

Ward 11 News



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Danny Kelly



A MESSAGE FROM Councilman Danny Kelly

Dear Neighbors,

Our kids are back in school, the leaves are falling, football season is in full swing, the apple cider is flowing, and it's time to enjoy all that a beautiful fall day in Cleveland has to offer. This fall I will continue to concentrate on making Ward 11 a safe and affordable place to live, raise your families, and age in place.

We have a lot of new construction beginning in the ward. It is my game plan to build ward 11 into a marquis neighborhood one brick at a time. Check out the new businesses coming into the ward and the new union construction delivering improvements to our ward and greater Cleveland. This will also bring plenty of new jobs into our neighborhood.

I hope you and your family joined in the Halloween fun at the City of Cleveland's "Big City Boo" Celebrations at Halloran and Cudell Recreation Centers.

Please do not forget to let your voice be heard this presidential election and get out and vote. Election Day is November 5, 2024.



Councilman Danny Kelly and Alyssa Hernandez, Director of Community Development, City of Cleveland, at Local Leader Volunteer Day for Habitat for Humanity

Have a fun-filled fall season. The best is yet to come to ward 11.
Angels Keep!

Yours in Solidarity,

Danny Kelly,
Councilman - Ward 11

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Five Affordable Habitat Homes Coming Soon to Ward 11

Finally the time has come! Ground has broken and construction is underway in the process of installing five modular homes on Matherson Avenue using \$1M of ARPA funds. To get to this point, Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity enlisted many area leaders and stakeholders in a collaborative effort to make certain people have access to affordable homes in Greater Cleveland. Among them was Councilman Danny Kelly.

Habitat had two goals. First, to purchase their own "home", aka building, as a base of operations to conduct business and a location for a ReStore. Next, Habitat had a goal to procure funds to provide single story modular homes, designed for everybody to live in for years to come as they raise families and age in place throughout Cleveland.

Today, not only does Ward 11 lay claim to Habitat's headquarters, "Councilman Kelly was also instrumental in securing \$5 million in ARPA funds to help us build homes throughout Cleveland and to purchase our building in his ward. We are so grateful to have our home councilman support us tremendously!" Said John Litten, President & CEO, Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity.

"I am proud that Habitat's Headquarters



Images from the October 23, 2024 Greater Cleveland Habitat Modular Homes Installation Event on Matherson Ave.

are in my ward and that five new homes are being built as we speak. Habitat for Humanity embodies the American Dream. You work hard, own your own home, and give your kids the best education you can get. Habitat is all of those things and I want to thank them and all the volunteers. Providing people a safe, stable, home is the best thing you can do", said Kelly.

In case you missed it, Habitat installed two of the five new single story modular homes on Matherson Avenue prior to an installation event. At the Greater Cleveland



Habitat Modular Homes Installation Event at 11804 Matherson Ave. on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, residents toured the two finished installations and watch as the unique installation process begins on the remaining three homes. Habitat will finish construction on the five new homes over the next several months. "I cannot wait to personally welcome our new neighbors to the ward", said Kelly. On that, we can all agree.

Well done Habitat!

COUNCILMAN DANNY KELLY VOTES TO INVEST IN SERVICES AND IMPROVEMENTS

\$100K for investment in Variety Theater District

\$26M for Road & Bridge Improvements citywide

\$15M for Public Facilities Improvements citywide

\$11M for snow plows, bucket, heavy duty & garbage trucks

\$9.25M for Parks & Recreation Improvements citywide

\$5M for Light Duty Vehicles & Equipment citywide

\$1.25 million for Cemetery Improvements citywide



“I am proud to vote to invest in our streets, parks, businesses, and services for our neighborhood.”

Councilman Danny Kelly

Construction Boom Brings Jobs and Improvements to Cleveland

Councilman Kelly is proud to be part of the team that passed legislation that will be a game-changer for Cleveland residents. After a year of negotiations, Cleveland City Council signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for a Community Benefits Ordinance (CBO) that mandates that developers who receive public funds for large construction projects be required to demonstrate the tangible benefit a project brings to Cleveland's neighborhoods. That means jobs and improvements are on the way!

The ordinance requires developers to hire and train low-income residents in union Apprenticeship Programs and Registered Apprenticeship Programs and to hire Cleveland-based, minority and women-owned businesses. The legislation includes a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) that will ensure the most qualified and educated UNION workforce from Cleveland are on the job. A point of pride for Councilman Kelly, a lifetime member of Laborers' Local 310.

