

Ward 4 News



A MESSAGE FROM Councilwoman Deborah A. Gray

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SAVE THE DATE!

**2023
Easter Egg Hunt
at Zelma George Rec Center
Sat., April 1 - 12:00 pm**



DETAILS INSIDE

Happy Spring Residents,

As many of you know I traveled to New York City last month to visit the headquarters of the company that owns several Shaker Boulevard apartment buildings. I went to demand they fix and improve their buildings that have been allowed to deteriorate with leaks, no heat and water, electrical problems, including elevator issues.

I went to the Chetrit Group Headquarters on New York's Madison Avenue on Feb. 10 without an appointment, and even paid a visit to one of the uptown New York mansion of one of the owners in the search for answers.

"We're sick and tired of them not having heat, water; electrical problems, just deplorable conditions," I said from in front of corporate headquarters. "We're here in New York, and I'm going to address the situation. I will show these pictures to the brothers that own the buildings on Shaker Boulevard."

Gray said she was finally able to meet with one of the building co-owners, and I told him we were sick and tired of residents not having

heat, water, just deplorable conditions. He promised, and several owners showed up to a meeting in Cleveland on Feb. 22 to discuss the issues and find out their plan for fixes. Many of you showed up to express your frustration and desire for real accountability and repairs.

I continue to work with and get updates on Shaker Square issues and the plan for improvements and new businesses. I will keep you all up to date on these issues, as well as Buckeye Road developments.

I look forward to seeing you in the neighborhoods and at my meetings. Don't forget to check out the spring programs, classes and other events at the recreation centers, Woodhill, Zelma George and Alexander Hamilton.

Thank you,

Deborah A. Gray
Cleveland City Councilwoman, Ward 4

Neighborhood History

Councilwoman Deborah Gray was excited to meet the second woman who represented her neighborhood **Jayne Zborowsky** (who served one, two-year term when there were 33 council members and wards). The first female council member for Ward "29" now roughly 4 was Mary Sotak who represented the Ward from 1948-1959.

Councilwoman Deborah Gray also spent time with former Councilwoman **Marion "Anita" Gardner** who lives in and represented Ward 4 for a short period before Councilwoman Gray was elected.



Councilwoman Gray pictured with predecessors Jayne Zborowsky (left) and Marion "Anita" Gardner (right).

Ward 4 residents and stakeholders join Councilwoman Gray and guests for the

Ward 4 Community Meeting



**THURSDAY
MARCH 30**

**5:00 pm - 7:30 pm @
Zelma Watson George
Recreation Center**

(3155 Martin Luther King Jr Drive, Cleveland, OH 44104)

INVITED GUESTS INCLUDE:

- **MetroHealth** (CMSD collaboration program)
- **Representatives from the City of Cleveland's Safey Division and Division of Waste**

PLUS:

- **Vendors and Resource Tables**
- **Refreshments**
- **Children are Welcome!** Games and Activities (Dominoes, UNO, and more)

SAVE THE DATES 2023

Community Meeting
April 22 - 12 - 5 pm
 Woodland Recreation Center, 9206 Woodland

Community Meeting
April 27 - 5:00 - 7:30 pm
 Zelma George Recreation Center, 3155 Martin Luther King Jr Dr.

Outdoor Summer Community Meeting
 Mother's Day Event
May 6 - 11 am - 4 pm
 93d Shaker Blvd/ Buckeye (Sewer Triangle). Refreshments, conversation, and more.

Outdoor Summer Community Meeting
 @ Jazzman Park on Buckeye
May 20 - 11 am - 4 pm
 E. 118th by Sue's Wigs. Refreshments, conversation, and more!

Community Meeting
May 25 - 5 - 7:30 pm
 Zelma George Recreation Center, 3155 Martin Luther King Jr Dr.

Outdoor Summer Community Meeting
 Father's Day Event
June 10 - 11 am - 4pm
 Helen Simpson Park, 2851 Moreland Blvd. Refreshments, conversation, and more.

Outdoor Summer Community Meeting
 Pool Party at Hamilton Rec
June 24 - 11 am - 4 pm
 Hamilton Recreation Center, 13200 Kinsman Rd. Details to be announced.

Community Meeting
June 29 - 5 - 7:30 pm
 Zelma George Recreation Center, 3155 Martin Luther King Jr Dr

Ward 4 Community Festival at Luke Easter Park
July 22 - 11 am - 7 pm
 3090 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Entertainment, vendors, food, and more! Details to be announced.

