

# Ward 2 Informer

Councilman Kevin L. Bishop / Summer 2024



## A MESSAGE FROM Councilman Kevin L. Bishop

**Dear Residents,**

I hope everyone is having an enjoyable summer and getting out to walk the neighborhood, stopping at parks and enjoying the weather.

I want to inform you of an issue that will affect all residents: rising water rates. These hikes are the first in several years.

Cleveland Water customers can expect higher bills next year, by about 3.5%. The average monthly bill for Cleveland residents is estimated to be \$25.58, up from the current average of \$24.71. (Please remember sewer rates are not from the city and the city has no control over those rates which are set by from the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District.)

After the 3.5% increase, there will continue to be 3.75% hikes each year starting in 2026 through 2029.

Outside of Cleveland, 69 other communities pay the Cleveland Water Department (CWD) for their supply. There are four different service areas. The farther from the lake, the higher the water rate because of the increased cost to move water up and out.

The increases are to support capital improvements, fund operating expenses, and to provide long-term rate stability (eliminating one-time rate spikes). In the last 20 years CWD has invested nearly \$1.5 billion in the system.

Damage to water mains – the primary pipes carrying Cleveland’s drinking water – has been happening more frequently. Because of this issue, the Water Department has shifted from a “fix” to a “replace” approach, which is more costly.

Best,

Kevin L. Bishop,  
Cleveland City Councilman, Ward 2

## Ways to Save on Your Water Bill

### Water Affordability Program

The Water Affordability Program offers a 40% discount on all standard water charges. This includes both the monthly fixed charge and the consumption charge. To qualify for the program, a customer must own and live at the applying service address and have a total household income at or below the current income guidelines, which are based on 200% of the annual Federal Poverty Level guidelines.

The Water Affordability Program is administered by [CHN Housing Partners](#). For questions or to apply for the program, please contact the CHN Housing Partners at [216-774-2349](tel:216-774-2349).

To find out about sewer rate discounts go to [neorsd.org](http://neorsd.org) or call Customer Service: (216) 881-8247 Business hours: Mon-Fri 8 am-5 pm. Customer Service is also open on the first Saturday of the month. In-person: 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. (By phone until noon.)

### Homestead Program

The Homestead Discount Program offers a lower fixed charge and consumption rate. To qualify for the Homestead Discount Program, customers must meet the following criteria:

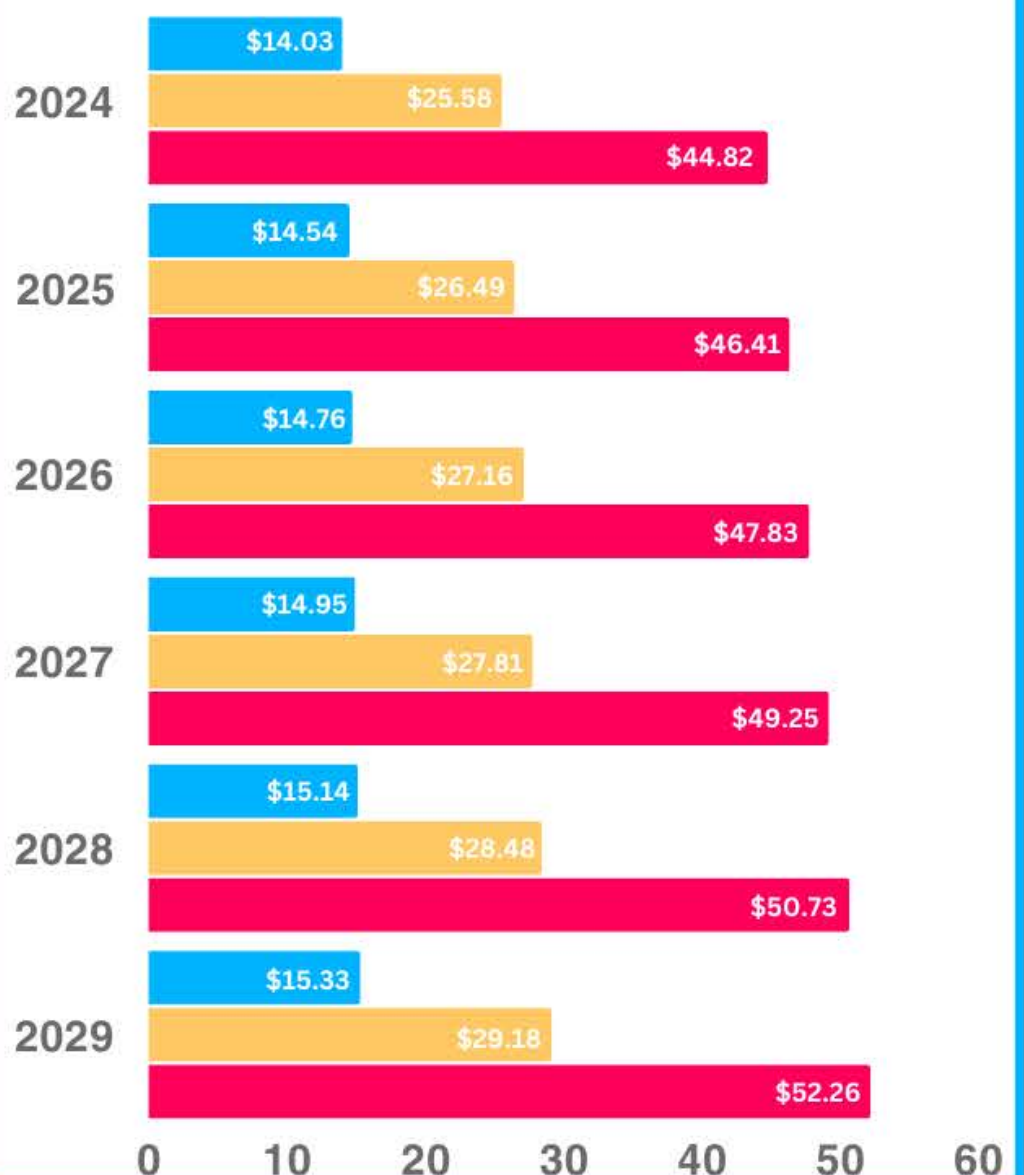
- Be 65 years or older, or totally and permanently disabled;
- Own and live at the service address; and
- Meet income guidelines.

To enroll in the Homestead Discount Program, customers must complete and submit an application. Enrollment is valid for 3 years, after which a renewal application is required. Reminders will be sent to customers when renewal is required. Homestead applications are available on the Cleveland Water’s web site [clevelandwater.com](http://clevelandwater.com) or you can call customer service at 216-664-3130 (Mon - Fri, 7:30 am - 5:30 pm).

## Sample of Increases

Low User Average User

High User






## Resitech Construction Eyes Ward 2 for New Headquarter Location



Resitech Construction is seeking to come to our ward at 3753 E. 93rd St. This business is an MBE-registered and ODOT-certified concrete company that specializes in the preparation, installation, and maintenance of concrete pavements, such as roads, municipal sidewalks, driveways, and patios.

The company, led by Leon Robinson, is proud to have been in operation for over 20 years and is committed to employing community members. Resitech Construction is eagerly anticipating the expansion of its home base to facilitate the hiring and training of 15-20 new staff and tradespeople.

# 2024 Outstanding Senior



**Ms. BJ Brown**

BJ Brown grew up three blocks away from where she works today at the Thea Bowman Center in the Mt. Pleasant neighborhood. BJ's work career includes service to older adults and adults with disabilities at Senior Outreach Services, Inner City Nursing Home, Services to Adult Care Homes (SACH), Cuyahoga County Senior and Adult Services, The Avenue and now Thea Bowman Center since 2017.

Today at Thea Bowman Center, Ms. Brown is the Coordinator of Health and Wellness Programs which includes Senior Programming, a Food Pantry, an intergenerational gardening program, a Men's barbershop program, a hot lunch program and more. When asked what she likes to do for fun, BJ said "I think I am doing it". Service has always brought her so much joy and she shares that joy with all those she works alongside.



