



Ward 14 News

Councilwoman Jasmin Santana



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A Message from Councilwoman Jasmin Santana

It's another great summer in Cleveland. And more good news. I'm so excited that Ward 14 was chosen to receive funding for the **Transformative Arts Fund, The Art Garden Project**. The idea to turn Storer Ave into The Art Garden District, where many the vacant and blighted buildings of Storer Ave will face a new future full of art and creative green space development. When the grant opportunity was opened my office worked with artist Ariel Vergez and MetroWest CDC to develop a vision for what this corridor could be.

The artist, Ariel Vergez, envisions a revitalized Storer Avenue as a dynamic cultural center. Through strategic mural placements and handmade sculptures and the establishment of El Fuego, a renovated fire-damaged building set to become a cultural arts hub, Ariel strives to breathe new life into the neighborhood, one brush stroke at a time.

The Black Brain artists (Ariel Vergez's Art Company/Group) will complete the first round of Storer Ave murals from July 2024 until the weather changes in November 2024.

The El Fuego building (3357 W. 46th Street) will be completely redone. Currently it's a fire damaged, blight building, that will become the artistic focal point of the community. A new 10 foot high sculpture will be placed there.

The vacant lots that dot throughout the



Councilwoman Santana (left) with Transformative Arts Fund Awardees Otelia Vergez, Adam Gifford, Ariel Vergez, Gabe Smith, and Kenron Morgan Jr.

targeted area on Storer will serve as environmental resting spots. Due to the street design, there are few trees. The tight two-lane space has no tree lawns and almost no greenery to the whole corridor. The idea is to take vacant landbank spaces a little more user friendly and create a place for residents to sit down as well as bring more nature to these spots for animals some shelter from the street.

Together, Storer Avenue will have a legacy that goes far beyond murals, although Ariel's art will lead the way. The coming apprenticeship opportunities for local artists will show them how to move their artwork from an idea, to a sketch to a wall.

Meanwhile, **CentroVilla25 (CV25) is coming along swiftly**. Take a walk or drive by to see how




it's being transformed. The opening is expected this Fall. See below for a list of business kiosks.

Lastly, don't forget to stop by one of my **community meetings** which continue in August through October (meetings listed inside). You'll find information the **St. Rocco Festival** and a recap of this year's the **Puerto Rican Expo** in the newsletter.

Remember, as Helen Keller said, "Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much."





Enjoy the great weather and all the exciting end-of-summer events.

Best,
Jasmin Santana
Jasmin Santana
Councilwoman, Ward 14



Business Kiosks

- ▶ Pampering beauty treatments from **LeBeni**
- ▶ Authentic Salvadorian cuisine at **Antojitos Salvadoreños**
- ▶ Gorgeous gifts and accessories from **Mine' Angel Collections**
- ▶ Favorite scents at **MV Perfumes**
- ▶ Tasty tre leches, empanadas, tequeños, and more at **Tumbao58**
- ▶ Coffee at **Cafe Roig**
- ▶ Custom gifts at **Alnairis's Custom Design**
- ▶ New favorite treats at **Algo Diferente**

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AUGUST 27
@ CITY LIFE CENTER
FROM 6:00PM - 8:00PM




Serving Ward 14 Neighborhoods: Clark-Fulton, Stockyards, portions of Brooklyn Centre, Tremont and West Boulevard

Images from the Annual Puerto Rican Parade and Cultural Festival

August 3 & 4, 2024



“Recently, I had the pleasure of meeting Enrique Freeman, an Afro-Latino from Cleveland’s Clark-Fulton neighborhood, graduated from St. Martin De Porres High School and the University of Akron. The son of a Cleveland police officer, he was drafted by the Indiana Pacers in the 2024 NBA draft.

At Akron, Enrique earned numerous accolades, including four-time MAC All-Defensive team membership, two-time First-Team All-MAC honors, and two-time MAC Tournament MVP. In the 2023-24 season, he led the NCAA in rebounds, securing the MAC Player of the Year title and an AP All-American honorable mention.

Normally, I am the tallest in the group, but not by Enrique who is 6-foot-7 height.

We’re all rooting for him as he begins his NBA journey!”

