

# Ward 11 News



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**Danny Kelly**



## A MESSAGE FROM Councilman Danny Kelly

Dear Neighbors,

**Summer is in full swing. Seize the day!**

Summer months in Cleveland mean time spent on the lake, cookouts, baseball games, and, yes, an increase in construction. Excuse our dust as we resurface your roads, work on infrastructure projects, and continue with park improvements. It's all happening in Ward 11 and together we can make it a vibrant place to be.

I have exciting news! **The funding for Variety Theater is near completion and the next step will be for shovels to hit the ground in what will be the cornerstone of Ward 11's renaissance.**

The building is a theater, eight storefronts and thirteen two-story 600-sq-ft apartments that currently is laying vacant. Its rebirth as a new Lorain Avenue anchor will be a catalyst for economic development as Variety Village expands down the entire corridor. Filling our vacant storefronts on Lorain Avenue will eliminate eyesores and make our neighborhood safer and more stable. As an added bonus, right within the building, **the restoration will bring 100 NEW JOBS into our ward.** Not to mention the construction jobs it will bring into our neighborhood during its renovation.

The once-dazzling Variety Theater's rebirth will set the stage to transform our ward into a must-see destination. When this economic engine draws people into our ward, a huge boon for restaurants and other businesses is sure to follow.

**Now it's our turn to rebuild this whole neighborhood and stage a comeback together.**

How do I know this? I have seen neighborhoods' renaissances first-hand. I recall a time when Tremont consisted of pubs with mill dust on the ground. Look at it today! We all have seen the Capital Theater renovation kick-start the revitalization of Gordon Square. Now it's our turn to rebuild this whole neighborhood and stage a comeback together. Let's celebrate!

**Please join Westown Community Development Corporation and me on September 7, 2024 from 2:00-8:00 p.m. at the first ever Ward 11 Street Fest (see back page for details),** held outside at Variety Village on West 118th and Lorain Avenue. There will be Live Bands, DJs, Food and Beer Trucks, face painting and fun for the whole family. Cleveland rocks and so will Ward 11.

Angels Keep!

Yours in Solidarity,  
**Danny Kelly,**  
Councilman - Ward 11

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## Man's Heroic Action Saves Baby from House Fire

When John Stickovich, 62, a retired Laborers' Local 310 member who currently owns a repair business headed into work on May 6, 2024, he did not know yet how special the day would be. His quick thinking, bravery and the presence of mind to jump into action in a stressful moment ultimately helped save an 11-month-old baby trapped inside a burning house.

While driving, he saw smoke pouring from a two-story house on West 102nd, just south of Thrush Ave. Firefighters had not yet arrived, so the Good Samaritan decided to stop and see if he could help. When he did, he found

Samantha James outside, clutching a baby. James revealed that another infant remained trapped inside. "The mother was sitting on the lawn with her one baby and I asked her if she was all right and she said, 'My baby is still in the house,' and I was thinking to myself, 'Oh my God, I have to save the baby!'", he said.

What makes Stickovich's story even more amazing is that he tried THREE different entrances to get into the home and went into the fire TWICE to find the baby.

First, he immediately tried the front door, but could not get inside the home. Next, he ran to the side door of the house and kicked it in, but the smoke and flames were too heavy, so he went to the back of the house and crawled through an open door to the kitchen. Gaining entrance, he plunged into the smoke-filled home, determined to rescue the child. However, there was no sign of the child.

He returned outside to James, who

informed him that the baby was located just outside the kitchen, next to the baby gate. Undeterred by the raging flames, he courageously reentered the blazing inferno, determined to find the infant. At first, he reached around while crawling in the thick smoke and found the gate, but not the baby. With unwavering determination, he ultimately located the child and swiftly brought her to safety. "I'm sure God had something to do with it," Stickovich said. "I believe that 100%. It was getting so bad in there that I was getting ready to leave actually and then the baby cried or made a sound. I put my hand out, grabbed her



Fire Station #33 Rescue Reunion (L-R): Firefighters Ryan Ross and Pete Mauric; John Stickovich, and the James family



Baby Opal with her hero John Stickovich

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# Happy BIRTHDAY

*Julia Campbell*

*Fred Henighan*

## WARD 11 SENIOR STARS!

Councilman Danny Kelly stopped by Eliza Jennings with a Birthday resolution and flowers for Julia Campbell who turned 99 on April 10th and Fred Henighan who turned 102 on April 18th! Happy Birthday and countless blessings to them both!

