

Ward 11 News



Engage with
your Councilman
Danny Kelly



A MESSAGE FROM Councilman Danny Kelly

Dear Neighbors,

Fall is here. Seize the day!

It is an honor to serve Ward 11 on Cleveland City Council. I am enjoying getting to know new friends and reconnecting with old friends as I attend to your needs, knock on doors, or see you "out and about". If we have not met yet, I am certain we will soon.

Thank you for this opportunity! I am truly blessed!

My collaboration with you is at the heart of everything. My goal is to build an even stronger sense of community in our ward. I have raised four children on the west side with a union book in my back pocket. I worked hard for them and I will continue to work hard for you.

I have fought on your behalf at city hall to deliver a record of results as follows:

- Keeping our neighborhood **SAFE**.
- Bringing well-paying **JOBS** to our neighborhood.
- Making sure workers are paid a **FAIR WAGE**
- Fighting to provide Top-Notch **SERVICES** to our residents.

- **INVESTING in INFRASTRUCTURE and IMPROVEMENTS** to our ward.
- Keeping our neighborhood an **AFFORDABLE** place to live.
- **CLEANING UP** the neighborhood and attracting **NEW BUSINESSES**.
- Fighting for our **CHILDREN, FAMILIES and SENIORS** at city hall.
- Providing **INTERNET ACCESS and QUALITY HOUSING** to our neighborhood.

There is more work to do. We have only just begun!

I hope you enjoy all the unique activities our neighborhood has to offer. Fall is a time for football, family, clambakes, trick-or-treat, voting and so much more. Ward 11's strength is in its numbers and our collective voice. **Vote on November 7, 2023. Let your voice be heard.** Together we can make a difference!

Angels Keep!

Yours in Solidarity,
Danny Kelly,
Councilman - Ward 11

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Ward 11 Union Jobs Fair was a Big Success!

Councilman Danny Kelly has made it his life's work to connect people to well-paying jobs, to advocate for those in need and to empower people by educating and training them to have the tools they need to succeed. A life-long champion of equity and fairness, he has spent his entire adult life standing shoulder to shoulder in solidarity with his fellow champions of working people. As a result, he has strong ties to the labor movement.

Those ties have paid off. Councilman Kelly, a 45-year member of Laborers' Local 310, was able to tap into those relationships with his brothers and sisters in the labor movement, including the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committees of various trade locals, and Cleveland Builds, an industry-lead job readiness initiative, to bring Ward 11 its first ever UNION Job Fair.

Councilman Kelly is committed to bringing jobs to the ward and he works hand-in-hand with Cleveland Builds to help them implement their mission. To him, cooperation is a way of life and he is collaborating with Cleveland Builds to uphold his commitment to bring jobs to Ward 11. "I know what an opportunity it is to become a skilled tradesman. For me, it was life altering. I know first-hand what it is like to put in a hard day of work and to have pride in the fact that

I could support my four children as a single father by showing up and getting the job done. I want to open those same doors for my neighbors in Ward 11," said Kelly.

Now those doors have swung wide open in ward 11. The UNION Apprenticeship Built-Environment Job Fair, held on September 16, 2023 at Halloran Park Skating Rink, was a big success. The event kicked-off with presentations by Cleveland Builds, Ohio Means Jobs, and employers attending the job fair. A fun and informative opportunity for job seekers, apprenticeship program coordinators and employers to network followed suit. There were many opportunities to sign up for the fall 2023 apprenticeship and readiness program, to jump-start a new career path. Let us hope that there will be many more job fairs to come!

If you missed it, not to worry. To begin a career, scan the QR codes on the picture accompanying this article to sign up now and learn more about a career in the construction trades. You must be 18 years of age or older and a high school graduate or equivalent to participate in the UNION CONSTRUCTION APPRENTICESHIP-READINESS PROGRAM. Once signed up here is what you will need to do:

CLEVELAND BUILDS

Ready for a career?
Scan here.

Advantages to signing up with Cleveland-Builds

- People in our program usually get jobs faster, and work for more months.
- They also make more money. Both in total and for each hour they work.
- Plus, they're more likely to get jobs with benefits, like Health Insurance.

Cement Mason Wages Typically Start at: \$34²⁰/hr

Pipefitters Wages Typically Start at: \$34²⁰/hr

We have a unique relationship with employers and unions, so that our candidates can be confident that the training they receive is based on industry needs. Learn more about our services by calling: (216) 314-1682 and get started today!