– Councilwoman Jasmin Santana

St. Rocco Festival

August 29 - September 2th
3205 Fulton Rd

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FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

LIVE MUSIC |
Thur & Fri 7-10pm
Sat/Sun/Mon 3-6pm & 7-10pm

KID CARNIVAL RIDES |
Thur & Fri 5-10pm
Sat 3-10pm, Sun & Mon 1-10pm

THE GRAND FINALE PROCESSION |
Starts after Sunday Mass at 11:30am

GREASY POLE |
Monday at 2pm

FAMOUS ITALIAN FOOD |
We have our famous zeppoli, sausage sandwiches, penne and meatballs, lasagna, cannoli and limoncello cake

For Questions Contact: 216.961.8331
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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.

¡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.

MS. BETTY JO PALMER

Ward 14's Outstanding Senior of the Year

Councilwoman Santana named Ms. Betty Jo Palmer Ward 14's Outstanding Senior of the Year. Betty Jo was recognized at the May 15th City of Cleveland Senior Day ceremony. A visionary with a heart for community, Ms. Palmer's advocacy for the restoration of Storer Park led to the Light Up the Park initiative, an annual event to gather neighbors and friend to the park. Her efforts has secured \$200,000 from the City for the renovations and improvements. Thank you Betty Jo!



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Ward 14 COMMUNITY MEETING SCHEDULE 2024

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AUGUST
Shalom & Tranquility Garden
Tue., Aug. 20 • 6 pm - 8 pm
Shalom Garden, 3789 W. 39th St.

SEPTEMBER
LOCATION AND TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED
Call 664-4238 for more information.

OCTOBER
City Life Night
Tue., Oct. 15 • 7 pm - 8 pm; Club Cypher
3340 Trowbridge Ave. *19 years old & younger

West Side Community House
Thur., Oct. 17 • 10 am - 11 am
Healthy Aging Center, 9300 Lorain Ave. *55 years old & older

Ward 14 DUMPSTER DAYS

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The dumpsters are available on these dates from 10 am - 3 pm

AUG 17 STOCKYARD West 50 th & Storer Ave	AUG 31 WEST BLVD West 73rd & Neville Ave	SEPT 7 CLARK-FULTON/TREMONT West 30 th & Meyer Ave
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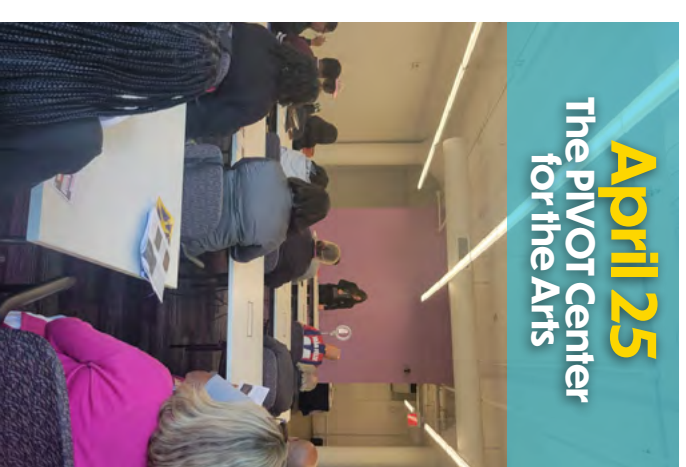
Ward 14 COMMUNITY MEETING SCHEDULE 2024

Since April, Councilwoman Santana has been hosting meetings across the ward, engaging with residents in their neighborhoods. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about available resources, learn about community plans, hear from special guests, and share their concerns.

Contact Adam Gifford at AGifford@metrowestcle.org with any questions.

Look inside this newsletter for upcoming community meetings.

Images from Ward 14 Community Meetings



On July 31, Councilwoman Jasmin Santana was joined by city officials for the raising of the Puerto Rican flag to kick off the annual Cleveland Puerto Rican Parade & Cultural Festival. See photos inside from this year's parade and festival!



Councilwoman Santana is excited to announce that the demolition of the eyesore at 7275 Wentworth Ave will begin August 19. This \$1,177,121 project is a significant victory for the West Blvd/Stockyard neighborhood and will also include much-needed asbestos abatement at the site. Thank you to the City of Cleveland Demolition Bureau for their outreach to residents directly impacted by this project. For details about the demolition viewing party with W. 73rd Community Partners, please contact MetroWest at 216-961-9073.



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