On September 4, 2024, the mayor signed a first of its kind PLA with the Cleveland Building Trades & Construction Council ensuring labor unions would be part of all critical infrastructure projects in the City of Cleveland that cost \$500,000 or more. Councilman Kelly was present to witness the historic agreement, beaming alongside his fellow Local 310 members and representing Cleveland City Council at the event. "I'm excited. It is so important because unions create well-paying jobs for our residents. I know what a career in the trades did for me. It



Cleveland City Council Members, the Mayor, and Stakeholders sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for a Community Benefits Ordinance (CBO)

helped me feed my family. I know that skilled trades people will make sure all the projects we are about to start will be quality work that will last for decades to come. I can't wait to see my union brothers and sisters have the chance to show everyone what they can do," Kelly said.

This is a win-win scenario. To build new projects Cleveland will need more laborers, pipefitters, carpenters, electricians, plumbers, bricklayers, painters and etcetera. In turn, Clevelanders will have the chance to embark on a new career path, because there will be no shortage of jobsites to work on in Greater Cleveland.

In fact, contractors are often looking for skilled workers. Councilman Kelly has already hosted three job fairs. "I cannot say enough how much we need good workers to get these projects done. I will do everything in my power to help connect my residents to the training they need to get on the job as soon as possible," said Kelly.

If you are looking for a career opportunity, scan the QR Code for more information.

Scan here for more info!



1st Ward 11 Street Fest is in the Books



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

West 105th Street DQ Owner Inspires Next Generation

Eric King has one speed: go!

He brought his energy and enthusiasm when he purchased and remodeled the Dairy Queen on West 105th Street in Ward 11. He set out to make things better and still serve the same yummy treats, cakes and ice cream; and he did.

Eric has been active in the community all his life. At one point, he ran for city council in the Mount Pleasant area where he grew up. However, running a business and trying to campaign simultaneously was not a good fit. As such, he shifted his paradigm to giving back to the community by mentoring his staff while running a business. This is the second DQ he has owned and operated, with more to follow no doubt. "One of the reasons I ran for council was to advocate bringing a bank into Mount Pleasant. I believe you need banks to be able to thrive and I am pleased



Owner Eric King (center) with Danny Kelly, and the DQ staff at Ward 11 Street Fest

Dairy Queen

ADDRESS: 3538 W 105th St, Cleveland, OH 44111
HOURS: Sun. – Thurs., 10:30 am – 10:30 pm; Fri. and Sat. 10:30am-10:30 pm
CONTACT: 216-688-0312 | Email West105dq@att.net



Councilman Kelly agrees and is working to bring in Bank of America to Ward 11," said King.

This is not the only commonality Councilman Danny Kelly and King share. Both men share the same goal. To help the next generation. Kelly did so while working at Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD). He continues to do so as a Cleveland City Councilman. King uses his platform as a small business owner to be a role model. King takes the time not just to mentor and inspire his staff; he also goes into the schools. It was no surprise they crossed paths. "I met Eric when he was handing out Dilly Bars and had a Sundae bar for the kids at the local school. I knew he was something special," said Councilman Danny Kelly.

Eric's true passion is mentoring and inspiring our youth. When I hire people, I look for their potential to grow into a future leader. I like inquisitive kids. I always ask them if they know the history of their school when I interview them. It shows if they have a capacity to grow as a person if they know that answer, mused King. That litmus test turned out to be prophetic when a local school renamed itself Mary Church Terrell. Eric chuckled, "when that happened my kids were ready because they were in the know."

In just six years, he has grown deep roots in Ward 11. He spoke recently to an 8th grade class. "I emphasized the importance of getting a job, keeping a job, building your skills, experience, and resume, how to find your passion, and much more!" he said. At the recent Ward 11 Street Fest, he and his staff kept the event alive with their contagious enthusiasm. Stop by DQ for more than ice cream. Stop by to be motivated to do more and be more. Thank you for all you do Eric King, you add value to Ward 11 every day!

CALLING ALL ENTREPRENEURS IN WARD 11!

Want to Start Or Expand A Small Business?