JOBS are on the Way!

Councilman Danny Kelly and Dave Wondolowski, Cleveland Builds Co-Chair and Executive Secretary of Cleveland Building & Construction Trades Council team up to bring jobs to Ward 11.

1. Attend all apprenticeship-readiness program classes
2. Pass a drug screening
3. Successfully complete the program
4. Work closely with Cleveland Builds to procure placement in a union apprenticeship program.

Councilman Kelly will be there to help and mentor those who take the initiative every step of the way. He himself has been through this process and he spent a decade working for the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. As such, this initiative is near and dear to

his heart. It ties together all the causes he has championed throughout his career. He said, "I would like to thank Dave Wondolowski, Cleveland Builds Co-Chair and Executive Secretary of the Cleveland Building & Construction Trades Council for gracing my ward with this wonderful opportunity. I will not let it go to waste. The job fair is just a start, now the real work begins. I stand in solidarity with my brothers and sisters in labor to train the most qualified and educated workforce in the world. Join us!"

Indeed, Cleveland Builds Apprenticeship-Readiness Classes this fall are just around the corner. Sign up NOW!



WARD 11 FAMILY OWNED BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Ray's Indoor Bike Park



It all started in 2004, with a dream.

Co-creator and Founder of Ray's MTB, Ray Petro, wanted to provide a place people could mountain bike and BMX indoors, in bad weather. As they say, "the rest is history." Ray has written a book about his unique journey with all the twists and turns, on and off the bike ramps. Simply put, it is an amazing place and the first of its kind in the country.

Since then, as Rose Zitello of the Westown Development Corporation said, "Ray's has been an economic engine for Ward 11, hosting 50,000 local, regional, national & international mountain bike visitors annually. A trip to Ray's also helps keep local restaurants and surrounding businesses vibrant." To be sure, the economic impact to Ward 11 has been substantial and constant. Overall, bicycling industry and tourism dollars add up. In sum, "Bicycling related activities contribute 133 Billion to the U.S. economy and the industry supports over 1 million jobs," said Zitello.



Councilman Danny Kelly points out that Ray's MTB is iconic and brings the spotlight to Ward 11 on a national level. "Ray's is a first. The world's first indoor mountain biking facility is a hidden gem, not just of this West Park Boulevard neighborhood but of this whole region. People from near and far travel to Ray's MTB. Not only is it good family fun, it draws people of all skill levels, from beginner to expert, into our neighborhood. Ray is an innovator, and Ray's MTB is a true gem. God bless him!" said Kelly.

Ray said it best: "If you keep coming, we will keep building!" Last year, students, inspired by Ray Petro's resilience in carrying on his dream after his 2017 accident, unveiled another first at Ray's MTB: an electric, 4-wheeled mountain bike. It is a marvel to see and a true manufacturing innovation; sure to draw people to the sport.

The 2023-2024 season is in full swing! Ray's MTB is open October to April every year. The exact opening and closing dates vary from year to year. This year, regular hours resumed on September 30, 2023. If you have any questions about hours, events or special holidays, please call the park at 216-631-7433 or send an email to contact@raysmtb.com. Annual, monthly, weekly, weekday and weekend passes are available and admission is \$15.00.

Councilman Danny Kelly said "Everyone who can should make sure to stop by Ray's MTB and experience this treasure in Ward 11 first hand!" Ray's MTB is located at 9801 Walford Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44102. Show up ready to ride!

HOURS: 11:00 am - 9:00 pm **ADDRESS:** 9801 Walford Ave
CONTACT: 216-631-7433 • contact@raysmtb.com

YES
You can!

I'm here to lend a helping hand to those in need.

Councilman Danny Kelly

NEED HELP WITH OVERDUE UTILITY BILLS?

Councilman Kelly, his fellow Utility Committee members and all of Cleveland City Council VOTED YES to helping City Of Cleveland residents pay out the balance of their longstanding overdue utility bills. There is no income requirement to zero your debt.

UTILITY BILL RELIEF

- CITY OF CLEVELAND RESIDENTS
- \$2 MILLION ARPA FUNDS
- ELIGIBLE CUSTOMERS
- ELECTRIC & WATER

UTILITY BILL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

KEEP YOUR EYES PEEL FOR A LETTER IN THE MAIL!

