will be closed during the summer months as construction continues. We can't wait to see the community at our newly-improved park!

New Playground Equipment for Baltic Children's Park



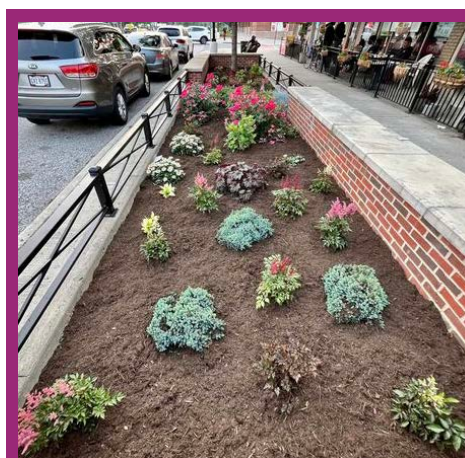
Mayor Bibb and Cleveland City Council have allocated a portion of the City's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to install new playground equipment at selected parks across the city, including Baltic Children's Park in Ward 15. Amenities that will be added to Baltic Children's Park include:

- New play equipment
- Three picnic tables and a game table
- Benches, updated trash receptacles and reuse of existing public art receptacles
- Drainage repair within the basketball court and sub drains routed to the rain garden
- Additional park signage along Baltic Ave. along with an enhanced crosswalk to the park

The play area improvements will be ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessible. This includes level concrete park access leading to the plaza and play structure, a play area with poured-in-place rubber surfacing, and a playground equipped with a transfer platform. There will also be wheelchair accessible site furnishings.

The total value of this investment is approximately \$400,000. In addition, resident Brent Misenko of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW Local 38) has generously assisted with a scope of work for pedestrian-scale lighting improvements.

Council Member Spencer would like to thank the Mayor's Office of Capital Projects (MOCAP) along with the Clifton-Baltic Neighbors for their collaboration and facilitation of community input.



Did you know? Council office invests in pocket parks

The Council office invests in the beautification of pocket parks in many areas of the Ward – including the **GCRTA EcoVillage Gateway Pocket Park** (West 61st & Madison), the **Dudley Triangle Pocket Park** (West 73rd & Elton) and the **planter beds on Clifton Boulevard** between West 115th - West 117th.

Habitat for Humanity Update

Construction is underway on the first four Habitat for Humanity houses that will be built in Ward 15 as a result of a \$1M American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding allocation. The four sites are located on West 83rd Street, south of Madison Avenue:

- 2016 West 83rd St.
- 2022 West 83rd St.
- 2026 West 83rd St.
- 2028 West 83rd St.

Many residents know this site as it was the location of a gas explosion over a decade ago. A community meeting sharing details about these first four homes was held on March 27, 2024 at the Lorain Campus Library.

There are two features that will make these homes unique. First, the homes have single-story floor plans and meet nearly all items on the City of Cleveland's Aging-In-Place checklist, with features such as 44-inch wide hallways with wheelchair-accessible bedrooms and bathrooms. Second, the homes will be built via modular construction. Components

will be transported to West 83rd and assembled on-site — a high quality, faster, and more efficient construction method.

To become a Habitat homeowner, families must meet income requirements and also commit to sweat-equity hours prior to moving into their home. While Habitat cannot guarantee matching applicants to houses in their own neighborhood, applications to become a Habitat homeowner are open. Please visit www.clevelandhabitat.org/apply/getting-started.html for more information.

A total of ten (10) Habitat houses will be built in the Ward. Site selection for the remaining six (6) homes has not yet been finalized.

Council Member Spencer expresses her gratitude to the entire Habitat team and Ward 15 resident, Chris Warren, for their collaborative efforts in launching this



successful project. In addition, she would like to thank the Cleveland West Side Village for their assistance in developing the City's Aging-in-Place criteria. Lastly, Council Member Spencer acknowledges Moneeke Davis, who posed the question ten years ago: 'Why don't we have more Habitat houses in our neighborhood?' Moneeke, this is for you.

