

Ward 2 Informer

Councilman Kevin L. Bishop / Spring 2021



Engage with Councilman
Kevin L. Bishop



A MESSAGE FROM Councilman Kevin L. Bishop

Happy Spring Residents,,

The weather is turning warmer and I look forward to seeing all of you later this spring and throughout the summer after I'm fully vaccinated, but I will still be wearing a mask.

I am hoping all of you are doing so as well. Ohio has gotten an influx of the three different vaccines and it's much easier to get an appointment. But **the vaccine isn't enough and we still need to mask up** when around people outside our households.

I was recently appointed Chairman of Council's Municipal Services and Properties Committee. It's a big responsibility as the committee oversees all the city's parks, recreation centers, city-owned buildings, streets and more. Read more about it in the newsletter.

There's a map of road renovations happening in the ward included in the newsletter for you to see and plan accordingly. I know road work can be

frustrating, but the results greatly improve the ward. Also look for improvements at **Mill Creek Falls.** The Cleveland Metroparks plan to improve the entrance to Cuyahoga County's largest waterfall. It's a gem, visit this year, and walk the Mill Creek Trail.

Cleveland parks are opening and be sure to get out and visit in the good weather, including the **renovated Oleatha Wilson Park**, located at E. 110th and Harvard Ave.

I hope to restart in person community meetings later this summer. As always if you have any issues be sure to call my office at 216-664-4945. I look forward to seeing and talking to you all in person soon.

Best,

Kevin L. Bishop

Cleveland City Councilman, Ward 2

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Department of
Taxation

Homestead Exemption

The homestead exemption allows low-income senior citizens and permanently and totally disabled Ohioans to reduce their property tax bills, by shielding some of the market value of their homes from taxation. The exemption, which takes the form of a credit on property tax bills, allows qualifying homeowners to exempt up to \$25,000 of the market value of their homes from all local property taxes. For example, through the homestead exemption, a home with a market value of \$100,000 is billed as if it is worth \$75,000.

The exact amount of savings varies from location to location. But overall, across Ohio, qualified homeowners saved an average of about \$495 per taxpayer during the 2015 tax year. The tax exemption is limited to the homestead, which Ohio law defines as an owner's dwelling and up to one acre of land. The value of the exemption may not exceed the value of the homestead. The 2017 income threshold is \$31,800, the 2018 threshold is \$32,200, the 2019 threshold is \$32,800, the 2020 threshold is \$33,600 and the 2021 threshold is \$34,200. To apply, complete the application form (DTE 105A - Homestead Exemption Application Form for Senior Citizens, Disabled Persons, and Surviving Spouses), then file it with your local



county auditor. The form is available on the Department of Taxation's website and is also available from county auditors. Applications for real property must be filed on or before December 31 of the year for which homestead is sought. Applications for manufactured or mobile homes must be filed anytime on or before the first Monday in June of the year preceding the year for which homestead is sought.

For more information, you can contact the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Office at 216-443-7050 or visit the website: <https://fiscalofficer.cuyahogacounty.us/en-us/homestead-exemption-faq.aspx>

2021 Deadline is May 16 for Patrol Officer Positions



**Join our team and make
a difference in Cleveland
neighborhoods!**

www.ClevelandOhio.gov/Jobs

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@CLERecruitment



Naila's Nook

News you can use from
Naila R. Deskins
Executive Assistant to Councilman Bishop



Together, we can stop the criminals who are leaving their trash and bulk on our streets, vacant lots, abandoned homes, and alleys. You can report illegal dumping to the Ward 2 office at 216-664-4945. If you witness dumping in progress call 911. Observe and write down what the person/people look like as well as the license plate, plus the car make, model, and color. **You can also call 664-DUMP, to report any dumping.** Citizens can report concerns or let Clean Cleveland know how crews are doing by emailing CleanCLE@city.cleveland.oh.us or calling 3-1-1. Council is adding funding to the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Environmental Crime Task Force.

And, as always, be the change you want to see by keeping your yard free of litter. Neighbors can also join together and organize community clean-ups. Councilman Bishop and the Ward 2 Office will be on the look out and will make sure these illegal dumpers are charged and fined. Also, please be aware of bulk pickup guidelines and remember it's ALWAYS the first full week of the month.

Councilman Bishop New Chairman of Municipal Services & Properties Committee

The Municipal Services and Properties Committee is responsible for Cleveland's Department of Parks, Recreation and Properties, as well as all matters pertaining to public parks, places, buildings, playgrounds, beaches and public recreation.

Councilman Kevin Bishop was recently appointed to chair the committee. **"It's a big responsibility and I plan to work hard chairing this committee to ensure residents throughout the city have the best parks, streets and city-owned property we can have," Councilman Bishop said.**

In addition, the committee handles the sale and purchase of all city-owned properties not referred to the Community and Economic Development Committee.

The Committee also handles all matters relating to street and sewer improvements, switch track and pipe lines, grade crossings, street cleaning, waste collection and disposal, bridges and underpasses.




Speeding Ticket? Go Online and No Points

Citizens can go on line and enter a plea of guilty for minor misdemeanor traffic violations – like speeding – and **the offense is reduced to a minor misdemeanor unsafe motor vehicle which is a NO POINTS offense.** The fine is then \$55 and court costs.

You can also pay a waste ticket, a parking ticket and more online.