Westown CDC provides technical assistance that can help you with your business goals. For more information on available programs, please contact Chad Dasher at:

216-941-9262
dasher@westowncdc.org
9926 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44102



WARD 11 NEW BUSINESS UPDATES

Greater Cleveland Food Bank Community Resource Center

9830 Lorain Ave. **UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP**



This August, the Greater Cleveland Food Bank purchased the former Pick-N-Pay supermarket building at Lorain Avenue, which is currently a Cuyahoga County resource center with \$3.5 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The Food Bank will lease the building from Cuyahoga County through September 2026, around when the Food Bank expects to open at the site. The plan is to convert the space to a community resource center that will serve as a one-stop shop designed to address underlying causes behind food insecurity and poverty. This will serve to provide those in need in our ward the chance to shop for food in a "market-style format" and access services and resources they need to achieve a higher income that will free them from food insecurity. The goal is to mimic the success of the Collinwood Center on the east side by providing west siders the same convenience to tap into everything they need to succeed under one nearby roof. The purchase is new and detailed plans will be underway soon. Updates can be found on Instagram (@clefoodbank) and Facebook (@greaterclevelandfoodbank).

Bank of America Financial Center & ATM

3029 West 117th St **UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

Shovels have hit the ground and construction is ongoing at the site of the former Lido Lounge on the new Bank of America Branch coming to Ward 11. This one-story 4,523 square foot Bank of America branch will include a detached drive-up ATM, on-site utilities, paved parking with 24 standard spots and 2 handicap accessible spots, that will be accessible from West 117th and Western, and a pedestrian sidewalk. This will serve to provide our ward with access to a local bank to open a checking account, obtain a mortgage to own a home, build a savings or credit score, or secure a job at the bank. Bank of America has also committed to helping our neighborhood thrive with philanthropic efforts. Bank of America's design will be similar to the East 79th Street and Carnegie Branch. Doors are expected open at this branch by the end of this year. Stay up-to-date: Twitter/X (@BofA) and Facebook (@BankofAmerica)



Variety Theatre District

11801-11825 Lorain Ave.

UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP

This iconic Cleveland Theatre District will be reborn to its former glory over the next few years, serving as an economic engine that will draw people into the ward. Kelly Flamos, the new owner, has presented a plan to breathe fresh air into this historic site. Prior to this, she has had great success in renovating Mahall's in Lakewood, making this circa 1924 venue a must visit destination. One of the first steps Councilman Kelly took for this project was to make sure that ample parking is available. Next, Cleveland City Council recently approved Ord. No. 614-2024, legislation sponsored by Councilman Danny Kelly, to provide economic development funds that will go towards construction and renovation, acquisition of equipment, furniture, fixtures, EV Charging Stations, as well as landscaping, signage and other eligible costs associated with redevelopment of the Variety Theatre District. Recently, the first Ward 11 Street Fest took place at the future site. Next, construction will be underway. The hope is to have a new theatre and surrounding district up and running for the 100-year anniversary of Variety Theatre in 2027, if the construction phase goes well. Construction updates can be found on Instagram: @varietytheatre



Levant Shawarma Restaurant

11800 Lorain Ave.

Newly opened in October of 2023, Levant Shawarma features authentic Mediterranean cuisine. Adib Toubya originally from Tartus, Syria remains deeply embedded in his roots and proudly brings his traditions with him. That means biting into his Kibbeh; a national dish of Syria is like taking a trip back home for many of his customers. It also took little time for this hot spot to become famous for its scrumptious Baba Ghanoush and Hummus. Adib also has been active in giving back to Ward 11 since opening his restaurant. He recently offered his favorite dishes at the Ward 11 Street Fest. The restaurant's menu has everything from appetizers to platters, with wings and sandwiches available for those on the go. After numerous recommendations from people around town, lean into the buzz around this slice of home for all things Mediterranean, and stop by Levant Shawarma for a bite to eat. Instagram: @levant_shawarma, Phone: 216-331-7223



Bouch Lo Mòde Eats Restaurant & Event Space 11619 Lorain Ave.

Newly opened in July of 2024 at the site of the former Cleveland Mofongo Latin Grille, Bouch Lo Mòde is two venues wrapped into one. The Latin Fusion restaurant blends vibrant Latin flavors with a modern twist and features an outdoor patio space to enjoy breakfast, brunch, lunch, or dinner. The event space is available to watch the big game, rent out for your next special event, and to order catering services. The owners, Ray Keeler and Cece Campbell, are top tier chefs who trained together at Edwin's Leadership & Restaurant Institute. Ray grew up on the West Side and Cece has been active in the Greater Cleveland community all her life. They have teamed up to create a neighborhood hub for people to gather and create lasting memories. For great food and fun events; stop by Bouch Lo Mòde. Email bouchlomode@gmail.com to cater your next event. Instagram: @bouchelomode, Phone: 216-266-0562



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Councilman Danny Kelly - Ward 11



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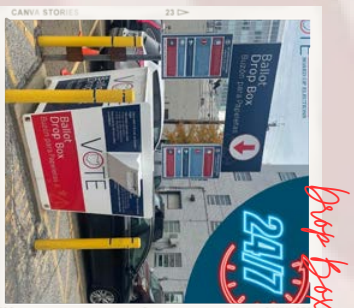
Councilman Danny Kelly encourages all Ward 11 residents to exercise the power of your vote in the November 5, 2024 Presidential General Election. Early voting began on October 8, 2024 and Election Day is November 5, 2024.



