



# Community Members Cather to Celebrate the Grand Opening of Cleveland Public Library's Martin Luther King Jr. Branch

Councilman Kevin Conwell joined community members for the grand opening of Cleveland Public Library's Martin L. King Jr. Branch. Community leaders including Mayor Justin M. Bibb, County Councilwoman Yvonne M. Conwell, CPL Executive Director, and CEO Felton Thomas gathered to celebrate the unveiling of the new state-of-the-art facility. Civil Rights leaders Reverend Otis Moss Jr. and Edwina Moss shared inspiring reflections on the life and legacy of Dr. King.

"I am proud to have the Martin L. King Jr. Library located in Ward 9. The vision for this important resource was brought to life through the collaborative efforts of former Mayor Frank G. Jackson and CEO Felton Thomas, with invaluable support from Council President Blaine A. Griffin. I was honored to contribute to the legislative process that facilitated the successful completion of this project." -Councilman Conwell

















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.



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.

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# 2024 Senion Day

Congratulations to Ward 9 Senior Day Honoree Zenella Jones



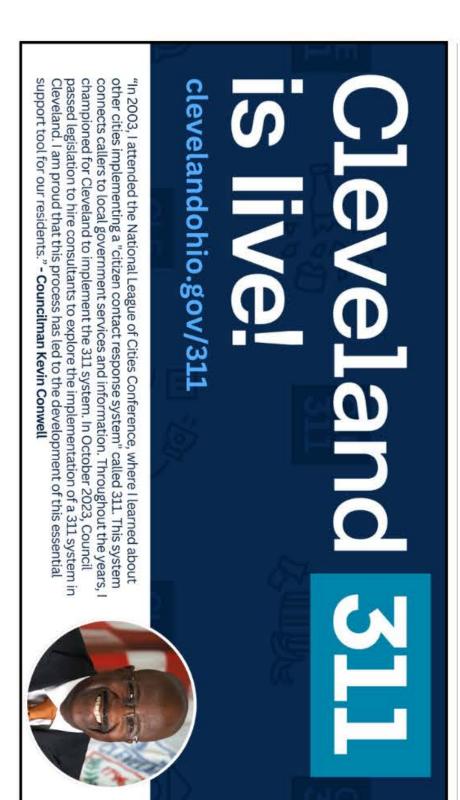
Zenella Jones was born in Cleveland and has called the Glenville neighborhood home for her entire life. She was the only child of Mayella and Henry Hines (both deceased). Zenella is a proud graduate of John Hay High School. She obtained her Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree in Education from Cleveland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



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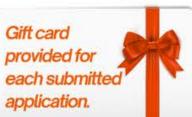
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- Exterior Paint Program
- Healthy Homes Program
- Senior Homeowner Assistance Program (SHAP)
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