The Cleveland Municipal Court is giving people time to pay for the costs and fees that are not immediately due on the Court's website: <http://clevelandmunicipalcourt.org/>



Rent Landscaping Tools for Free with Clean & Green Cleveland

The Clean & Green Cleveland trailer is available through Cleveland Neighborhood Progress for loan to Cleveland residents and community volunteer groups.

The trailer is **stocked with landscaping tools and cleanup supplies to assist with beautification and clean-up efforts and events** in Cleveland's neighborhoods. **It may be rented, free of charge!**

The Clean & Green trailer reservation

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♥ YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

system is now open for 2021. If you have any questions, contact Michaela Lowery at mlowery@clevelandnp.org or call 216-830-2770. For up-to-date information, please visit: www.clevelandnp.org/cleangreencleveland

UPCOMING Bulk Pick Up Weeks & Holiday Collection Delays

DIVISION OF WASTE 216-664-3711 www.cleveland-oh.gov

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RECYCLING UPDATE

The City of Cleveland is in the process of evaluating and updating its curbside recycling program. An announcement on the program's status is expected by mid-2021. Please take 5-10 minutes to complete this brief survey (<https://tinyurl.com/ab5srz22>). Your input can help direct Cleveland's future waste collection and recycling programs. If you have specific questions or feedback, feel free to contact the Mayor's Office of Sustainability at: sustainability@city.cleveland.oh.us



Home Repair Loan

Up to **\$20,000**
for eligible homeowners

Home repair loan will be provided as a 0% deferred second mortgage payable upon resale of the home.

Eligible Homeowners

Eligible homeowners will have incomes at or below 120% AMI for the county, and will be current on their real estate taxes or currently in a payment plan with the county.

Eligible Homes

Eligible homes are located in communities within Cuyahoga County and are single-family and owner-occupied.

Eligible Repairs

Examples of repairs may include: roofs, porches, gutters, HVAC, plumbing, electrical, walks and driveways.

Apply Now
chnhousingcapital.org/homerepair



2999 Payne Ave. Ste 134
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

855-764-LOAN (5626)
NMLS #1798137



Cleveland Establishes Call Center to Answer General Vaccine Distribution Questions

The City of Cleveland has established a call center to answer general questions about the City's vaccine distribution efforts and assist eligible individuals in scheduling an appointment.

» **Call Center Number:** 216-664-2222

» **Hours of Operation:** Monday-Friday; 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

CSU's Wolstein Center – located at 2000 Prospect Ave. E. – is operating seven days a week, 12 hours per day. Any Ohioan eligible to receive the vaccine under the Ohio Department of Health's vaccination plan may be vaccinated at the clinic. Vaccine-eligible Ohioans can sign up at www.gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov. After answering a few questions, a new screen pops up. Enter ZIP code 44115 in the search field.

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SIGN UP!

The Ward 2
Residents



Email List

Residents on the list will receive information on what's happening in our ward, plus press releases from Cleveland City Council and the City of Cleveland.

To be included, send an email to: kbishop@clevelandcitycouncil.org
Be sure to include the following in the body of the email:

- Your name
- Physical mailing address
- Phone number

Court Community Service Cleaning Ward

The crew finished Miles from 93rd St. to E-131st after spending 3 days cleaning the street, on March 25, 2021 to E-131 St. They collected 145 bags of litter, over 7 tires and approximately 30 cubic yards of bulk items.

SEE PAGE 2 to see how you can help stop illegal dumping in our neighborhoods.

City of Cleveland Exterior Paint Program Returns



The City of Cleveland invites residents to take advantage of its 2021 Exterior Paint Program. **Apply now.**

The Exterior Paint Program provides paint and materials to homeowners who wish to paint the exterior of their homes. Labor is not included. The goal for 2021 is 500 homes with a total allocation of \$500,000 for the program.

Homeowners, as well as tenants, who meet income guidelines, are welcome to apply for the program. **Funds cover the cost of up to \$1,500 for owner occupants or up to \$750 for tenants in paint and materials,** though restrictions do apply. Inspections of the property must also be conducted. Painting must be completed by Oct. 31, 2021.

The Department of Community Development's Division of Neighborhood Services administers services on a first-come, first-served basis. Interested Cleveland residents can obtain applications by calling 216-664-2045.

EXTERIOR PAINT PROGRAM INCOME GUIDELINES

FAMILY SIZE	INCOME LEVEL	FAMILY SIZE	INCOME LEVEL
1	\$51,600	5	\$79,600
2	\$59,000	6	\$85,500
3	\$66,350	7	\$91,400
4	\$73,700	8	\$97,300

Register NOW to vote or update your Voter Registration information

Voters must be registered in Cuyahoga County in order to vote in any election. In order to vote in Cuyahoga County, you must meet the following requirements:

- You must be a United States Citizen.
- You must be at least 18 years old on the day of the General Election.
- You must be a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days.
- You must register to vote at least 30 days before an election to be eligible to vote.
- 17 year old residents can register and vote in a Primary Election if they will be 18 on or before the General Election. 17-year-olds can vote for candidates only.

How do I register to vote or update my voter registration information?

- Register to vote or update your Ohio voting address electronically on the Secretary of State website: <https://olvr.ohiosos.gov/>
- Visit <https://boe.cuyahogacounty.us/> to print blank registration form.
- Call the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections at **216-443-VOTE(8683)** for a Voter Registration Card to be mailed to you. Complete the form then mail it back to the Board of Elections.
- Visit <https://boe.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/voter-registration.aspx> for a list of voter registration locations.



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BOARD OF ELECTIONS