Halloran Park this Fall

Free Programs

- Flag Football: Ages 5-17
- Healthy Trees: Ages 8-17
- Reading Boost (tutoring): Grades 1st-8th
- Rugby: Ages 8-17
- Open Skate (\$1 Rental Fee-weather permitting)
Mon-Fri: 12:00pm-7:15pm
Sat: 10am-5:15pm

Call for more information at 216-664-4167

Former Lido Lounge To Be Demolished

To Make Way for BANK OF AMERICA

Plans are underway to bring Bank of America to Ward 11 to replace the Lido Lounge strip club. The plans must still move through design review, planning commission, and city council. Stay tuned for this new reputable business to bring plenty of jobs to Ward 11!

YOUR DOG & THE LAW!

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS THE POOP FAIRY.

ONLY YOU can make your pet's waste disappear.

DO YOUR DOO-TY!

AT HOME
Keep your yard clean. Pick up dog poop every day. Toss it or flush it down the toilet.

ALL DOGS MUST BE KEPT ON A LEASH.

Children and other dogs may live nearby.

PROTECT YOUR PET!

ON WALKS
Carry disposable plastic bags to pick up. Never throw bags on the ground or in a storm drain.

IN CHAINS
All dogs must be kept under restraint with a leash no longer than 6 feet long.

Call 311 to report dog poop issues or 216-664-3069 to make a complaint or report a concern about a dog's welfare.

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Councilman Kelly IN THE COMMUNITY

Councilman Kelly at Halloran Park with First District Police Community Relations Officers at the National Night Out Against Crime.



Councilman Kelly, Michele Miner Pomerantz, and District 3 Cuyahoga County Councilman Marty Sweeney, **presenting outgoing Cleveland Metropolitan School District CEO Eric Gordon with a proclamation.**



Councilman Kelly with Cleveland Metropolitan School District employees (pictured right) and Councilwoman Santana at the **Cleveland Puerto Rican Parade & Cultural Festival.**



Councilman Kelly and Kira Krivosh at the **Cleveland West Park 4th of July Parade.**



Councilman Kelly attending Ward 11 Resident Amari Velez's **quinceañera** with her uncle, C.P.D. Sergeant Manny Velez, grandmother, Hilda Velez, and proud mother Kaisy Velez.



Councilman Kelly, Council President Blaine Griffin and Ward 5 Councilman Richard A. Starr at the **11th Congressional District Labor Day Parade.**



Councilman Danny Kelly at the **West Blvd. Food Truck Block Party** with residents.



Councilman Kelly Sponsors "Fair Employment Wage Law" for Workers



When Councilman Danny Kelly learned that Cleveland city workers were not earning a fair wage for a hard day's work, he took action. The councilman sponsored the "Fair Wage Employment Law". Now, City of Cleveland Ord. No. 802-2023 is finally in the books after seventeen years of Cleveland workers not getting a raise.

Prior to this legislative victory, Cleveland's wage rate, which also applies to people hired by city contractors, had been stuck at \$10 an hour since 2006, when it froze at that amount during an economic downturn. The state minimum hourly wage has since exceeded that and is now \$10.10. In fact, in recent years, Cleveland paid at least \$17 million to contractors to clean up city lots, fill potholes and dig graves in a city cemetery. Yet some of those workers made as little as \$13 an hour. Simply put, it was unfair and unjust.

Enter Councilman Danny Kelly. As a long-time union laborer and member of Laborers' Local 310 who worked in the field, he has a lived experience in just how arduous this work can be. Something had to change, AND FAST! He joined forces with councilmembers Charles Slife, Rebecca Maurer, and Council President Blaine A. Griffin, who co-sponsored this bill to advocate for this change. Quickly, this team ushered through the ordinance and it passed with flying colors.

As a result, Cleveland City Council approved increasing the minimum wage to \$15.33. The legislation also ties it to annual inflation with adjustments every October according to the Consumer Price Index for Northeast Ohio. Now, some Cleveland contract employees will get a much needed pay increase as of October 1, 2023, thanks to the "Fair Employment Wage Law".

"This is just a first step in making sure all workers get paid family-supporting wages for their hard work. I always have and I always will fight for workers' rights," said Councilman Danny Kelly.



