

The Neighborhood Press

Ward 13 Councilman Kris Harsh | FALL 2023 | www.clevelandcitycouncil.org/ward-13

What you should know about Issue 38

“PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING”

- The proposed charter amendment **would place millions of dollars of budget decisions in the hands of inexperienced, unaccountable, and unelected people** - risking safety & services.
- This charter amendment would **cut a \$14 million hole into the budget** and be have a real and **negative impact on our safety and services.**
- It is an **inequitable process** and favors residents who are better off financially or have more free time to participate in community meetings and votes.
- There’s **no way to know if non-Clevelanders will be involved** in deciding how crucial dollars are spent, and people as young as 13-years-old will be decision makers.

Participatory Budgeting could lead to any of the following:

Less Police Hires




No Waste Collection Staff



Fire and EMS Staff Reduction



Elimination of the Department of Public Health



Reduction in snow removal for winter streets



Elimination of Recreation and Aging Services



Take the Cleveland Digital Access Survey

As part of our aim to fully capture the current state of digital access in Cleveland, we are launching a **DIGITAL ACCESS SURVEY** that we would like as many Clevelanders as possible to complete. The survey will help assess the current climate around the internet and related digital needs, with the results feeding into a digital equity and inclusion plan we are drafting.

Scan the QR code to take the survey today.



CITY OF CLEVELAND
Mayor Justin M. Bibb





CUYAHOGA COUNTY
BOARD OF ELECTIONS

November 7, 2023 General Election Information

Voting Before Election Day

Vote-by-Mail

All voters can vote from home. Avoid the lines, take your time to research what is on your ballot, and vote from the comfort of your home:

- Submit a ballot application to vote from home. You can print or request a ballot application online at www.443vote.us or by calling 216-443-VOTE (8683).
- We will mail your ballot to you with a return envelope.
- Vote and return your signed ballot envelope before Election Day.

** Use the **Track Your Vote-by-Mail Ballot tool** on our website to track your ballot throughout the process!*



STAY UP TO DATE:
www.443vote.us

Voting Location Changes: Your voting location may have been changed for the November 7, 2023 General Election. Voters are encouraged to confirm their voting location when making their voting plans. Confirm your voting location at www.443vote.us or by calling 216-443-VOTE (8683).

Voting at the Board of Elections

We are located at 2925 Euclid Avenue in Cleveland. Voting dates and hours below:

Tuesday	October 31	7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Weekdays*	November 1-3	7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Saturday	November 4	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Sunday	November 5	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Weekdays denotes Monday through Friday

Voting On Election Day

Voting hours: Your polling location will be open on Election Day from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

What ID should I bring?

Acceptable forms of unexpired photo ID include:

- An Ohio Driver License
- An Ohio State ID Card
- An Ohio Interim ID form issued by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles
- A U.S. passport or passport card
- A U.S. Military ID card, Ohio National Guard ID card, or U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs ID card (that includes the voter's name and photograph)

New Rules for Early In-Person Voting:

Photo identification is required when Early In-Person Voting. The identification requirements for Early In-Person Voting are now the same as when voting on Election Day.

Dates, Deadlines and New Rules for Voting

New Rule: the deadline to submit Vote-by-Mail ballot applications has changed. **Vote-by-Mail ballot applications must be received by the Board of Elections on or before October 31st.**

Neighbor Up Action Grants

Neighbor Up Action Grants fuel the power of neighbors to make the change they want to see in their communities.



Grants range from \$500 to \$5,000, and are meant to spur small, grassroots community projects throughout Cleveland and East Cleveland. Grants may be used for a wide variety of projects, and groups are encouraged to think in new ways about what will work in their communities and with whom they might partner.

Groups may submit one proposal per round. Groups may receive funding once per calendar year—either in Spring or Fall, but not both.