Traffic Calming Update

This summer, the City of Cleveland will announce the next phase of its Neighborhood Traffic Calming initiative with approximately 100 additional speed tables to be installed citywide, or approximately six per Ward.

Since the City's Speed Table Pilot program began, hundreds of resident requests have been received for speed data collection (a.k.a. speed and traffic counts). For this next phase of the program, eligibility criteria has been established. Generally speaking, in order to be prioritized for a speed table, a street must have:

- 50th percentile speeds of 25 mph or greater
- 85th percentile speeds of 31 mph or greater
- an Average Daily Traffic (ADT) count of 1,000-4,000 vehicles

Some streets that meet speed and traffic count data may not be included in this summer's phase of speed table installments, due to upcoming or planned underground infrastructure work or street resurfacing. In addition, some streets that qualify for speed tables may require up to three (3) tables, due to the length of the street.

The next three streets in Ward 15 that will receive speed tables treatments are:

- W. 70th between DETROIT and FATHER CARUSO
- W. 81st between LORAIN and MADISON
- W. 85th between DETROIT and LAKE

For this next phase of the program, speed tables will be permanent and made from poured asphalt, as opposed to the modular rubber speed tables that were used in the pilot. Data collection is ongoing. Residents can view the Speed and Traffic Count Reports as well as request a speed and traffic count for their street via the City's Traffic Calming website, ClevelandOhio.gov/city-hall/departments/public-works/divisions/traffic-engineering/traffic-calming.

Council Member Spencer would like to thank the City's Traffic Commissioner Rob Mavec, as well as Mayor Bibb's Senior Strategist for Transit & Mobility Calley Mersmann, for their ongoing dedication to the development of this program. Ms. Mersmann is proud to call Ward 15 home.


2024 Street Resurfacing Announced

Each year, Council Member Spencer reviews a listing of Ward 15 streets in "F" condition, and makes a resurfacing recommendation to the Division of Streets based on a combination of "worst first", as well as geographic distribution across the Ward. In the case of some streets in poor condition, resurfacing may also be postponed from one year to the next due to external factors such as major construction projects in the nearby vicinity. But, the reality remains that with a limited budget, tough choices must be made each year.

This year, Council Member Spencer allocated discretionary sources in addition to the City's General Fund budget to include more streets, for a grand total investment of \$806,755. The following are the streets to be resurfaced in 2024:

- **WAKEFIELD AVENUE**
between W. 65th and W. 74th
- **W. 63rd PLACE**
between LAWN and North End
- **W. 78th STREET**
between LORAIN and ELTON
- **W. 79th STREET**
between FRANKLIN and WAKEFIELD
- **W. 80th STREET**
between LAKE and BAKER
- **W. 85th STREET**
between LAKE and DETROIT
- **W. 87th STREET**
between MADISON and SAUER
- **W. 100th STREET**
between WESTERN and MARIETTA

Advance notice signs for the above streets will be posted to advise the public of when road improvements will begin. Contact the City of Cleveland's Project Coordinator, Idreea Hill at 216-664-2593 with questions.



A BONUS IN 2024: ARPA-Funded Street Resurfacing

In addition to the City's annual street resurfacing program, this year four (4) additional streets will be resurfaced as part of the City's "Back To Basics" program funded by President Biden's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Council Member Spencer selected the streets in coordination with the Mayor Justin M. Bibb administration. **The resurfacing of the following ARPA-funded streets are expected to be completed by the end of June 2024:**

- **HERMAN AVENUE**
(West 58th Street to West 49th Street)
- **TRAIN COURT**
(Train Avenue to West 56th Street)
- **W. 93rd STREET**
(Madison Avenue to North End)
- **W. 98th STREET**
(Madison Avenue to Cudell Avenue)

For questions, contact the City of Cleveland's Inspector, Eric Faehner at 216-857-3028.