BREAKING NEWS

SAFETY INITIATIVE UNDERWAY IN CLEVELAND!

There are now more law enforcement agencies collaborating to fight crime in Cleveland. Councilman Kelly, his fellow Safety Committee members and all of Cleveland City Council are ready to partner with the Cleveland Division of Police and the U.S. Marshals Office to combat violent crime in the newly launched Operation 216. This initiative will address the dramatic increases we have been experiencing in violent crimes and civil disobedience in our neighborhoods across the city. "We will fight this increase in crime together, in solidarity. Thank you to the law enforcement officers hitting the street to fight crime," said Councilman Kelly.

Stay tuned for updates! www.clevelandcitycouncil.org

COUNCILMAN DANNY KELLY PUTTING ARPA STIMULUS FUNDS TO WORK FOR WARD 11!

- \$1 M on 60 New Habitat for Humanity Homes in Ward 11
- Investment from \$20 M fund citywide in 99th St. Vets Home
- Investment from \$20 M fund citywide in Variety Theater
- \$10 M in citywide Construction Workforce Jobs
- \$20.3 M citywide on streets & traffic calming measures
- \$10.1 M citywide to help women, children & families in crisis
- \$7.9 M citywide for EMS services & new ambulances

I am proud to be a part of this unprecedented investment in our neighborhoods!

Councilman Danny Kelly

Councilman Kelly stops by to check on the progress of demolition of blighted houses in Ward 11!

3245 West 100th. Street

3878 West 118th. Street

and more to come!

Blighted Houses Removed!

Dunphy Park, formerly Jasper Field, has a long and storied history in Ward 11.

JAMES M. DUNPHY PARK NEW SIGN INSTALLED

COUNCILMAN DANNY KELLY AND COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS FRANK WILLIAMS WORKED TOGETHER TO GET A NEW SIGN INSTALLED AT DUNPHY PARK.

I wanted the sign leading our neighbors into this park-going experience to be pristine, befitting Dunphy Park's proud history of linking generations of our families together.

Councilman Danny Kelly

3743 WEST BLVD., CLEVELAND, OH 44111

Whether you are walking your dog, enjoying the scenery, or enjoying a great game of baseball or softball with your friends, family, or colleagues, it is one of the jewels of the West Side of Cleveland. Named in 2002 after union leader James M. Dunphy of CGIU Local No. 546, the park and West Denison Baseball League, which offers tee-ball, baseball and softball have been a point of pride in Ward 11.

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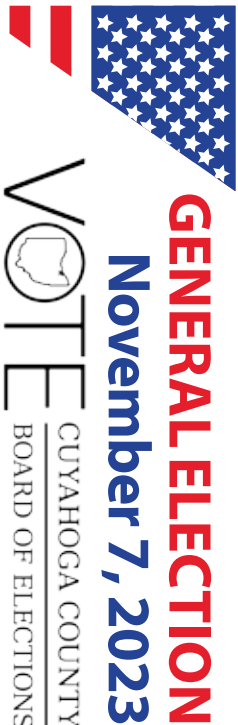
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GENERAL ELECTION November 7, 2023



Choose how you will vote:



Early In-Person Vote-by-Mail

Election Day

Prepare for the Election

- Polls are open from 6:30 am - 7:30 pm
- Bring valid identification

Work Election Day

- Call 216-443-3277 for Election Day work or 216-443-3200 for temporary jobs.
- Visit boe.cuyahogacounty.gov/election-day-workers

Fighting for Our children's Future!

True to his CMSD roots, Councilman Danny Kelly is working to ensure Ward 11's children have access to government and a quality education.

“Our children are the future. That's why I'm fighting for our kids and families at city hall!”
Councilman Danny Kelly



Catherine “Peg” Arcuri

94 Years Young & Still Giving Back!

Councilman Danny Kelly was proud on behalf of the citizens of the City of Cleveland, Ward 11 to offer a proclamation recognizing Catherine “Peg” Arcuri on June 11, 2023 for her 94th Birthday. Councilman Kelly went to see Peg, to hand deliver the proclamation and some well-deserved flowers. A special occasion, no doubt.

Peg's calling card is her ability to bring joy to every day and positivity to all of those who are lucky enough to spend time with her. Generations of Ward 11 residents look back at their youth and remember her smiling face and undeterred spirit from her time as a crossing guard. Her neighbors often seek her advice and counsel and she is more than happy to help.

