

Ward 4 News



A MESSAGE FROM Councilwoman Deborah A. Gray

Dear Residents,

As winter finally loosens its grasp on Cleveland and many of you will start venturing out into the community, I wanted to update you on the important, positive things you will find happening in Ward 4.

The renovation and updates at the Zelma George Recreation Center are nearly complete. New exercise equipment and a new boxing ring are finished. New flooring has gone in, with a few spots still needed. The boys' locker room is being remodeled and when that is complete the girls' locker room will be next up. Work is underway to fix the issue that causes water on the track.

Nearby, I've funded a new pavilion at Luke Easter Park and the construction is expected to start in May and be complete in time for my annual festival on July 19th. A dog park will also be constructed in a corner at Luke Easter and parking lot changes will make it more convenient. Also, the current pavilions will receive new roofs. Pickleball has become so popular, that some of the tennis courts will be renovated for people to play tennis or pickleball.

In another part of our ward, good things are also happening. The Buckeye Corridor is being renovated, with the Moreland Theater already re-roofed. Burten, Bell, Carr is working to renovate empty nearby storefronts and businesses to encourage new entrepreneurs to move into the corridor. The city - with my support - provided \$3.9 million for these efforts.

On and near Shaker Square there are big improvements and some important information. The city provided \$12 million in low-interest and forgivable loans to renovate and support Shaker Square. Dave's Supermarket recently received \$250,000 to renovate and do upgrades necessary to keep this local market appealing and something residents want to shop at. Dave's is putting \$350,000 of its own money into the renovations. And a great new restaurant Café Indigo recently opened on the Square.

All in all, good things are happening across the ward. Information about businesses expanding or opening is included throughout the newsletter.

I hope to meet with residents throughout the ward at an upcoming meeting or out in the neighborhood. You can always call my office for assistance, at 216-664-4941.

Sincerely,

Deborah Gray
Ward 4 Councilwoman



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Neighborhood Business Updates Mt. Pleasant Revitalization

Building and Construction Initiative – Secured more than \$160,000 in revenue recovery funds for the organization to expand. It currently recruits 13 to 16-year-olds to learn about the construction industry. (13931 Kinsman Rd.)

Serenity Health and Wellness Corporation – Received a \$100,000 grant to partially finance the renovation of its youth home and behavioral health facility the Aspire Center of Excellence, an inpatient residential program for 14 to 17-year-olds for youth in crisis with mental health or addiction disorders.

Urban Bridges dba Envision Cleveland – Received a \$287,500 grant to partially finance the construction of a vocational training center. Called "The Shop," it's located at 13700 Kinsman Rd.

Jordan Community Residential Center – Received \$300,000 to partially finance the renovation of its health and wellness facility known as "The Oasis in the City," which provides services to women in crisis. The project, on Kinsman Road in the Mt. Pleasant neighborhood, includes renovating a closed skating rink to a conference and retreat center and offering a café and a training kitchen.

Initial work includes renovating and restoring the main building and roof as well as the building mechanics. The final plans include a garden and greenhouse on the property. Included in the plans is acquiring several homes or small apartments in Mt. Pleasant.

I'm pleased to say that I sponsored and directed revenue recovery funds from the American Rescue Plan Act the city received to these important organizations to expand or add new services.
-Councilwoman Deborah Gray



Community Meeting Schedule

MARCH 27
APRIL 24
MAY 22
JUNE 26

5 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Zelma George
Recreation Center
3155 MLK Dr.

SAT JUL 19
11 A.M. - 7 P.M.

WARD 4
COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

HOSTED BY COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH GRAY

LUKE EASTER PARK
 3090 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DR.



MT. PLEASANT BLACK HISTORY DINNER & WARD 4 COMMUNITY MEETING

Legacy



Zelma George Renovations

As part of Councilwoman Gray's neighborhood investments, the Zelma George Recreation Center received new equipment, including an updated weight room and boxing gear.



Community Highlights



Fire Museum Tour



Movie Matinee



Halloween Pool Party



St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church



R&B International Hall of Fame Awards



Veterans Day



Seeds of Literacy



Studio Zero Tour



Senior Prom



Thanksgiving Dinner



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UPCOMING EVENTS



Scan to Register

Black Women and Girls Commission Meeting
Saturday, March 29
Session 1 - 10 a.m. | Session 2 - 12 p.m.
Garrett Morgan School
4600 Detroit Ave.



Paint & Sip Community Meeting
Thursday, April 24 • 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Zelma George Recreation Center
3155 Martin Luther King Jr Dr.



Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 5 • 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Zelma George Recreation Center
3155 Martin Luther King Jr Dr.



Pop Up Community Meeting
TBD
Henry's Cleaners (Pocket Park)
11611 Kinsman Road.
9413 Sophia Ave. Gatherings
Third Saturday every month • 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
9413 Sophia Ave.



WARD 4 DUMPSTER DAYS

18 JUNE STEINWAY AVE.
9607 STEINWAY AVE.

16 JULY ALBION RD.
3112 ALBION RD.

20 AUG. HONEYDALE AVE.
11703 HONEYDALE AVE.

17 SEPT. ABELL AVE.
13820 ABELL AVE.

15 OCT. HOLBORN AVE.
3672 E. 131ST ST.

19 NOV. MOUNTVIEW AVE.
MLK DR.



BURTEN, BELL, CARR
DEVELOPMENT, INC.

Ward 4 Job Beautification

NOW HIRING

Job Details:

- Ages 14 - 17
- Pays \$13.50/ hr
- Monday - Friday
 - 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.
- 20 hours per week
- Program runs June 1 - August 12

Councilwoman Deborah Gray is partnering with Burten, Bell, Carr Development to inspire youth in Ward 4 to clean and beautify areas throughout the ward.



Submit Applications at :
Burten Bell Carr
7201 Kinsman Rd #104,
Cleveland, OH 44104