

# WAY ATER CITY YARDS **DETROIT SHO** MARD 15

**Nosotros Somos Ward 15 -** Al servicio de los vecindarios de Cudell, Detroit Shoreway, Edgewater y parte de Ohio City y Stockyards

# Lead Safe in Ward 15

The primary source

of lead poisoning in

Cleveland is dust from

lead paint.

Lead exposure occurs

when a child comes

in contact with lead

by touching, ingesting

or breathing in

lead dust.

Lead paint poisoning is a problem and a challenge across Cleveland's neighborhoods. The majority of homes in the city of

Cleveland were built prior to 1978, when lead paint was still used. Because of this, there is a potential elevated risk of lead hazards in most Cleveland homes especially for young children.

Lead dust can be found on surfaces that rub against each other and are subject to wear and tear

like windows, doors, floors, and porches. Lead dust is microscopic and it only takes a small amount to poison.

In October 2024, the City of Cleveland's Health Director, Dr. David Margolius, provided a report to Cleveland City Council showing the Cleveland neighborhoods where Elevated Blood Lead Levels (EBLLs) are highest. While

all neighborhoods are affected, the Cudell and Stockyards neighborhoods have some of the highest rates of lead poisoning.

> When Council Member Spencer learned this, she realized that the Council Office needed to do more to educate and protect our citizens.

> In the month of March, there will be three community education sessions about lead, in partnership with the City of Cleveland and the Lead Safe Resource **Center:**

**▶** Lead Safe Community **Conversation** with

Dr. David Margolius and other community leaders, providing information about lead in your community. The entire family is welcome

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# 31% - 41% of children who tested in these neighborhoods had elevated blood lead levels Numbers in neighborhoods represent number of children with blood lead levels ≥3.5 µg/dL

This map shows how many kids had Elevated Blood Lead Levels (EBLLs) out of all the kids who tested per neighborhood in 2023. The unit of measure is 3.5 micrograms per deciliter (3.5  $\mu$ g/dl). On the west side, the neighborhoods with the highest rates include Clark Fulton, Stockyards, West Boulevard, Cudell and Brooklyn Centre.

Council Member Spencer,



For Landlords: Per Mayor Justin M. Bibb's October 2024 Executive Order, the City of Cleveland will move towards requiring a Lead Safe Risk Assessment in order to obtain Lead Safe Certification. The current standard is a Clearance Exam. For more information, contact the Lead Safe Resource Center at 833-601-5323.

**For Tenants:** To confirm whether your rental unit is both (1) on the City's Rental Registry and (2) has a Lead Safe Certification, go to: cleveland.housing.health

# A Message from Councilmember Jenny Spencer

### **Dear Ward 15 Residents,**

As many of you know, I have decided not to seek reelection to Cleveland City Council. However, I will remain in office until the end of my term through December 2025, and I look forward to continuing to serve our community over the next twelve months.

### My staff and I have a busy to-do list through December, including:

- Continuing to address vacant and abandoned structures
- Responsive and efficient constituent services
- Prioritizing tree planting, including my work on the City's Urban **Forestry Commission**
- Raising public awareness about the threat of lead poisoning (see cover story)
- Greenspace planning at Cudell Commons Park
- And much more.

## We would be honored if you took a moment to complete this survey

(bit.ly/Ward15ConstituentSurvey) to provide feedback about our work



and to share your priorities for your neighborhood. We'll pass the survey results on to incoming Council

member(s). Of note: Ward boundaries will change significantly in 2026, which will be reflected in the November 2025 municipal election. Mark your calendars now for Election Day on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 in which you'll vote for Mayor, City Council, and other candidates and issues.

It has been an honor to serve Ward 15 and our amazing residents. Thank you for your support. I look forward to working together over the coming year.