Important Voter Registration News

This year's Presidential General Election is on November 5, 2024! Ahead of the election, the Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose has instructed officials to **purge inactive voters from the rolls**. If you are an infrequent voter (which means that you vote sometimes, but not always); or if you have MOVED since you last voted; or just to double check your status, it's advisable to go online and verify your voter registration status and re-register, if necessary.

Go to www.VoteOhio.gov to:

- ▶ Check your registration status
- ▶ Update your address or re-register

More information can also be found on the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections website at boe.cuyahogacounty.gov.

Many of your neighbors are helping to register other neighbors as non-partisan



voter registration volunteers! For more information or to get involved, go to bit.ly/Ward15VoterRegVol.

¡La elección general presidencial de este año es el 5 de noviembre de 2024! Si Usted es un votante poco frecuente (lo que significa que vota a veces, pero no siempre); si se ha MUDADO desde la última vez que votó; o simplemente para comprobarlo y asegurarse, **es recomendable conectarse en línea y verificar su estado de registro de votante, y volver a registrarse, si es necesario.**

Ir al <https://boe.cuyahogacounty.gov/es/inicio> para más información o para registrarse en línea.



INFORMATIONAL SESSION about the 2024 SEXENNIAL REAPPRAISAL

Join Cuyahoga County officials to learn about:

- ▶ The reappraisal process
- ▶ Proposed value notices
- ▶ How to file a complaint

Wednesday, June 12 | St. Ignatius Breen Center | 6 pm - 8 pm

JUDGE RAYMOND L. PIANKA

Honorary Street Dedication

In honor of Judge Pianka's legacy and impact, W. Clinton Avenue was dedicated as Judge Raymond L. Pianka Way on June 6th.

Discard Trash From Your Yards, Garages and Street and Help Beautify Ward 15!
 ¡Deseche la basura de sus patios, garajes y calles e ayude a limpiar nuestros barrios!

NEIGHBORHOOD Clean Up DUMPSTER DAY



A dumpster will be placed at the following two locations on Saturday, July 6th, from 9 am - 2 pm:

Se colocará un contenedor de basura en los siguientes lugares el sábado 6 de julio, desde las 9am hasta las 2pm:



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City Land Bank Lot
2052 West 73rd Street
(between Lawn Ave & Dudley Ave.)

Cudell Improvement Inc. Lot
Corner of Madison Ave. & West 105th St.
(Enter thru curb cut on West 105th)

*"We all have to work together to keep our neighborhoods safe and clean."
 – Council Member Jenny Spencer*

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Dan Kelly

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Refreshments will be provided!

Tuesday June 25th 5:00pm

Built Environment Job & Training Fair

St. Ignatius of Antioch
10205 Lorian Ave. Cleveland, OH 44111

This event kicks off with presentations by...
Urban League of Greater Cleveland, Cleveland Neighborhood Progress, OhioMeansJobs|Cleveland-Cuyahoga & other community organizations.

Scan here for more info!

Connect with Union Apprenticeships & explore a career in the building trades!

www.omjcc.cuyahogacounty.gov @OhioMeansJobsClevelandCuyahoga

If you have accommodation needs, please contact us.

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¡Se ofrecerán refrigerios!

Martes Junio 25th 5:00pm

Feria de Empleo y Capacitación en el Entorno Construido

St. Ignatius of Antioch
10205 Lorian Ave. Cleveland, OH 44111

Este evento comienza con las presentaciones de...
Urban League of Greater Cleveland, Cleveland Neighborhood Progress, OhioMeansJobs|Cleveland-Cuyahoga & other community organizations.

¡Escanear aquí para obtener más información

Conéctate con "Union Apprenticeships" Aprendizajes de Sindicatos y explora una carrera en los oficios de la construcción.

www.omjcc.cuyahogacounty.gov @OhioMeansJobsClevelandCuyahoga

Si usted tiene necesidades de alojamiento, por favor, póngase en contacto con nosotros.

Congratulations to our **Clifton-Baltic and Detroit Shoreway gardeners** for their participation in the 2024 GardenWalk.