## Ward 11 | Councilman Danny Kelly

# DUMPSTER DAY

### Get Rid of Unwanted Trash

**14 SEP 2024**

Drop off unwanted home, yard, and garage waste for **FREE**

**UNABLE TO ACCEPT: TIRES, AUTO PARTS, CHEMICALS OR HAZARDOUS WASTE**

### Dumpsters will be at:

<b>Halloran Park</b> 3555 W 117th Cleveland OH, 44111	<b>Thrush Park</b> 3573 W 107th Cleveland, OH 44111	<b>Brookfield Park</b> 12517 Guardian Blvd. Cleveland, OH 44135
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## MAKE A PLAN TO VOTE!

**Military and Overseas Voters**  
Military and Overseas Absentee Voting Begins.

**Voter Registration Deadline**  
Deadline to register to vote. Board of Elections (BOE) is open until 9 pm.

**Vote by Mail & Early In-Person**  
Absentee voting by mail & Early In-Person Voting begins at BOE.

**Election Day! Vote at Polls or Drop-Box**  
Polls open 6:30 am. to 7:30 pm. Ballot drop off by 7:30 pm.

**SEPTEMBER 20** **OCTOBER 7** **OCTOBER 8** **NOVEMBER 5**

**VOTE**

[boe.cuyahogacounty.gov/voters](http://boe.cuyahogacounty.gov/voters)  
Councilman Danny Kelly-Ward 11

## Help is 3 Numbers Away

**2-1-1**  
Get Connected - Get Help™

**211** maintains a comprehensive database of community resources and provides information and referrals for essential needs like:

- Food
- Housing and Shelter
- Utility Assistance
- Healthcare Services
- Government Services
- Transportation
- Legal Services
- Counseling and Support Groups
- Disaster Aftercare
- Everything Else

**211** also can connect people with information and referrals for:

**988** provides crisis support for:

- Thoughts of Suicide
- Mental Health Crisis
- Substance Use Crisis
- Emotional Distress

**911** provides first responder dispatch for:

- Medical Emergency
- Fire
- Reporting a Crime
- Disaster Response
- Life Threatening Situation

**Call for Information and Community Resources**  
**211**

**Call for Suicide Intervention and Crisis Support**  
**988**

**Call for Emergencies**  
**911**

**Whole Person Care**

## 2024 Senior of the Year

# DONNA WOODS

*Donna Woods*

Councilman Danny Kelly recognized Ms. Donna Woods as Ward 11's 2024 Outstanding Senior of the Year, because her leadership shines through in all she does.

Donna is an Executive Administrative Assistant at United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) of Greater Cleveland and a proud wife and mother. She has a long history of volunteering at St. Ignatius of Antioch School and Church where she is a member of the hand bell choir and an inductee into the Ignatius Basketball Hall of Fame in recognition of her fundraising prowess. Donna has served as the Board President for West Denison "baseball league" since 2013.

**CONGRATULATIONS DONNA!**

Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District

**FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH**

**8:00 TO 11:00 A.M.**

3900 Euclid Avenue. Free parking. No appointment necessary.

- Receive NEORS D account support or make a payment!
- Get your sewer or stormwater billing questions answered!
- Apply for or discuss your cost-saving options in person!
- Open by phone until noon (216.881.8247) or visit [neorsd.org/save](http://neorsd.org/save)

**2024** **UPCOMING DATES:**  
September 7 October 5  
November 2 • December 7

Our Customer Service staff is always available during normal weekday business hours by phone and in person.

### House Fire Continued

leg, and then we were both out. If I wasn't guided by God when I was in that smoke, I never would have found her."

The story does not end there. In the interim, while Stickovich was risking his life, Fire Station #33 firefighters were experiencing their first Mayday in decades. In firefighter parlance, a Mayday is a distress call made for three main reasons: Firefighters are trapped, injured, or missing. In this case, the front porch came tumbling down on top of two Cleveland Firefighters from Engine 33. Ryan Ross was able to crawl out, but Pete Mauric remained pinned under the

debris. Acting decisively, the team rallied together to lift the wreckage and free Mauric, then proceeded to extinguish the blaze. The firefighters suffered a shoulder injury and leg burns and an ankle injury respectively.