Neighbor Up Action Grants have three main purposes:

- 1. Build Resident Leadership & Ownership in Their Neighborhood:** Stimulate and support projects designed and implemented by groups of neighbors that address neighborhood issues. Grants are intended to support the work of everyday people out of their mutual self-interest. We are looking for ideas that originate with a group of people from a neighborhood that are being moved into action as a project, event, or activity. The intent is to support residents as active citizens. Grants are not intended to be used as start-up funds to create more nonprofits, to support established non-profits, or to develop more social service programs.
- 2. Build Community, Especially Across Lines of Difference:** Encourage new and stronger relationships between diverse residents of the community, among grassroots groups, and between grassroots groups and more established organizations: Building relationships is key to transforming neighborhoods. Projects must have the potential to build and strengthen positive relationships inside the neighborhood and must be inclusive and equitable in their design and implementation. By 'across lines of difference', we mean building trust and understanding across things that many times separate us (racial, ethnic, religious, generational, geographic, socio-economic, homeowner-renters, resident-institutional, etc.)
- 3. Build Power:** Support opportunities to develop community leadership, organizational capacity and build community capacity: our grants are intended to help support community members develop their leadership skills and make clear the possibilities of what they can do when they come together.

Applications are reviewed and decisions are made by a committee of Cleveland and East Cleveland residents.

Grant applications for the next round of funding are due by Monday, February 12, 2024 at 11:59 pm.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

CLEVELAND POLICE

UP TO \$5,000 SIGNING BONUS

PAID POLICE ACADEMY
Cadet Salary \$24.48 per hour and increases upon graduation to \$29.38 per hour.

PAY INCENTIVES
Increased pay incentives for Cadets who have a College Degree and/or have served in the Armed Forces.

REIMBURSEMENTS
Receive a reimbursement for previously obtained OPOTA Certification. Tuition Reimbursement (\$6,000 per year)!

APPLY TO BE A PATROL OFFICER

- ✓ Healthcare Packages
- ✓ Over 50 Specialized Units
- ✓ Pay increases each year with top out at year 5- \$36.22 per hour
- ✓ Excellent Retirement Benefits

QUESTIONS?
CONTACT PUBLIC SAFETY RECRUITMENT
(216)-623-5233

SCAN TO APPLY

CLEVELANDOHIO.GOV/JOBS

Get paid to work Poolside!

LIFEGUARD TRAINING & PLACEMENT

Two Upcoming Classes
From September 18th- December 22nd, 2023

Thurgood Marshall	Cudell
Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:30pm - 7:30pm 8611 Hough Ave	Mondays & Wednesdays 5:15pm - 7:00pm 1910 West Blvd

High school students ages 15-18 may qualify to be paid \$13.50/hr during training

TO SIGN UP: CALL (216) 664-2570 Or SCAN

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Careers Opportunities with the City of Cleveland

The City makes every effort to recruit the most qualified applicants available to serve the residents and visitors of Cleveland. Please visit clevelandohio.gov/careers to view current openings and to apply.



ESTABROOK Neighborhood Resource & Recreation Center

VISIT or CALL for a complete listing of Fall 2023 activities and programs!

Location 4125 Fulton Rd **Phone** 216-664-4149
www.clevelandohio.gov/city-hall/departments/public-works/divisions/recreation





There is hope.



If you or someone you know
needs support now,
call or text **988**
or
chat **988lifeline.org**



adamhsc.org/988



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Department of Public Works
**DIVISION OF
WASTE**

Upcoming Holiday and Bulk Week Collections

www.clevelandohio.gov

B Bulk Week **H** One Day Delayed Collection **H** Holiday with Regular Pickup

NOVEMBER

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
B 5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	H	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Nov. 23rd - Thanksgiving Day
Thursday collection on Friday
Friday collection on Saturday

DECEMBER

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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Dec. 25th - Christmas Holiday
(Observed)
1 day delay all week

For more information on set out services for large volumes and general waste pick up questions, call 216-664-371.



DIVISION OF WASTE COLLECTION

Set Out Guidelines

WEEKLY WASTE

- ▶ **Please contain all waste in the carts provided by the city:**
 - Use black/gray city issued cart for household trash and bagged yard waste.
 - NO trash should be placed outside of the black/gray cart.
- ▶ **Place carts out no earlier than noon the day before your regular pick up day.**
Remove carts by noon the following day.