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# Un mensaje de la Concejala Jenny Spencer

### Queridos residentes,

Como algunos de ustedes saben, he decidido no presentarme a la reelección para Cleveland City Council. Sin embargo, permaneceré en el cargo hasta el final del mandato en diciembre de 2025 y espero seguir sirviendo a nuestra comunidad durante los próximos doce

### Mi oficina tiene una apretada lista de tareas pendientes hasta diciembre, que incluye:

- Seguir trabajando en las estructuras vacías y abandonadas
- Servicios al público eficientes y receptivos
- Priorizar la plantación de árboles, incluido mi trabajo en la Comisión de Silvicultura Urbana de la Ciudad
- Concientizar al público sobre la amenaza del envenenamiento por
- Planificación del espacio verde en **Cudell Commons Park**
- · Y mucho más.

Sería un honor para nosotros que se tomara un momento para completar esta encuesta (bit.ly/Ward15Encuestra) y brindar comentarios sobre nuestro



sus prioridades para su vecindario. Le pasaremos los resultados de la encuesta a los

miembros entrantes del Consejo. Nota: los "Ward boundaries" (límites de los distritos) cambiarán significativamente en 2026, lo que se reflejará en las elecciones municipales de noviembre de 2025. Marque su calendario ahora para el día de las elecciones, el martes 4 de noviembre de 2025, en el que votará por la alcaldía, el concejo municipal y muchas otras contiendas importantes.

Ha sido un honor servir en el Distrito 15 y espero trabajar juntos durante el próximo año.

Con mejores deseos,



### **LEAD SAFE IN WARD 15 CONTINUED**

to attend; a meal will be provided.

Tuesday, March 4th, 2025 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Marion C. Seltzer School 1468 W. 98th St.

▶ **Lead 101 Training** is a lead safety class for anyone in the community, with the "who, what, when, where, and why" for all things lead poisoning and prevention.

Saturday, March 15th, 2025 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Cudell Recreation & Resource Center, 1910 West Blvd.

▶ Lead Safe Property Owner **Training** helps property owners navigate the City of Cleveland's Lead Safe Certification process and reviews available resources. Saturday, March 22nd, 2025 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Cudell Recreation & Resource

Here are some tips to reduce lead hazards risks in your home and family:

Center, 1910 West Blvd.

Wash hands often, especially

before eating. Wash toys, including bottles, pacifiers, and other things children may put in their mouths.

- Regularly clean floors, windowsills, or any other horizontal surface with wet cloths or mops. Utilize two buckets—one for soap, one for rinsing—to prevent recontamination.
- Remove shoes before entering the home.
- Eat a healthy diet with foods containing iron, calcium, and vitamin D. Some examples are leafy greens, eggs, beans, and dairy products.

The Lead Safe Resource Center (LSRC) is a year-round resource and one-stop shop for lead poisoning prevention education. The LSRC is there to be a resource for everyone - families, property owners, contractors, concerned citizens, and more. Call them at 833-601-5323 (LEAD).

LEAD SAFETY TAKEAWAYS

### **CLEVELAND**

LEAD ORDINANCE

- Any home built before 1978 is reasonably presumed to contain lead-based paint. Residential rental units built before 1978 must have a Lead Safe Certification from the City of Cleveland's Department of Building and Housing.
- For more information on the Cleveland Lead Ordinance refer to the City Division of Records Administration or contact the Lead Safe Resource Center.

www.clevelandohio.gov/ city-hall/departments/ building-housing/divisions/ records-administration/leadsafe-certification

- Ask your landlord: Are you aware of the lead ordinance that all rental properties must be registered as lead-safe if the property was built before 1978?
- To find out if your home is registered with building and housing or if your landlord has a lead safe certification check your address on:

cleveland.housing.health

### KNOW YOUR TENANTS RIGHTS

- Notice to Correct- you must provide the rental property owner with a 30-day notice to correct conditions/repairs.
- With your rent payment, give your rental property owner a written note stating what repairs need to be done and keep a copy for yourself.
- If after 30 days repairs are not made, you can take your rent payment downtown at the Clerk of Courts in the Justice Center and continue paying rent on time.
- Your landlord MAY NOT increase your rent, stop services, or kick you out
- Complaining to rental property owner or a public official
- Organizing a tenant's group
- Depositing your rent with the clerk of courts
- If you run into issues, reach out to:

Legal Aid Society of Cleveland Hotline 216-432-0609 www.lasclev.org

Cleveland Housing Court 216-664-4295 www.clevelandhousingcourt.org

### **LEAD TESTING**

- Children 6 years old and younger should be tested regularly in the
- Children with Medicaid should be tested at 1 and 2 years old
- A blood test is the only way to know if a child has been lead poisoned
- A blood test will either be a venous draw or two finger pricks to determine if an Elevated Blood Lead Levels (EBLL) Exists

LEAD | SAFE

# Prevenir la Intoxicación Por Plomo

Si Ud. vive en una casa construida antes de 1978, existe un riesgo potencial elevado de peligros por plomo. El polvo de plomo puede encontrarse en superficies que se frotan entre sí y están sujetas al desgaste, como ventanas, puertas, pisos y porches. El polvo de plomo es microscópico y basta una pequeña cantidad para envenenar.

A continuación, algunos consejos para reducir los riesgos de peligros por plomo en tu hogar y tu familia:

- Lava las manos con frecuencia, especialmente antes de comer. Lava los juguetes, incluyendo biberones, chupetes y otros objetos que los niños puedan llevarse a la boca.
- Limpia regularmente los pisos, alféizares de las ventanas u otras superficies horizontales con trapos húmedos o trapeadores. Utiliza dos cubos, uno para jabón y otro para enjuagar, para evitar la recontaminación.
- Quítase los zapatos antes de entrar a la casa.
- Come una dieta saludable con alimentos que contengan hierro, calcio y vitamina D. Algunos ejemplos son verduras de hojas verdes, huevos, frijoles y productos lácteos.

El Centro de Recursos para la Seguridad con Plomo es el lugar único para la educación sobre la prevención de la intoxicación por plomo. El Centro es un recurso para todos: familias, propietarios, contratistas y más. En colaboración con la Concejala Jenny Spencer, El Centro de Recursos para la Seguridad con Plomo llevará a cabo una serie de eventos sobre seguridad con plomo este marzo.

Tendremos una conversación comunitaria sobre cómo evitar el plomo con el Dr. David Margolius, Director de Salud para la Ciudad de Cleveland, y otros líderes comunitarios, que brindarán información sobre el plomo en su comunidad. Toda la familia está invitada a asistir; se ofrecerá una comida. Únete a nosotros el martes, 4 de marzo a las 5:30 PM en Marion C. Seltzer School (1468 W. 98 St.).

También realizaremos clases sobre seguridad con plomo. Nuestra capacitación "Plomo 101" presenta el quién, qué, cuándo, dónde y por qué de todo lo relacionado con la intoxicación por plomo y la prevención. Únete a nosotros el sábado, 15 de marzo a las 1:00 PM en Cudell Recreation Center (1910 West Blvd.).

Nuestra capacitación para propietarios de propiedades "Plomo Seguro" ayuda a los propietarios a navegar por el proceso de Certificación de Plomo Seguro y revisa los recursos disponibles. Únete a nosotros el sábado, 22 de marzo a las 1:00 PM en Cudell Recreation Center (1910 West Blvd.)

¡El Centro de Recursos para la Seguridad con Plomo está disponible para ayudarle! Lláma al 833-601-5323 (PLOMO) o ir al www.leadsafecle.org/lead-safe-resourcecenter y haga clic en Español.









**Danny Kelly** 

Jenny Spencer

**Apprenticeships &** explore a career in the building trades!

Connect with Union

FOR MORE INFO, VISIT: omjcc.cuyahogacounty.gov

**CLEVELAND DIVISION OF POLICE** 

**April 9, 2025** 

**Built Environment** 

**Job & Training Fair** 

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm **St. Ignatius of Antioch** 10205 Lorain Ave.



## **WE ARE** HIRING!



If you are looking to land a job that makes your career take flight in a fast paced, dynamic industry that delivers a diverse and inclusive culture valuing the contributions of their people and teamwork, DPC is your employer of choice!