Outdoor Summer Community Meeting
 Concerned Citizens Community Council
August 12 - 11 am - 4 pm
 13611 Kinsman Rd. Details to come.

Outdoor Summer Community Meeting
 @ Henry's Cleaners Pocket Park
August 26 - 11 am - 4 pm
 11601 Kinsman Rd.

Community Meeting
August 31 - 5 - 7:30 pm
 Zelma George Recreation Center, 3155 Martin Luther King Jr Dr

Community Meeting
Sept. 28 - 5 - 7:30 pm
 Zelma George Recreation Center, 3155 Martin Luther King Jr Dr

Community Meeting
October 26 - 5 - 7:30 pm
 Zelma George Recreation Center, 3155 Martin Luther King Jr Dr

Community Holiday Meetings
Nov. 16 and Dec. 21 - 5 - 7:30 pm
 Zelma George Recreation Center, 3155 Martin Luther King Jr Dr. Councilwoman Gray cordially invites Ward 4 residents and guests to these festive end of the year meetings.

If you have questions about these upcoming meetings and events, please call the Office of Councilwoman Gray at 216-664-4941.

FREE EVENT!

Annual Ward 4 Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 1, 2023
12 - 2 pm at Zelma George Rec Center
 (3155 Martin Luther King Jr Dr, Cleveland, OH 44104)

FREE EVENT!

PRESENTED BY



WARD 4 COUNCILWOMAN
Deborah A. Gray

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
Buckeye Neighbors
 Resident-Led Initiative

ACTIVITIES

- Egg Hunt for Children!
- Arts & Crafts!
- Gift Bags for Children and Adults!
- Fun, Games and More!

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CALL OR TEXT:
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Buckeye Road and Neighborhood Developments

WOODHILL STATION WEST (PHASE 1) 2021-2023



The Woodhill Station West located at the intersection of Buckeye and Woodhill roads is well underway, converting an empty lot into 120 new apartments to the neighborhood. They will run from one bedroom to three bedrooms and some will be reserved for current Woodhill Homes residents. But there will be thirty available for new residents at an affordable price. The location right across from the RTA station makes these apartments a prime location. The building will also feature an outdoor picnic area, playground, community room, fitness center, and nice landscaping.

and Enterprise Community Partners to target for redevelopment the area south of Buckeye Road, to help residents purchase and rehabilitate single-family homes and Cleveland Doubles (two-story two-family homes), hasn't fully begun. Some progress is underway with Burten, Bell, Carr Development starting the rehabilitation of three vacant houses in the neighborhood. The funding for the home rehabs is through the Fifth Third grants that are coming to the neighborhood. **Feel free to contact Burten, Bell, Carr for more information or program questions at 216-341-1455.**

While the collaboration between Fifth Third

Cleveland Commission on Black Women and Girls

The Commission's mission is to improve the quality of life for women and girls by advocating, initiating, and championing programs and legislation to strengthen families and communities.

The vision is simple—women and girls in the City of Cleveland deserve access to unlimited opportunities to achieve social, health and economic equality. **Black women comprise nearly 28% of Cleveland's population.**

Cleveland City Council and Cleveland Mayor Justin Bibb both appoint members to the commission. **Council is currently interviewing applicants and will have chosen its five appointees to the commission by the end of March.** Council



Legislation creating the Commission on Black Women and Girls was sponsored by Councilwoman Stephanie Howse and Councilwoman Deborah Gray.. PHOTO CREDIT: Louie Moore

added to the city's budget this year for compensation for the commission members. The newly formed Commission will advocate, initiate and champion programs and legislation to improve outcomes for Black women and girls, and their families and communities.

Help Beautify Our Community!

Dumpster Days FOR WARD 4

Dumpsters will be placed in Ward 4 neighborhoods for residents to discard trash from their yards, garages and street!

A dumpster will be at these locations, on these dates from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm:

MAY 17 Albion Rd	JUNE 15 East 116 th & Parkview	JULY 19 3295 East 105 th
AUGUST 16 East 126 th & Gay	SEPT. 20 East 94 th & Manor	OCT. 18 East 129 th & Gay

A HEALTHY COMMUNITY FOR ALL

Apply for a Community Grant of up to \$6,000 from the Saint Luke's Foundation and help to make our community healthier.

