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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

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## Cleveland 311

## Announcing the New 311 Website

The City of Cleveland is pleased to announce the new 311 website!

311 is a centralized, non-emergency hotline and website that provides residents with easy access to City services and information. 311 is a direct and efficient way to report issues and request services, enhancing efficiency and responsiveness. Whether you are a resident, visitor, or local business, our goal is to make it easier for you to report non-emergency issues in a streamlined, user-friendly experience.

**From potholes to graffiti to bulk trash pickup, communicating with the City is now easier than ever.** Visit the 311 website to submit a non-emergency service request that gets routed directly to the department to complete the work. A reference number will be automatically generated. See the website for a full list of service requests available today at [clevelandohio.gov/311](http://clevelandohio.gov/311).

The 311 call center you know and rely on isn't going away. To speak to a trained Citizen Support Specialist, dial 311 while within the city limits or dial 216-664-2000 from anywhere. You can request a reference number when you call.

**To get started, visit online at [clevelandohio.gov/311](http://clevelandohio.gov/311) or call 311 (216-664-2000).**

Thank you for being part of our community.

## Anunciamos el nuevo sitio web de 311

¡La Ciudad de Cleveland anuncia el nuevo sitio web 311!

311 es una línea directa y un sitio web centralizados para casos que no son de emergencia y que brindan a los residentes un fácil acceso a los servicios e información de la Ciudad. 311 es una forma directa y eficiente de informar problemas y solicitar servicios, lo que mejora la eficiencia y la capacidad de respuesta. Ya sea que sea residente, visitante o empresa local, nuestro objetivo es facilitarle la tarea de informar problemas que no son de emergencia en una experiencia simplificada y fácil de usar.

**Desde baches hasta graffitis y recolección de basura voluminosa, comunicarse con la Ciudad ahora es más fácil que nunca.** Visite el sitio web 311 para enviar una solicitud de servicio que no sea de emergencia que se envía directamente al departamento para completar el trabajo. Se generará un número de referencia automáticamente. Visite el sitio web para obtener una lista completa de las solicitudes de servicio disponibles hoy en [clevelandohio.gov/311](http://clevelandohio.gov/311).

El centro de llamadas 311 que ya conoce y en que confía no desaparecerá. Para hablar con un especialista en asistencia ciudadana capacitado, marque 311 si se encuentra dentro de los límites de la ciudad o marque 216-664-2000 desde cualquier lugar. Puede solicitar un número de referencia cuando llame.

**Para comenzar, visite [clevelandohio.gov/311](http://clevelandohio.gov/311) o llame al 311 (216-664-2000).**

Gracias por ser parte de nuestra comunidad.





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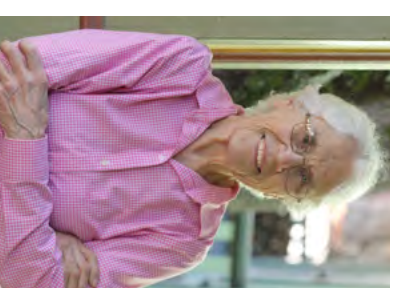
# Ward 15 2024 Senior of the Year - Phyllis Bambeck

Congratulations to West 71st Street resident Phyllis Bambeck, who was recognized in May 2024 as Ward 15 Senior of the Year.

Phyllis Bambeck was born in Pennsylvania in 1940, the oldest of eleven children. After graduating from Seton Hill College with a degree in teaching, Phyllis moved to Cleveland. She taught at both Catholic schools and in the Cleveland Public Schools while raising her two children as a single parent.

After retiring in the mid-1980s, according to Phyllis, "That's when I got really busy!" In addition to coordinating Kentucky Garden for seventeen years, she has co-coordinated the Liberian-American Garden around the corner from her home. She also does community pop-up gardening, including planting zinnias and a resplendent milkweed garden along Wakefield Avenue. Phyllis reads and recommends books

for the Ohio Literary Council and volunteers with children at Gallagher School, working mostly with reading and vocabulary skills. Many neighbors will also recognize Phyllis's painting, including the "Reading is a Treat" sign at West 65th Street and Franklin Boulevard.



Phyllis is well known by her neighbors on West 71st and helps to host "front yard parties" in the summer, which gives neighbors a chance to get to know one another.

Phyllis is a longtime parishioner at St. Colman Church, where she coordinates the annual rummage sale and Lenten fish fries. According to Phyllis, sewing is her "sanity." She makes baby quilts, vintage style aprons and various totes and bags and sells them at area farmer's markets. Phyllis recently began making comfort quilts for Cleveland Clinic and she does sewing for neighbors.

Phyllis says that God has blessed her with good health. She gives blood about six times a year and has given more than her weight in blood, working on her 18th gallon. Says Phyllis, "giving blood is part of my personal philosophy in life. If I have something you need and I don't need it, it is immoral not to give it to you. In the case of blood, I don't miss that pint and it might mean life or death to you." Phyllis hopes to keep active for a good many more years.

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## Marion C. Seltzer and Cudell Commons Update

In May 2024, Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) announced that it was pausing plans to construct Marion C. Seltzer School in the Cudell neighborhood. This decision came after months of advocacy by the Friends of Cudell Commons Park.

This summer, CMSD convened a Steering Committee comprised of Council Member Spencer, representatives from the Bibb Administration, community members, CMSD educators, Ms. Samaria Rice of the Tannir Rice Foundation, and others in order to reimagine a new community engagement process and start fresh on design.