Garden Walk Cleveland

Sunday, July 14 • 10 am - 5 pm
www.gardenwalkcleveland.org

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FIREWORKS In the city of Cleveland

Every year, the city and council members receive complaints about fireworks in our residential neighborhoods.

In the City of Cleveland, despite the new state law, the city still prohibits the setting off of fireworks.



Sparklers and other small novelty items are allowed. Additionally, the noise and smell of fireworks are disturbing and even harmful to many of our neighbors, including military veterans, the elderly, children, people with health conditions, and our pets.

Please celebrate the 4th of July safely and responsibly.

According to U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (cpsc.gov), fireworks have caused serious burn and eye injuries. On average, 180 people go to the emergency room every day with fireworks-related injuries in the month around the July 4th holiday.

Celebratory gunfire is extremely dangerous and illegal. What goes up must come down. Firing weapons irresponsibly can cause death, serious injury and damage to property.

Report excessive fireworks usage by calling the non-emergency line at 216-621-1234.

FUEGOS ARTIFICIALES en la ciudad de Cleveland

Cada año, los miembros del Concejo reciben quejas sobre los fuegos artificiales en nuestros vecindarios residenciales.

En la Ciudad de Cleveland, a pesar de la nueva ley estatal, la ciudad prohíbe el lanzamiento de fuegos artificiales.



Se permiten artículos pequeños como las bengalas. Además, el ruido y el olor de los fuegos artificiales son molestos e incluso dañinos para muchos de nuestros vecinos, incluidos los veteranos militares, los ancianos, los niños, las personas con problemas de salud y nuestras mascotas.

Celebre el 4 de julio de manera segura y responsable.

quemaduras y lesiones oculares graves. En promedio, 180 personas acuden a la sala de emergencias todos los días con lesiones relacionadas con fuegos artificiales en el mes cercano al feriado del 4 de julio.

Los disparos de celebración son extremadamente peligrosos e ilegales. "Lo que sube tiene que bajar," disparar armas de manera irresponsible puede causar la muerte, lesiones graves y daños a la propiedad.

Reporte el uso excesivo de fuegos artificiales celebrando son extremadamente peligrosos e ilegales. "Lo que sube tiene que bajar," disparar armas de manera irresponsable puede causar la muerte, lesiones graves y daños a la propiedad.

Reporte el uso excesivo de fuegos artificiales llamando al 216-621-1234.

NOTE: The following is a list of events known to the Ward 15 Council Office at the time of this newsletter's publication. If you are aware of other events, contact us at 216-664-4235.

Summer Events



AUGUST

Clifton-Baltic Neighborhood-Wide Sale
Saturday, August 3, 8am-2pm

West Blvd. Neighbors Street Sale
Saturday, August 3, 10am-3pm
Madison Ave. to Lorain Ave.

AIA Cleveland Sand Fest

Sand Castle Building Competition
Saturday, August 3, 2pm-4pm
At Edgewater Beach

Cleveland Public Theatre's Student Theatre Enrichment Program (STEP)

Sunday, August 4, 7pm
Cleveland Public Theatre,
6415 Detroit Ave.

Chalk-A-Walk & Showagon

Thursday, August 8
Chalk-A-Walk: 1-3pm
Showagon: 3pm
Cudell Fine Arts, 10013 Detroit Ave.

Cleveland Metroparks Summer Concert Series

Thursday, August 15, 4-8pm
Oldskool - High Energy Party Music
At Edgewater Beach

Community Movie Night at Baltic Children's Park

Friday, August 16 (Rain Date August 23), 7pm-10pm, Baltic Road and W. 108th St.
Movie title: TBA

SEPTEMBER

Community Movie Night at Miriam Ortiz-Rush Park

Friday, September 6 (Rain Date September 13), 5:30pm-10pm
Madison Ave. and W. 75th St.
Movie title: TBA

ONGOING & RECURRING

Art Classes for All Ages

Cudell Fine Arts
Ongoing art classes for all ages are held M-F and begin June 3. To register for a class, call 216-664-4183.

