



Councilman Kevin Conwell | Winter 2025

WARD 4 NEWS

The Drumbeat of the Community

GLENVILLE TARBLOODER FOOTBALL

STILL WINNING

2024 SEASON

The Mighty Glenville Tarblooders delivered another remarkable football season, finishing with an impressive 11-4 record and earning their third consecutive trip to the OHSAA Division state semifinal. Congratulations to Head Coach Ted Ginn, Sr. for his exceptional leadership and dedication to the team. Most importantly, kudos to the players for their hard work, resilience, and outstanding performance on and off the field.

THE TRADITION CONTINUES...

- ▶ Ranked a Top 100 team in the USA (84th)
- ▶ 11-4 Record (Five independent games; all teams made it to Regionals in Playoffs)
- ▶ Five time Regional Champions (2009, 2013, 2022, 2023, 2024)
- ▶ Four straight years in the State Playoffs
- ▶ 2022 & 2023 State Champs
- ▶ 170-0 Current Senate Winning Streak
- ▶ They have not lost in the Senate since 1997



Councilman Kevin Conwell 2024 National Public Leadership in the Arts Award Recipient



“I'm honored to receive this award and gratified that people in the Northeast Ohio arts community nominated me. I've spent most of my life involved in the arts, specifically music. My belief that art has the power to transform children's lives and enhance communities economically and by creating a sense of belonging has been a guiding principle in my life.



Scan here to read more about Councilman Conwell's award.

Councilman Kevin Conwell is a three-time National Award recipient. Among his other national accolades, he received the 2003 City Cultural Diversity Award for his work with the differently abled community and the 2001 National Father of the Year award for his pioneering of the Ohio Commission of Fatherhood alongside former State Representative Peter Lawson Jones. etc.

2024 Senior Day

Congratulations to Ward 9 Senior Day Honoree Zenella Jones



Zenella Jones was born in Cleveland and has called the Glenville neighborhood home for her entire life. She was the only child of Mayella and Henry Hines (both deceased). Zenella is a proud graduate of John Hay High School. She obtained her Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree in Education from Cleveland State University and completed post graduate work at Baldwin Wallace and Kent State Universities.

Zenella was married for 35 years to the love of her life, Charles Jones, now deceased. Together they had 2 sons, Tyree (Lejla) and Jerron (Erika). She is the proud grandmother of six, Andrew, Ashleigh, Allen, Kaiyah, Patrishah and Malejah.

In 2000, Zenella retired as a school teacher where she taught 1st and 4th grade classes for 30 years at Marion Seltzer Elementary. She was soon back in the classroom when she started volunteering in her neighborhood with her husband at Harry E. Davis Middle School. Her husband saw a need for more parent presence at the school and started the Parent Patrol Group, a group of men and women who walked the halls of the school to ensure safety and attendance. The Charles L. Jones Parent Room became a legacy at the school providing both uniforms and snacks for students. Zenella and Charles would go to make even more of a difference in the life of students by helping those students struggling the most, prepare for their Ohio Proficiency tests. Seven or eight students would come to their home every Saturday for three months where Zenella would provide tutoring and afterwards Charles would take them bowling at Ambassador Lanes and to lunch at McDonald's.

After being a reading intervention teacher at Franklin Delano Roosevelt School for a few years, Ms. Jones now serves in the Granny Program, Foster Grandparent Program with Mrs. Smith in the first grade classroom.

Ms. Jones is a self-proclaimed ambassador for breast cancer awareness and a member of the Breast Cancer Surviving Sisterhood. She was the speaker at the 50th reunion of the 1967 John Hay High School Reunion. Ms. Jones is a member of Elizabeth Baptist Church where she is really proud to watch her grandson Andrew play drums each week. Within her church, she is a member of the Missionary group.

SHIRLEY CHISHOLM PARK Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Councilman Conwell celebrated the grand opening of Shirley Chisholm Park alongside students from Mary M. Bethune School and members of the Cleveland community.

This park honors the late trailblazer Shirley Chisholm, who was the first Black woman elected to Congress.

The park will serve as a valuable third space not only for the students of Mary Bethune but also for children in the Ward 9 community.



Scan here to watch highlights from the ceremony



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"In 2003, I attended the National League of Cities Conference, where I learned about other cities implementing a "citizen contact response system" called 311. This system connects callers to local government services and information. Throughout the years, I championed for Cleveland to implement the 311 system. In October 2023, Council passed legislation to hire consultants to explore the implementation of a 311 system in Cleveland. I am proud that this process has led to the development of this essential support tool for our residents." - Councilman Kevin Conwell



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NEW ONE-STOP SHOP HOME REPAIR APPLICATIONS

Cleveland homeowners can now submit one application to be considered for four separate home repair programs.

The new application process launched in October 2024, the program has received more than 1,323 requests through its new Universal Home Repair Application. Previously, residents had to submit a separate application for each of the city's four repair programs:



- Exterior Paint Program
- Healthy Homes Program
- Senior Homeowner Assistance Program (SHAP)
- Repair-A-Home (RAH)

Staff can now review one home repair application and make recommendations based on eligibility. In some cases, staff can also combine funding sources. For example, a homeowner may be eligible for multiple programs based on their application. The universal application is meant to take the burden off homeowners.

Each program has income restrictions that homeowners are required to meet. Even if you don't know if you're eligible, you can still submit an application. You can also call the Division of Neighborhood Services at 216-664-2045.

The application is available online at:
preliminary-universal-resident-submission.powerappsportals.us/