### Recreation Summer Jobs Hiring Event

Open interviews with HR Staff



(216) 664-2325

### 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

**January 11, 2025 - Frederick Douglass Rec Ctr.** 15401 Miles Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44128

January 25, 2025 - Zelma George Rec Ctr. February 8, 2025 - Cudell Rec Ctr.

February 22, 2025 - Thurgood Marshall Rec Ctr.

March 8, 2025 - Michael Zone Rec Ctr. March 22, 2025 - Collinwood Rec Ctr.

- Head Cook/Cooks Camp
- Forbes

  Park Maintenance Aide Coordinator (Field Moni
  Park Maintenance Aide

**Get paid** 

to work Poolside!

LIFEGUARD

TRAINING

& PLACEMENT

- (Spray Basins)
   Play Director (Camp
- · Play Director Lunch
  - Play Director Ednich
     Play Director Playground
     Play Director Showagon
     Truck Driver Showagon
     Recreation Instructor Jr.
- Golf Recreation Instructor Playground





Park Maintenance Workers are seasonal positions with the Cleveland Metroparks, and they are available at all reservations, including Lakefront

(Edgewater Park). To review the job posting and to apply, visit the hiring website (www. clevelandmetroparks.com/about/employment) and search "Park Maintenance Worker." Cleveland Metroparks also holds a seasonal job fair each year.



### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

CONSTRUCTION CRAFT LABORER



### What are the Minimum Qualifications for Applicants?

order to enroll in the Water Distribution Apprenticeship Program, interested participants must meet the following requirements

High School Graduate

- Must be a Cleveland Metropolitan School District
- (CMSD) high school graduate

  Must have a satisfactory attendance rat
- . Must have a letter of recommendation from a teacher
- quidance counselor, or employer
- Upon program start date, a valid Ohio driver's lice
- **GED** Recipients Must be between 18 and 21 years of age by program
- receiving GED
- Must have a letter of recommendation from a former
- teacher, guidance counselor, or employer

  Upon program start date, a valid Ohio driver's license





### 2025 Upcoming Classes

January - April | 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

**ESTABROOK** uesdays & Thursdays Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> - Apr. 10<sup>th</sup>

THURGOOD MARSHALL Mondays & Wednesdays Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> - Apr. 29<sup>th</sup>

ALEXANDER HAMILTON Tuesdays & Thursdays Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> - Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>

EARLE B. TURNER Tuesdays & Thursdays Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> - Apr. 5<sup>th</sup>

TO REGISTER: Scan

Or Call (216) 664-2570 高級



**MICHAEL ZONE** 

Tuesdays & Thursday Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> - Apr. 18<sup>th</sup>



The Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Workforce Development Board is now Greater Cleveland Works! We work to get you your first job, your next job, your best job. We operate the OhioMeansJobs center at 1910 Carnegie Avenue in Cleveland. Learn more at greaterclevelandworks.org.



**CLEVELANDWPC.COM** 



Para programar una cita, visite refundohio, org o llame al 211. PREPARACIÓN DE IMPUESTOS GRATIS

community meeting dates coming soon.

improvements to the remainder of the Cudell Commons

Next up is the City of Cleveland's planning process for

visit REFUNDOHIO.ORG or DIAL 211. To learn more or schedule an appointment, eitc

601 Lakeside Avenue, Room 220 Cleveland, OH 44114 @jennyspencercle

City Hall Office:

WARD 15 COUNCIL MEMBER enny Spencer



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**HEATHER LAZAR,** Ward 15 Neighborhood Advocate

Email: jspencer@clevelandcitycouncil.org Phone: 216-664-4235 Fax: 216-664-3837 Visit ClevelandCityCouncil.org/ward-15



H. Barbara Booker building (W. 65th & Lorain Ave.). For more

nformation, visit **www.develandmetroschools.org/** 

During construction, students will attend school at the former

open through the end of the school year; then, demolition Marion C. Seltzer School. The existing building will be completed its planning process for the redesign of

**Cleveland Metropolitan School District has** 

On January 6, 2025, Cleveland City Council voted to approve new ward boundaries. The number of Cleveland wards will be reduced from 17 to 15.

