

Ward 2 Informer

Councilman Kevin L. Bishop / Summer 2021



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A MESSAGE FROM Councilman Kevin L. Bishop

Greetings Ward 2 constituents,

I hope everyone has been enjoying the warm weather and I hope you're taking precautions against the Covid virus.

Remember to wear your masks in public places and keep safe distances from people outside your circles of family and friends.

Outdoor gatherings are less risky, though face masks and distancing will give you extra protection. And, please, if you haven't been vaccinated, do so. I am fully vaccinated and I urge you to get the shot. It's the only way we're going to beat this thing.

Meanwhile, much is happening in Ward 2. A lot of street resurfacings are underway or completed. The rehabilitation of **East 131st Street** was completed in June after two years of construction.

And **Union Avenue** is under construction. I know street reconstruction jobs can be an annoyance for motorists, especially when they are backed up in traffic jams. But once the work is completed and the orange barrels are removed, safe, freshly paved streets are welcome reliefs.

Besides streets, some of our neighborhood parks are getting facelifts and look for our **Ward 2 Cleaning**

"We must work together to fight crime, so remember the adage 'See something; Say something.'"

Ambassadors who volunteer in ridding our neighborhoods of litter and trash. The Ambassadors are easy to spot in their day-glow green vests and big, plastic garbage bags. Thank you, Ambassadors.

Finally, I urge residents to keep **their eyes peeled for any suspicious behavior in their neighborhoods**. We must work together to fight crime, so remember the adage "See something; Say something."

And, as always, if you have any concerns regarding any issues, please don't hesitate to call my office at 216-664-4945. I look forward to seeing you in person as I continue organizing community meetings.

Regards,

Kevin L. Bishop

Cleveland City Councilman, Ward 2

Believe Mortgages Available for Residents to Become Homeowners

Believe Mortgages from CHN Housing Capital, the lending arm of CHN Housing Partners, are available for local residents and many may find it's less expensive to own than to rent.

The Cleveland-based nonprofit wants to make homeownership broadly accessible and sustainable.

CHN Housing Capital can originate mortgages of \$20,000 to \$250,000, but the program's preferred loan is for \$70,000 or less — so-called small-dollar debt that can be tough to find.

Since early April, when the program debuted, CHN Housing Capital has received more than 500 inquiries from potential homebuyers. Thirteen clients have closed on purchases or are near closing. And 35 applicants have prequalified for a loan but still

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are looking for houses.

The 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages are available in Cuyahoga and Lorain counties. Buyers must have a credit score of at least 570 and put down at least 3% of the purchase price, though low-income borrowers can tap down-payment assistance programs to come up with those funds.

CHN Housing Capital does not require borrowers to pay for private mortgage insurance, which can add to the cost of a conventional home loan for buyers without

much cash on hand.

Borrowers must complete a first-time homebuyer class before closing. They also have access to other CHN programs and services, including home-repair loans of up to \$8,000.

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Eligibility and application information can be found at www.chnhousingcapital.org. Interested applicants can call 855-764-5626 with questions and for more information.

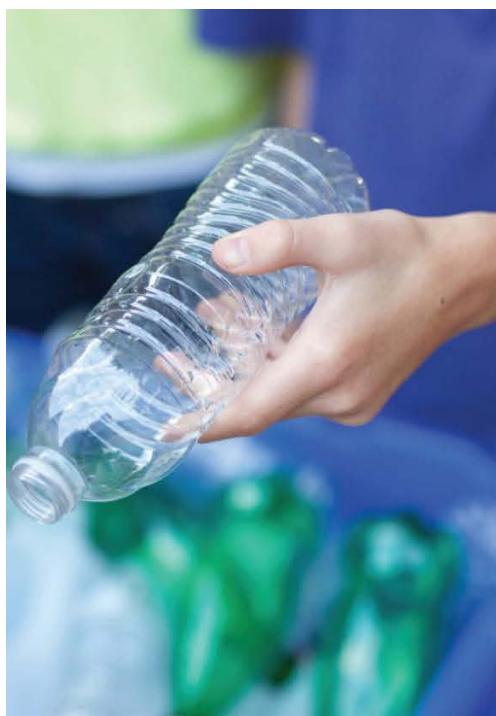


Important Information About Upcoming Municipal Elections

The **primary election** for the new Mayor of Cleveland and all council seats will be **September 14, 2021**. Absentee voting began August 17th. The election is non partisan which means the top two vote getters go on to the **general election on November 2nd, 2021**.

If you are registered it's always a good idea to double check that it has your accurate address and that the state hasn't purged your registration. Go to: voterlookup.ohiosos.gov/voterlookup.aspx or go to: boe.cuyahogacounty.gov/en-US/my-voting-information.aspx

To find out other information, including polling locations or how to vote absentee go to: www.443VOTE.us



SIGN UP FOR CLEVELAND'S CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM!

The City of Cleveland is resuming its curbside recycling program this fall. The program is shifting to a bi-weekly, opt-in program, where residents will have to sign up by **October 22, 2021** in order to participate.

Who's Eligible to Participate:

All City of Cleveland residents and homeowners who live in a single-family household or a multi-family building up to four (4) units, serviced by the City of Cleveland Division of Waste Collection are eligible.

