

THE GRIFFIN REPORT

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A Message From Council President Blaine A. Griffin

Dear Residents,


Summer may be over but good news isn't. Most of you have likely heard that Huntington Bank is reopening their branch on Buckeye Road (see more about Huntington's home buying program in the newsletter), the Aura at Innovation Square has opened, demolitions and rebirth is happening as the new Woodhill Homes project continues forward.

Council approved funding to ensure Dave's at Shaker Square remains and improves along with the rest of the square and the historic Hessler Court is being repaved with its original surface, wood blocks. Karamu House celebrated the completion of the Theatre Wing Phase III Renovations. Council granted \$500,000 to support Karamu House in its renovation efforts.

Speed bumps have been installed around the city and expect more next year. Funding for home repairs has passed (more info in newsletter) and I spent the summer being out in the community, including holding two safety meetings. I understand safety is a top concern, and for the rest of the year Council plans to hold hearings on the topic.

Election Day is right around the corner and early voting has begun! This is a very important election and I'm asking you to make a plan to vote and see it through. Get out and vote - whether its early in-person, by mail, or on Election Day - November 5. Visit boe.cuyahogacounty.gov or call (216) 443-VOTE for more information. Please vote.

Blaine A. Griffin
Council President, Ward




Ward 6
Community Meetings

Join Council President Blaine A. Griffin for monthly Ward 6 Community Meetings.

Councilman Griffin will provide important updates directly and give residents the chance to discuss concerns.

Meeting Dates:
Tuesday, November 12
Tuesday, December 10

Meeting Location:
Morning Star Baptist Church
10250 Shaker Blvd.
Cleveland, OH 44104

 Meeting are live streamed at:
Facebook.com/Griff4CLE6

Cleveland City Council Leadership Reflected on Accomplishments and Set Priorities for 2024-25 Legislative Session

Cleveland City Council President Blaine A. Griffin, Majority Leader Kerry McCormack, and Majority Whip Jasmin Santana convened a press conference to discuss their legislative achievements from the previous session, outline their strategic priorities for the upcoming session, and to announce changes in staffing.

During the press conference, the Council leaders reviewed significant accomplishments from the prior session. They highlighted successful initiatives such as new economic development programs, affordable housing opportunities, advancements in public safety equipment and measures, and improvements in community services. The leaders provided detailed insights into how these measures positively impacted the city and addressed key community concerns.

Looking ahead, President Griffin, Majority Leader McCormack, and Majority Whip Santana outlined their strategic goals for the rest of the year. They emphasized plans to tackle pressing issues, including improving public safety, enhancing economic growth, addressing the redistricting process, and promoting overall community well-being. They also discussed overseeing that American Rescue Plan Act funding contracts and agreements are finalized.



Cleveland 311 is live!

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#CLE311

IMPORTANT VOTING DATES



OCT 29 | Deadline for Vote-by-Mail / Absentee ballot applications

NOV 3 | Voting in-person at the Board of Elections ends at 5:00 p.m.

NOV 4 | All Vote-by-Mail / Absentee ballots mailed anywhere in the U.S. must be postmarked on or before this date

NOV 5 | **Election Day** - Voting at polling locations. 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
All Vote-by-Mail / Absentee ballots returned in person must be received at the Board of Elections by 7:30 p.m.

Acceptable forms of unexpired photo ID include:

- An Ohio Driver License
- An Ohio State ID Card
- An Ohio Interim ID form issued by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles
- A U.S. passport or passport card
- A U.S. Military ID card, Ohio National Guard ID card, or U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs ID card (that includes the voter's name and photograph)

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We're here to help with a mortgage that turns a good chance into a great possibility.

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- Minimum FICO® score of 580**
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- Can be combined with gift funds and other down payment or closing cost assistance programs



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The **SOPEC** electricity aggregation program saved **Cleveland** residents and small businesses over **\$12M** in the first year!

Check your eligibility by calling **1-888-733-8512**.