CMSD 2024 Summer Learning - Your Summer Soundtrack

Grades K-4: June 11 - July 12
Grades 9-12: June 25 - July 19
To learn more and register, visit ClevelandMetroSchools.org/SummerSoundtrack or call 216-838-3675.

2024 Summer Camp, Sports, Arts & More!

Cleveland students of all ages For details, locations and to register, go to ClevelandOhio.gov/Summer2024 or call 216-664-2561.

Neighborhood Resource and Recreation Centers

For programs, schedules and registration, go to clevelandohio.gov/city-hall/office-mayor/plowya or call Michael J. Zone Recreation Center at 216-664-3373 or Cudell Recreation Center at 216-664-4137.

Cleveland Reads

Ages 3-18; Weekly programming June 10 - August 2; CPL Lorain Branch, 8216 Lorain Ave. For program details, go to: clevelandreads.com

Cleveland Public Library- Lorain Branch

Ongoing workshops, classes, projects and events for all ages. Highlights include craft projects, reading, video gaming, Legal Aid, 8216 Lorain Ave. For a calendar of events, go to: bit.ly/4qpt6ht

Neighbor Nights

Third Wednesday of each month, 6pm Meal Provided:

- June 19 - Nehemiah Mission, 6516 Bridge Ave.

- July 17 - Story Church, 9900 Madison Ave.

- August 21 - Nehemiah Mission, 6516 Bridge Ave.

Email Moses at dedccollab@gmail.com with any questions.

THIRD FRIDAYS at 78th St. Studios

Third Friday of each month, year round, 5-9pm; 1300 W. 78th St. Go to: 78thstreetstudios.com

JUNE

Splash Pads and Swimming Pools

Open Michael J. Zone Rec & Cudell Rec
Beginning Saturday, June 8th, 12pm

Cleveland Division of Fire Ice Cream Social

Saturday, June 15, 11am-3pm
Fire Station 23, 9826 Madison Ave.

St. Luke's June 19th Block Party

Wednesday, June 19, 4-8pm
Free food, games, music, and much more. St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 1349 W. 78th St.

Craft Carnival

Thursday, June 27, 1-4pm
Cudell Fine Arts, 10013 Detroit Ave.

Cleveland Metroparks Summer Concert Series

Thursday, June 27, 4-8pm
Shakeground - Reggae At Edgewater Beach

JULY

Creation Care for Kids

Wednesday, July 3, 10, 24, 31
Evenings, call for details.
Calvary Reformed Church, 1918 W. 65th St. 216-961-4271

The Ward 15 Council Office Hosts:

Dumpster Day

Saturday, July 6th, 9am-3pm
Dumpster locations: 2052 W. 73rd St. and at Madison Ave. & W. 105th St. Tires, batteries, appliances, concrete, hazardous chemicals are not accepted.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Italian Festival

Wednesday, July 10 - Sunday, July 14
6928 Detroit Ave.

GardenWalk 2024

Saturday, July 13 - Sunday, July 14, 10am-5pm. Tour Clifton-Baltic and Detroit Shoreway gardens on Sunday, July 14. For details and maps, go to: gardenwalkcleveland.org

BUfest

Thursday, July 25, 1-4pm
Cudell Fine Arts, 10013 Detroit Ave.

Showagon

Thursday, July 25, 4pm
Michael J. Zone Rec Center, 6301 Lorain Ave.

Cleveland Metroparks Summer Concert Series

Thursday, July 25, 4-8pm
Carlos Jones & the PLUS Band - Reggae At Edgewater Beach

Cleveland Public Theatre's Student Theatre Enrichment Program (STEP)

Thursday, July 25, 7pm
Herman Park, 6198 Herman Ave.

International Cultural Community BBQ Hosted by City of Cleveland Community Relations Board

Saturday, July 27, 1-7pm
Michael J. Zone Rec Center, 6301 Lorain Ave.