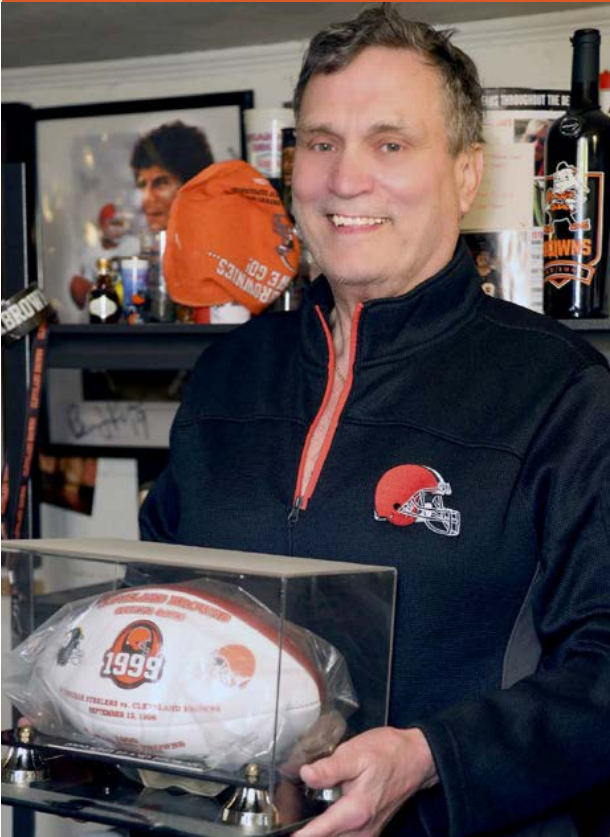
BULK DISPOSAL

- ▶ **You may set out a limit of 3 bulk items.**
 - Such as tables and chairs, mattresses and box springs, couches, furniture.
 - All mattresses, box springs, leather and cloth furniture must be wrapped in plastic.
 - The city does not accept construction material.
 - Boxes and bags are not bulk items.
- ▶ **You may set out up to 4 tires (passenger tires only). Tires must be off the rim.**
Please call 216-664-3711 to schedule a 4 tire pick up.

YARD WASTE

- ▶ **Branches must be cut and bundled.** (Each bundle cannot exceed 3 ft. in length and 2 ft. in diameter.)
 - All leaves and grass clippings must be contained, up to 20 bags per week.

Ken Weidus is Our Senior of the Year!



Councilman Kris Harsh recognized Mr. Ken Weidus as Ward 13's Outstanding Senior of the Year at the 33rd Annual Cleveland Senior Day, held on May 25, 2023.

Come rain, sleet or snow, count on Ken Weidus! A home delivery volunteer with Senior Citizen Resources since 2017, Ken doesn't let any weather get in the way of getting meals to those in need. Driving his own vehicle, he currently has three routes and delivers five days a week, Monday through Friday. His mission began six years ago when his pastor asked if wanted something to keep him busy one day a week, and Ken has now become the organization's most reliable and efficient volunteer. He loves getting lots of exercise as well as meeting and visiting the folks on his routes.

Born and raised in Cleveland, Mr. Weidus has lived most of his life in Old Brooklyn where he has always enjoyed walking in the neighborhood. He has one brother and two sisters, plus nine nieces and nephews and 15 great nieces and nephews, so needless to say, his family keeps him very busy! Ken had a long career as a quality control engineer; first at Teledyne Republic Manufacturing and then Curtiss-Wright, where he retired after 41 years. In his retirement he coached for a little league team in West Park for a time and is still an active volunteer at St. James Lutheran Church. A pancreatic cancer survivor for more than 20 years, Ken has a great attitude and appreciation for life.

Mr. Weidus is an avid Cleveland Browns fan and season ticket holder. Ken's father originally bought season tickets in 1950, and when the team was reactivated and began playing in 1999, he handed down the tickets to Ken. With the exception of 2020, when Covid stole the season, the Weidus family has attended every home game for more than 70 years. Now that is a true Cleveland Browns fan legacy!