Upcoming Waste Collection Schedule

B Bulk Week **H** One Day Delayed Collection **H** Holiday with Regular Pickup

NOVEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
B	3	4	5	6	7	8
	10	11	12	13	14	15
	17	18	19	20	21	22
	24	25	26	27	H	29

Nov. 28th - Thanksgiving Day
Thursday collection on Friday
Friday collection on Saturday

DECEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
B	1	2	3	4	5	6
	8	9	10	11	12	13
	15	16	17	18	19	20
	22	23	24	H	26	27
	29	30	31			

Dec. 25th - Christmas Holiday
Weds. collection on Thurs., Thurs. collection on Fri., Fri. collection on Sat.

Cleveland City Council Prepares For Upcoming Redistricting

Cleveland City Council must cut two seats ahead of the 2025 municipal elections due to population decline.

Cleveland City Council is eager to hear community members' thoughts about the upcoming Redistricting process. The Redistricting consultants include Bob Dykes of Triad Research Group, Dr. Mark Salling, a prominent demographer and former Cleveland State University professor of Urban Affairs, and Kent Whitley, an urban planner, political consultant, and community organizer.

If the City's population is:	The City will be divided into:
More than 575,000	25 wards
575,000 or less but more than 525,000	23 wards
525,000 or less but more than 475,000	21 wards
475,000 or less but more than 425,000	19 wards
425,000 or less but more than 375,000	17 wards
375,000 or less but more than 325,000	15 wards
325,000 or less but more than 275,000	13 wards
275,000 or less	11 wards

The City Charter mandates the city use Census data to determine how many members will be seated on City Council. As of the 2020 US Census, the city of Cleveland has a population of 372,624 people, compared to 396,815 people in the 2010 US Census – a 6.10% decline over ten years. Having just fallen under the 375,000-population threshold, per US Census reports, the City Charter mandates that the Council be comprised of 15 members – two less than the current member count of 17.

Feedback collected from community sessions – in addition to US Census data, natural landmarks, and fair distribution of city properties, including but not limited to fire stations, parks, recreation centers, will aid the consultants in draft a map for City Council to approve.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WARD 6

Phase 2 of Woodhill Project

Phase 2 of the Woodhill project is now underway. Council President, alongside CMHA CEO Jeff Patterson and Resident Leader Marilyn Burns, visited the sites to see the recent demolition and check on the progress of the new units.



Huntington Bank Buckeye Branch to Remain Open

With the unwavering support of Ward 6 residents, the Huntington Bank Branch located on Buckeye will continue to serve our community. Thank you to our community members for helping Council President in his efforts to keep this branch in our ward. See more about their new mortgage incentives in this newsletter.



Karamu Homecoming Celebration

In July, Karamu House hosted its homecoming event to celebrate the completion of the Phase 3 renovations. Council President was in attendance alongside many community members and even Grey's Anatomy star and Karamu alum, James Pickens.



Larchmere Community Safety Meeting

Council President held the Ward 6 Safety Meeting to discuss Ward 6 residents' concerns. Director of the Department of Public Safety, Wayne Drummond was in attendance to directly answer questions. Thank you everyone for a great turnout.





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Cleveland City Council Approves Dave's Shaker Square Loan

In July, Cleveland City Council approved a \$250,000 loan to Dave's Market in Shaker Square.



The funds from this loan will help make improvements to the market including replacing the floors, updating signage and enhancing the prepared foods section.

“The approval of this loan is crucial in ensuring that our residents have convenient access to a quality grocery store within their own neighborhood. Our goal is to support Dave’s business while providing our residents with a great place to shop for their essentials.”

Blaine A. Griffin
Cleveland Council President

Ward 6 Important Phone Numbers:

EMERGENCY 911
(Police, Fire EMS)

Suicide Hotline: 988

Social Services: 211
(food & jobs programs, help for seniors)

Police (non-emergency)	621-1234
3rd District Police	623-5300
4th District Police	623-5400
City Hall	664-2000
Animal Control	664-3069
Power Outage (CPP)	664-3156
(First Energy)	1-888-544-4877
Water Department	664-3060
Dominion Gas	800-362-7557
Sewer District	216-881-8247

BIG CITY BOO
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31
5 P.M. - 7 P.M.
AT ALL NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE & RECREATION CENTERS

Candy, refreshments and games all in a fun and safe environment.