Council Member Spencer was not in favor of the maps, as the current Ward 15 will be divided across three new wards. For more information, read her statement at bit.ly/ WardRedistrictingSpencer.

More details about the ward maps can be found at **clevelandcitycouncil.org/redistricting.** Residents will vote on the Council seats with the new ward boundaries in the November 2025 municipal election.

## **CivicRec Enrollment at Recreation and Resource Centers**

*The City of Cleveland is now partnering with CivicRec.* Get your free membership today!

What is CivicRec? CivicRec is the City of Cleveland's new interactive online catalog of all the activities, programs and events offered in all our Neighborhood Resource and Recreation Centers. Register for your FREE membership which will allow you to browse our offerings and register for the FREE programs that interest you! Free winter activity registration is now available.

With questions or concerns, contact your **Neighborhood Resource & Recreation Center** (NRRC):

Cudell Recreation Center, 216-664-4137 Michael J. Zone Recreation Center, 216-664-3373 Cudell Fine Arts, 216-664-4183

Source: Mayor's Office of Prevention, Intervention and Opportunity for Youth and Young Adults

# **Care Response Pilot Program is** Now Available in 44102

The Care Response Pilot Program is now available in Cleveland zip codes 44102 and 44105. Care response deploys unarmed mental health professionals and peer support specialists to mental health crises, instead of law enforcement officers.

With a focus on care, connection, and collaboration, the care responders are ready to answer to those in need, ensuring they receive

the appropriate resources and assistance. Residents of 44102 and 44105 in the City of Cleveland can dial 988 to connect with the care response team. The Care Response Pilot Program is currently available 7 am-5 pm with 24/7 program availability coming soon.

To learn more about care response, please visit www.adamhscc.org/about-us/careresponse/about-care-response.





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## **New Property Tax Relief Program for Seniors; Weekly Home Repair Clinics**

Cuyahoga County has launched a new Taxpayer Assistance Program that will pay up to \$10,000 in delinquent property taxes for seniors, to help them avoid foreclosure. To qualify, residents must:

- Be 70 or older and with a household income of less than \$70,000 a year.
- Be actively delinquent on their property taxes.
- Be in their homes for at least three years and commit to remaining in their home for three years after.

To apply, go to https://chnhousingpartners.org/taxpayer-assistance/or call the Cuyahoga County Treasurer's Office at 216-443-7400 and choose Option 1.

Each Monday from 9:30am-2:30pm, Northwest Neighborhoods Community Development Corporation (NWN) holds a home repair clinic, at their offices at 6516 Detroit Avenue, Suite 1. When you come to the clinic, staff will work with you to match your home repair concerns to repair programs and submit your application at no cost to you. Programs include NWN's Senior Home Repair Assistance Program with grants up to \$500, and the City of Cleveland's Age Friendly Home Investment Program (AFHIP) for larger-scale

For more information, contact Kena Chappell at 216-961-4242 x 223 or kchappell@nwneighborhoods.org, or visit nwneighborhoods.org/repair.

### **Asistencia Para Reparaciones** en El Hogar

Cada lunes de 9:30 a.m. a 2:30 p.m., Northwest **Neighborhoods Community Development** Corporation (NWN) organiza una clínica de reparación de viviendas en sus oficinas en 6516 Detroit Avenue,

Suite 1. Cuando venga a la clínica, el personal trabajará con usted para encontrar los programas de reparación que mejor se adapten a sus necesidades y presentar su solicitud sin costo alguno para usted. Los programas incluyen el Programa de asistencia para reparaciones de viviendas para personas mayores ("Senior Home Repair") con subvenciones de hasta

\$500 y el Programa de inversión en viviendas aptas para personas mayores ("AFHIP") de la ciudad de

Cleveland para reparaciones más costosas. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Kena Chappell al 216-961-4242 x 223 o kchappell@nwneighborhoods.org, o visite nwneighborhoods.org/repair.