Councilman Kelly sang her praises as council unanimously voted to honor Peg by stating, “Let's celebrate another trip around the sun for Peg with those who love her most by remembering the many moments of joy and laughter she has shared with her family, friends, colleagues and the children of Ward 11. We look forward to making many more memories. Angels Keep Peg!”

Congratulations Peg! You are a proud example of Ward 11's finest. Well done!



FOOD RESOURCES



NEAR YOU!

For more information
Call 216-738-2067



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BRING AN I.D.



SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH CHURCH- HOT MEALS

10205 LORAIN AVENUE, CLEVELAND OH 44111

216-251-0300

OPEN TO ANYONE
5:30 PM-6:30 PM
ST & 3RD
WEDNESDAY

BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH- HOT MEALS

14040 PURITAS AVENUE, CLEVELAND OH 44135

216-671-5890

OPEN TO ANYONE
12:00PM-1:00PM
2ND
SUNDAY

SALVATION ARMY WEST PARK-PRODUCE & PANTRY

12645 LORAIN AVENUE, CLEVELAND OH 44111

216-501-9604

OPEN TO ANYONE
CALL AHEAD FOR
MONTHS & TIMES
FOR PRODUCE &
PANTRY

SECOND CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH-PRODUCE

12017 EMERY AVENUE, CLEVELAND OH 44135

216-798-0476

OPEN TO ANYONE
12:00 AM- 5:00 PM
4TH FRIDAY
MAR-NOV.

FREEDOM CHURCH- PANTRY

102401 COOLEY AVENUE, CLEVELAND OH 44111

216-671-4619

OPEN TO ANYONE
10:00 AM- 5:00 PM
3RD SATURDAY

BOUNTIFUL BASEMENT- PANTRY

4370 W. 140TH. STREET , CLEVELAND OH 44135

216-671-3870

44111 & 44135
9:30 AM-12:30 PM
TUES & WEDS
5:00 PM-6:45 PM

SOMALI BANTU COMMUNITY COOPERATION-PANTRY

12808 BELLAIRE ROAD, CLEVELAND OH 44111

216-938-6071

OPEN TO ANYONE
CALL AHEAD
10:00 AM-4:00PM
2ND SATURDAY



Ward 11 Internet Access

DIGITAL LEARNING CENTER

9926 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland OH 44102



NOW OPEN!

Monday-Thursday

10:00am – 6:00pm

Saturday

10:00am – 4:00pm

Sunday

11:00am – 4:00pm



WESTOWN

Community Development Corporation

Home Repair & Maintenance Information



All programs have their own qualifying and income criteria. To find the program that can best help you and to get an application started **call Westown CDC at 216-941-9262 or email info@westowncdc.org.**

SPRUCE UP YOUR HOME BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS!

Westown CDC & Sherwin Williams Discount Paint Coupon! Spruce up your rooms, basement, porch floor, or exterior home needs with select discounted quality paint products from Sherwin Williams. Open to all Ward 11 Homeowners. Terms & Conditions Apply. Must reside in your home. No commercial properties/landlords.

HEALTHY HOMES REPAIR PROGRAM

A newly funded program for homeowner-occupied properties for a wide-range of home repairs, inside and outside. No garages. Application requires income verification documents, last 6 months checking account statements, & other financial documents that may apply. No cosmetic projects. Call Westown to get more information.

WESTOWN 50/50 REBATE HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

Available to income-qualified homeowners just for EXTERIOR home repairs/maintenance. Eligible homeowners receive a 50% reimbursement for approved repairs. The rebate is capped at \$1,000.

WESTOWN HELPS WITH THESE PROGRAMS TOO!

CHN WEATHERIZATION/ENERGY – For insulation, new furnace, new hot water tank, and/or electrical upgrades where needed. Income qualifications required.

CITY OF CLEVELAND S.H.A.P. & AGE FRIENDLY HOME IMPROVEMENT – The Senior Homeowner Assistance Program (S.H.A.P.) serves income-qualified seniors & disabled adults age 18-59 with home roof replacement, electrical & plumbing repairs, etc. Income qualifications & assets info required.

H.E.A.P. and P.I.P APPLICATIONS – Available from Westown CDC. Call to request an application.