Without the courage and quick thinking of Stickovich and the brave firefighters, lives could have been lost. Samantha James and babies Opal and Lotus are safe; as are two firefighters saved by their brethren. "Two rescues in one fire. It was quite a day! Thank you John 'Stick' Stickovich and members of Fire Station #33 Cleveland. We appreciate you", said Councilman Danny Kelly.

## John Stickovich Receives A Hero's Welcome

John "Stick" Stickovich, known for his humility and heroism, downplayed his bravery, saying he would do it for anyone. However, it is only fitting and proper that Stickovich, who tried three times to enter the blaze, received accolades three times for his heroism.

On May 9, Cleveland Firefighters at Fire Station #33 hosted a rescue reunion for him, the baby, and the firefighters. On June 3, Councilman Danny Kelly presented him with a resolution at Cleveland City Council, where he received a standing ovation. Finally, on June 5, Laborers' Local 310 honored him at their monthly meeting, celebrating his heroism with another standing ovation.

Stickovich's story is a testament to the existence of real-life heroes.



(L-R): Lt. Norman; Councilman Kelly; John Stickovich and family; Councilman Conwell; Mayor Bibb and Council President Blaine A. Griffin at the Resolution presentation at Cleveland City Council on June 3, 2024.

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## WESTOWN

Community Development Corporation

## HOME REPAIR PROGRAMS

Call Westown CDC at 216-941-9262, Ext. 4 for more information

### WESTOWN CDC PUTS THE SPOTLIGHT ON HOME REPAIRS ...



#### HEALTHY HOMES PRODUCTION REPAIR PROGRAM

A City of Cleveland program for homeowners for a wide-range of home repairs that solve code violations or health, safety, & mobility issues. Includes both interior & exterior repairs. The program can spend up to \$10,000 per home. Homeowners must reside in the home & be current on property taxes or on a payment plan. Two-unit properties are eligible if the homeowner has legal residency in one of the units.

NO. IN HH	MAX HH GROSS INCOME
1 PERSON	\$ 54,450
2 PERSONS	62,200
3 PERSONS	70,000
4 PERSONS	77,750
5 PERSONS	84,000
6 PERSONS	90,200
7 PERSONS	96,450
8 PERSONS	102,650

The qualifying income levels are for GROSS income for all persons living in the home. Income must be included for all persons over the age of 18 living in the home such as Social Security, pensions, full or part-time employment, disability, child support, alimony, etc.

**APPLICATIONS ARE COMPLETED AT OUR WCDC OFFICE BY APPOINTMENT. WE'RE LOCATED AT: 9928 LORAIN AVE.**

#### WESTOWN 50/50 REBATE HOME REPAIR

Approved applicants spending upwards of \$2000 or more on exterior home improvements/repairs may qualify for a rebate/reimbursement up to \$1000.

Garage repairs could be included if the homeowner is also making repairs to the home. Call for information.

#### FOR SENIORS & HANDICAPPED AGES 18-59

For very low income persons for major home repairs (roofs, walk in showers, etc.) through S.H.A.P & AGE FRIENDLY PROGRAMS.  
COUNTY PROPERTY TAX DISCOUNTS via HOMESTEAD Seniors & disabled persons (18-59) call for applications.

#### WEATHERIZATION & ENERGY PROGRAMS

Call WCDC to find out about energy-savings programs such as new furnaces, hot water tanks, electrical upgrades, whole house insulation, & new refrigerators.

#### UTILITY ASSISTANCE

Gas & electric budget plans, percentage of income plans thru H.E.A.P. City water/sewer plans for income eligible individuals. Call for more information.

# WARD 11 STREET FEST

COME RAIN OR SHINE!

2024

FREE PARKING  
AVAILABLE IN  
LOT ACROSS  
FROM THE  
VARIETY  
THEATRE.

Venue:  
Variety  
Village  
WEST 118TH & LORAIN

FREE  
ENTRY!

WHEN STREET  
FOOD MEETS LIVE  
PERFORMANCE

END OF SUMMER  
FUN, FOOD & MUSIC  
FESTIVAL

Don't Miss It!

SEPTEMBER 7, 2024  
2:00 - 8:00PM.

Fun for the whole family!

Live Bands & DJs-Food Trucks-Beer- Face painting- etc.



BROUGHT TO YOU BY WARD 11 COUNCILMAN DANNY KELLY & WCDC