Apply for a Grant for:

- Safe Housing & Neighborhood Improvements
- Healthy Behaviors (Diet & Exercise)
- Education, Job Status & Income
- Social Connections & Safety
- Advocacy/Policy

2023 Grant Deadlines:

- March 6
- May 8
- July 3
- September 4

If your project is in Buckeye-Shaker, Mt. Pleasant, or Woodland Hills, submit your project or idea and help to create a healthier community. Send an email to ibishop@stlukesfdn.org today!

bit.ly/RAC216

More information:
saintlukesfoundation.org

The Cleveland Department of Aging Presents the 33rd Annual

SENIOR DAY

Thursday, May 25, 2023
 Cleveland Public Hall
 500 Lakeside Avenue

10 a.m. - Information Fair
 11 a.m. - Program
 Noon - Lunch
 12:30 p.m. - Entertainment

ALL seniors invited to attend this **FREE** event.

The 2023 Senior Day program will be both in person and livestreamed on TV 20. **For more information call 216-664-2833 or visit www.clevelandohio.gov/aging**



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Tax Season is Winding Down



Federal, state and local municipality taxes are due soon. Families making up to \$60,000 can receive FREE tax preparation with the Cuyahoga EITC Coalition. Seriously! You get to keep your FULL REFUND and may even qualify for an Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) of up to \$6,900! To see if you qualify for the EITC, visit refundohio.org or call 211.

The Central Collection Agency (CCA) will help you complete your Cleveland income tax returns. Please fill out the "CCA Division of Taxation – Taxpayer Assistance Form", found on the Tax Forms page of this website (on the left side). Delivery options for this form are found on the bottom of the first page. Please ensure to include your phone number in the backup provided with your tax documents. Go to: <http://ccatax.ci.cleveland.oh.us/>



North Union Farmers Market

North Union Farmers Market at Shaker Square is open (East and West Bound Shaker Blvd). Farms and food producers come weekly with fresh produce, meats, dairy, baked goods and more **Outdoor summer markets begin April 1, 2023!** Stay up-to-date by visiting: facebook.com/NorthUnionFarmersMarket



Community Highlights

Enjoy Recreation Centers in Ward 4

Ward 4 has three city recreation centers:
Alexander Hamilton, 13200 Kinsman Ave;
Zelma George, 3155 MLK Jr. Blvd; an
Woodland Rec, 9206 Woodland Ave.

Hamilton Rec Center Spring Activities Include:

- Flag Football League
- Kickball Switcharoo
- Volleyball
- After School Tutoring
- Chess and more!

Call 216-664-4121 for more information.



Woodland Recreation Center Spring Activities Include:

- Life Guard Training
- Senior Programs (Bingo, Cards)
- Adult Open Gym
- Open Gym (Ages 8 - 17)
- Family Gym
- Baseball Training
- Weight Room and more!

Call 216-664-4124 for more information.

Zelma George Recreation Center Spring Activities Include:

- Senior Programs (Bingo, Cards)
- Open Gym
- Basketball and more!

Call 216-420-8800 for more information.



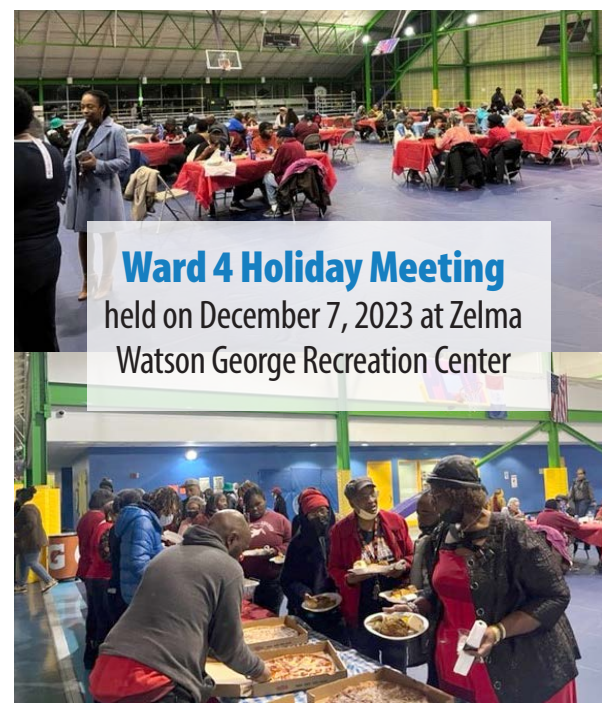
Ward 4 New Year Community Meeting held on February 1, 2023 at Zelma Watson George Recreation Center.



Coat Giveaway held on December 22, 2022 at Zelma Watson George Recreation Center



Miceli Dairy Products Company Holiday Celebration held on December 16, 2022



Ward 4 Holiday Meeting held on December 7, 2023 at Zelma Watson George Recreation Center

*Schedules for recreation centers are subject to change without prior notice.