Congratulations Ken!

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Why Issue 38 is a such a problem

A Message from Councilman Kris Harsh

Hello friends and neighbors, it's that time of year again...elections are once again around the corner. Normally I wouldn't comment on them but there is a particular Charter amendment known as **Issue 38 or "Participatory Budgeting"** on the ballot this year. This proposal, if passed would create a new division at City Hall. It would require City Council to allocate about \$14 million dollars per year (2% of the General Fund) to a new department. The department would be staffed by 10 part-time volunteers (making up to \$10,000 each/year) who meet once a month and one full-time person working for the Mayor (making \$150,000/year) who would have complete control over all \$14 million.

This idea has been tried in other cities and attracts, on average, less than 3% of the population. It's wildly unpopular. But the concept is for them to create a new election process for anyone 13 and up to pitch ideas and vote on how to spend the money. The problem is that the Board of Elections cannot be involved which raises a set of security concerns and legal questions about how to administer an election for people who don't have ID. There are other problems as well, too numerous to get into here. In short, every member of City Council is opposed to this charter amendment (on the

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ballot as Issue 38) as is the Mayor, every Union in Cleveland and a host of Republicans in Columbus who are actually so concerned about the ramifications of this proposal that they are moving to outlaw it. I will be voting No on Issue 38. Please reach out to me if you have any further questions. I have become somewhat of an expert on this matter.

Thanks,


Kris Harsh
Ward 13 Councilman


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WARD 13 COUNCIL MEMBER

Kris Harsh



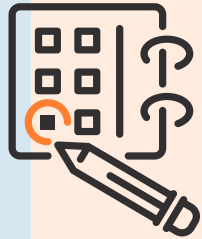
Serving the Old Brooklyn and Stockyard Neighborhoods

City Hall
601 Lakeside Avenue, Room 220
Cleveland, OH 44114
Phone 216-664-2943 **Email** kharsh@clevelandcitycouncil.org

Ward Office
Estabrook Recreation Center
4125 Fulton Rd, Cleveland, OH 44144

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
Monthly Ward Meetings at Estabrook
2nd Wednesday of Every Month at 6:00 pm

LOCATION: Estabrook Rec Center • 4125 Fulton Road



Committee meetings are held in-person at Cleveland City Hall (601 Lakeside Ave.) in the Mercedes Cotner Council Committee Room 217.

Regular Council meetings are held in-person at Cleveland City Hall (601 Lakeside Ave.) in City Council Chambers on the second floor.

All meetings are broadcast live:

- **YouTube** youtube.com/user/ClevelandCityCouncil
- **TV20** (*Spectrum Cable - Cleveland*) Channel 1020
- **TV 20 Livestream** tv20cleveland.com/watch-now/

City Council welcomes Public Comment!
To register to speak at the next regular Monday council meeting, please visit: clevelandcitycouncil.org/resources/public-comment

Need a Helping Hand?

Here are some helpful resources:



Find resources for **emergency financial, housing, and food assistance** at **FindHelp.org** – visit their website to find specific emergency assistance programs in your area.

NEED HELP? DIAL 2-1-1 OR VISIT 211OH.ORG TO CHAT ONLINE

YOUR CONNECTION TO COMMUNITY RESOURCES
When you need help, United Way 211 answers the call. Dial three numbers: 2-1-1, and a compassionate person will help you access community resources, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

UNITED WAY 211 IS A FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL SERVICE



211 CAN PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION ABOUT:

- Housing, food and utility assistance
- Health care and mental health
- Employment services
- Education support
- Legal services
- Veteran's services
- Tax preparation assistance
- ... and much more.



DO NOT FEED THE DEER
Feeding deer endangers both their health and your safety.
Supplemental feeding of deer may actually decrease its chance of survival. Encouraging deer to congregate in unusually high numbers at a feeding area makes them more vulnerable to predators and at risk for the spread of disease.