The first community engagement meeting to view and provide comment on the proposed Marion C. Seltzer New School Design and Site Plan will take place on **Thursday, September 19 at 6:30 pm at Marion C. Seltzer Elementary School, 1468 W 98th St.** The entire community is invited to attend.

## Crossing Guard Positions Available

Crossing Guards are recruited by the City year-round and currently, there are multiple positions available to serve for one of our Ward 15 schools. Guards will earn \$20.50 each day and are required to work two 45-minute shifts during the school year- one in the morning and another in the afternoon. Call 216-623-5577 for complete details and for an application.



## Budget Town Halls To Return

This Fall, the City of Cleveland will host "Budget Town Hall" public meetings on the upcoming 2025 General Fund Budget. These meetings will have two goals: education and engagement. First, the meetings will provide an overview of the General Fund Budget process. Second, the meetings will provide an opportunity for residents to identify City services that matter to them the most and voice their concerns.

Feedback from residents will be analyzed and used to help fine tune the General Fund Budget. Combined with feedback from City Council Operational Review Hearings, the City of Cleveland / Bibb Administration seeks to build on the success of last year's inclusive and engaged budgeting process.

Dates, times and locations have not yet been finalized, but residents can follow Council Member Spencer's or the City of Cleveland's social media for updates. Any questions about the meetings can be directed to Anne Tillie ([atillie@clelandohio.gov](mailto:atillie@clelandohio.gov), 216-664-2391).

## Karam Senior Living & Walz Library Construction Set To Begin Next Year

Northwest Neighborhoods Community Development Corporation (NWN) is celebrating its completed fundraising for Karam Senior Living, which will add affordable senior housing to the new Cleveland Public Library (CPL) Walz Campus at West 80th Street and Detroit Avenue. A new award by Guyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (GMHA) of 51 housing vouchers both deepens the project's affordability for future residents and allows development to proceed towards construction in 2025 and opening in 2026.

"After months of working against the odds, we couldn't be more thrilled that our vision of Karam Senior Living will become reality," said Bridget Kent Marquez, NWN Executive Director. "We have so many community members and partners to thank now, including Cleveland City Council, the City of Cleveland, Guyahoga County, Enterprise Community Partners, Cleveland Public Library, and my board and staff"

"We are excited to reimagine the Walz Campus and reaffirm our commitment to this vibrant community," said Felton Thomas, Jr., Executive Director and CEO of CPL. "With enhanced resources, the Walz Campus will be a hub for learning and growth, allowing us to better serve our neighbors and ensuring that everyone who walks through our doors can thrive."



As a \$23 million investment, Karam Senior Living will provide 51 residential units to seniors who earn less than 30% and 50% of the area median income (AMI). Developed in partnership with CPL, the energy-efficient,

accessible building will include a new Walz Campus for intergenerational connections and wrap-around programming. NWN's development work for Karam Senior Living is fulfilling a core goal of its 2024-2028 Strategic Plan: "To maintain, provide, and increase housing affordability for residents with low incomes." The Karam and Walz facility will manifest NWN's vision of "a place where anyone can thrive" by creating shared spaces where young scholars, older residents, and all community members will grow together.

*LEFT: Council Member Spencer attends 8/27 celebration with CPL Librarian Tamara Seward from the Lorain Campus Library and Karie Feider from the Union Campus Library*

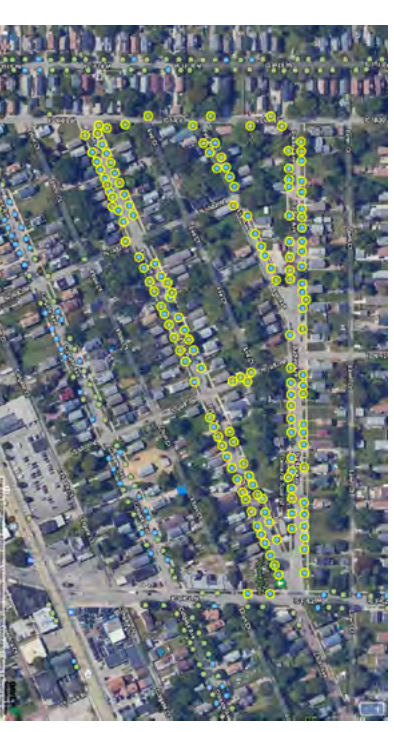


## 65 New Trees on Eton and Dudley

Northwest Neighborhoods CDC (NWN) has received a grant to plant 65 new trees on Eton and Dudley Avenues between West 73rd Street and West 80th Street. The grant was funded by the Healthy Urban Tree Canopy (HUTC) program, an initiative of Cuyahoga County to promote a healthy tree canopy in our county with grant funds for tree planting and maintenance.

Wide tree lawns and few overhead utility wires make Eton and Dudley excellent locations for tree planting. In addition, lower tree canopy percentages south of Madison Avenue make this a priority location for planting within our Ward. Increased tree canopy has public health, traffic calming, climate resilience, and many other community benefits. Maintenance and care for the newly planted trees will be provided by Ward 15's own Neighborly Tree Care LLC, a female-owned business.

Council Member Spencer would like to thank and congratulate NWN, the



*Courtesy of NWN*

Ward 15 Tree Canopy Steering Committee, Shalanna Davis and the Emerald Necklace Block Club, and all other partners who made this grant a reality.