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# stepforward SUMMER CRISIS

SERVES INCOME-ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS MEETING ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Individuals 60 years and older
- Individuals with a documented medical condition, verified by a licensed medical professional qualified under Ohio law to write prescriptions
- Households needing to establish new electricity service
- Households disconnected by their electricity provider
- PIPP customers in default

For general questions or to check the status of an application, please call (216) 350-8008

# Habitat for Humanity to Build 10 Homes in the Mount Pleasant Area

Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity is in predevelopment on 11 homes on East 143rd St. in Ward 2 in the Mount Pleasant community, between Kinsman and Bartlett. All of the homes will be sold through Habitat's 0% interest affordable homeownership program, with Habitat aiming to break ground in late 2024 or early 2025.



Habitat's program prepares future homebuyers by requiring at least 200 hours of sweat equity to be completed before a buyer can purchase a home. While Habitat cannot guarantee matching applicants to houses in their own neighborhood, applications to become a Habitat homeowner are open. If you or someone you know is interested in the Habitat program, they can check out Habitat's website to pre-apply: <https://www.clevelandhabitat.org/> or they can call Habitat at 216-429-1299.

These homes are being built as a result of Councilman Bishop sponsoring American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Legislation to support affordable homeownership in Ward 2 and throughout Cleveland.

Above are some images of the style of homes to be built. All will be 2-story, 4-bed, 2-bath homes.

## Looking for a **JOB?**



The Young Leaders Program is a nonprofit organization that addresses the needs of our youth and community. We are looking to hire creative, self-motivated individuals for our team. This position consists of food service, customer service, and meal prep. Hours and days are flexible. This job offers same day pay (Must be 18 and older to be considered for this position).

Contact: Alison Nichols (216)632-1810  
[www.youngleadersprograms.org](http://www.youngleadersprograms.org)

## Naila's Nook

News you can use from  
**Naila R. Deskins**

*Executive Assistant to Councilman Bishop*



**SEE SOMETHING  
SAY SOMETHING**

### Nuisances

Call 216-621-1234 to report nuisance activities including unsightly dumping, motor vehicle speeding and loud disturbances.



### Wildlife Issues

The Division of Animal Care & Control offers 'nuisance' wildlife trapping for skunks, groundhogs, opossums, and raccoons from May 1 through October 31. Call 216.664.3069 for information on trapping services.



## Cuyahoga County Announces Proposed Results of Sexennial Property Reappraisal

The Cuyahoga County Fiscal Office announced the proposed results of the state-ordered Sexennial Reappraisal and how it will affect property taxes. The proposed results, pending approval by the State of Ohio, show an average increase of 32% in home values across Cuyahoga County.

Property owners will receive the proposed valuations in the mail in the coming weeks. Property owners who would like the Appraisal Department to reconsider the proposed valuation can file for informal review by the end of August.

The County will host a series of four community informational sessions to discuss the reappraisal process, updated valuations, and property taxes. Informal reviews will be completed in November. Tax bills will be available in December. Tax complaints can be filed with the Board of Revision from January through March of 2025. View the map of the 2024 Sexennial Reappraisal Impact below:



Residential property owners who want to contest their valuation must submit an Informal Review Complaint July 1 – August 30, 2024 or a Formal Tax Complaint January 1 – March 31, 2025. For more information including the complaint submission process visit: <https://tinyurl.com/countytaxes>

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## Upcoming Waste Pick up Schedule



**SEPTEMBER**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

**OCTOBER**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	6	7	8	9	10	11
	13	14	15	16	17	18
	20	21	22	23	24	25
	27	28	29	30	31	

Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Labor Day  
1 day delay all week

**B** = Bulk Pick up Week  
**H** = One Day Delayed Collection

## Supporting Resident-led Health Solutions



Community grants are available to directly support residents seeking to improve their community's health. The Resident Advancement Committee independently awards community grants to ensure that local leaders have access to resources that help them close the health equity gap.

Whether it's a community garden, a pocket park, or a mentoring program, neighbors and small nonprofits within Saint Luke's footprint, residents can receive up to \$6,000 towards their local initiatives and projects.

Community Grants are exclusively available to residents in Buckeye - Shaker, Mt. Pleasant, and Woodland Hills from March-September annually. These funds provide community leaders, with the resources to turn their local ideas into projects that improve the health of their neighbors. Community Grants are available for resident-led projects in the following areas:

- Educational Attainment
- Financial Stability
- Housing Stability & Safety
- Social Connections
- Advocacy, Policy, and Community Engagement
- Access to Healthy Food and Actively Living

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