Absentee



In Person



Drop Box



At the Polling Place

216-443-8683

www.443VOTE.US

2925 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115

Vote from Oct. 8 - Nov. 5, 2024 Election Day!

Halloween Park this Fall

Free Programs

- Flag Football: Ages 5-17
- Recess Cleveland: Ages 8-17
- Circuit Training: Ages 18+
- Learn to Skate: All Ages
- Open Skate (\$1 Rental Fee-weather permitting)

Mon-Fri: 12:00pm-7:15pm
Sat: 10am-5:15pm

Scan the QR Code

Call for more information at 216-664-4187

NEW! NEW!

CITY-FUNDED HOME REPAIR PROGRAMS

The City is switching to a UNIVERSAL APPLICATION process. We will use one application for all city-funded home repair programs. Some of those programs include the Healthy Homes Production Program, the Senior Homeowners Assistance Program (SHAP), the City Exterior Paint Program, and/or Age Friendly.

AFTER THE NEW UNIVERSAL APPLICATION IS READY SOMETIME IN OCTOBER WCDC will schedule an appointment for homeowners to complete the new applications. Documents are *not* required at the time of application. The City will contact applicants & request required documents (income verification, banking info, etc.).

IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES FOR APPROVAL: See the Income Guidelines & Checklist below to avoid delays:

TOTAL GROSS HOUSEHOLD INCOME MUST BE AT OR BELOW THESE LIMITS & INCLUDE ALL PERSONS 18+ OLDER RESIDING IN THE HOME. NO EXCEPTIONS.

HH SIZE	MAX 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

PRE-APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- PROPERTY TAXES MUST BE CURRENT OR - HOMEOWNER MUST BE ON AN OFFICIAL COUNTY PAYMENT PLAN
- THE NAME(S) ON THE DEED MUST BE CORRECT & ACCURATE. NO DECEASED PERSONS ON THE DEED. MULTIPLE HOMEOWNER NAMES ON THE DEED REQUIRE THOSE PERSONS TO RESIDE IN THE HOME & PROVIDE INCOME & ASSET INFO.
- NO ACTIVE LIENS ON THE HOME.
- CANNOT BE IN FORECLOSURE.
- CURRENT ON MORTGAGE PAYMENTS. MAY HAVE TO RESIDE IN THE HOME FOR A MINIMUM OF 1 YEAR.

WESTOWN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION HOME REPAIR PROGRAMS & MORE!

COMING IN OCTOBER 2024

WESTOWN CDC
9926 LORAIN 2ND FLOOR CLE OH 44102
216-941-9262 EXT 4

WESTOWN 50/50 REBATE HOME REPAIR

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

FOR SENIORS (59+) & HANDICAPPED PERSONS AGES 18-59

Help for very low income persons for major home repair needs such as roofs, walk in showers, etc.

HOMESTEAD COUNTY PROPERTY TAX DISCOUNT
Seniors (59+) & disabled persons (18-59 yrs).
SAVE MONEY ON YOUR PROPERTY TAXES!

WEATHERIZATION & ENERGY PROGRAMS

Replace old furnaces & hot water tanks.
Get electrical upgrades, whole house insulation, & a new energy efficient refrigerator.

UTILITY ASSISTANCE

H.E.A.P. & P.I.P.P. has gas & electric plans.
City water & sewer discounts for income eligible individuals.

CLEVELAND POLICE FIRST DISTRICT

1st District Meeting

Join Interim Commander Westley Woods at 6pm on the first Thursday of each month.

NOV. 7, 2024
6 P.M.-7 P.M.

St. Ignatius of Antioch Cafeteria - 10205 Lorain Ave.

- Engage with
 - Interim Commander Woods
 - CLE Police Supervisors
 - Cuyahoga County Prosecutors
 - CLE Fire Department Officials
- Address Crime Trends & Challenges

Safety Updates Provided & Questions Answered