Program Sign Up Info:

Sign Up Deadline: October 22, 2021

Residents can sign up online at clevelandohio.gov/recycling

Residents can also call **216.664.3030** to sign up

As a condition of participation, residents will be asked to sign a pledge to follow all curbside recycling guidelines. Recycling guidelines can be found online through Cuyahoga Recycles' website at cuyahogarecycles.org/how_to_recycle



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RECYCLE CLEVELAND

Learn more at www.clevelandohio.gov/recycling

Community Member Spotlight

De'Shawn Burgan is an inspirational young man who was raised in the Union Miles neighborhood with his parents, Donita and Kelvin Coker and two siblings, Dyjohna and Kiauna.



De'Shawn (back row center) with family.

During De'Shawn's early years, he was a member of the mediation team at Grace Mount Elementary. De'Shawn attended Miles Park Elementary and was enrolled in the Open Door Program where he achieved academic excellence. De'Shawn went on to attend John Adams High School where he was a member of both the K.N.O.W.L.E.D.G.E. Leadership and Men of Tomorrow Leadership Teams. De'Shawn graduated from John Adams High School's Honor Class in 2016 ranking in the top ten in his class.

De'Shawn Burgan went on to attend the University of Toledo where he became a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. After going through the pandemic in 2020, in the Spring of 2021 De'Shawn Burgan graduated with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Construction Engineering Technology.



Within two weeks of graduating, De'Shawn announced to his family and friends that he enrolled into the United States Navy and was leaving the next week.

De'Shawn, we wish you well on your journey; we pray for your safe return and we thank you for being a leader and a treasure to the Union Miles Community.

– Councilman Kevin Bishop





IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Police Contact List

Fourth District Police:

9333 Kinsman Road

Main Phone: 216-623-5400

Commander Brandon Kutz

216-623-5405

216-623.4594

bkutz@clevelandohio.gov

EMERGENCY 9-1-1

POLICE • FIRE • AMBULANCE

ADDITIONAL POLICE & FIRE NUMBERS:

Fourth District: 623-5400

Non-Emergency Police: 621-1234

Fire Dispatch: 621-1212

Gang Unit: 623-5474

Narcotics Unit: 623-5472

Arson Hotline: 623-5453

Assistance Available for Delinquent Property Owners



There are a couple of ways to pay your property taxes to avoid penalties and interest added to your property bills.

First, there is the **EasyPay escrow program**. This program allows you to pay current property taxes before the due date. You have the option of making payments through automatic deductions from your checking or savings account or with mail-in coupons.

What is EasyPay? EasyPay is an escrow program that allows taxpayers to pay their upcoming property taxes in monthly, semi-annual, or annual (January and July) installments. By paying in advance, you can more easily budget for your annual real estate taxes, keeping you away from penalties and interest. The first half of the monthly installments are estimated, so the final debit for the first half taxes will adjust to reflect any changes based on approved tax levies and property value decreases or increases.

Behind on your property taxes? If so, your second option is that you may be eligible to enter a delinquent payment plan. The delinquent payment plan allows all future interest to be deferred and waived upon successful completion of the payment plan. Successful completion of the payment plan calls for paying your monthly installments on time and paying your current taxes when due.

We encourage those who set up delinquent payment plan contracts to also participate in the EasyPay program. However, to avoid your home from being subjected to a tax certificate sale or foreclosure actions, you **MUST** pay both current taxes and be in an active delinquent payment plan contract. To learn more about the programs offered, call Treasury Taxpayer Services at 216-443-7400.

There are two credits available that may help lower your taxes; one is the owner-occupancy credit and the other the homestead exemption. The property must be your primary residence to qualify. The homestead credit is for seniors at least 65 years of age or permanently disabled homeowners that meet specific income eligibility requirements.

The County Treasurer's office wants to help you! Visit www.treasurer.cuyahogacounty.us or email treascomment@cuyahogacounty.us or call 216-443-7400 with questions or further information.

Ward 2 Street Resurfacing Projects



E. 131st & Miles



E. 131st & Marston



Roundabout - (pictured above and below) E. 116th and Miles to Union at the intersections of E. 116th St./MLK/ Farringdon



Union Avenue is under construction. This much needed road work – and the orange barrels that come with it – can be frustrating. But the end result will be worth it!



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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

WARD 2 CLEANING AMBASSADORS WANTED!



Ward 2 Cleaning Ambassadors wanted to clean the ward. Call 216-664-4945 to sign up. The first 25 residents will be given safety vests and garbage pickers.

Help Rid Ward 2 of Trash and Litter!

Pocket Park in the Works for Mt. Pleasant/Union Miles Neighborhood



The First Street Coalition, a group of neighborhood activists, has been working diligently on creating a public memorial/pocket park at the corner of Glendale Avenue and East 131st Street in the Mt. Pleasant/Union-Miles neighborhood.

Members of the coalition include retired folks who are dedicated to community engagement and urban development.

“These neighborhood activists are clear examples of the idea ‘It Takes a Village,’” said Councilman Kevin Bishop. “They work together in an atmosphere of respect and cooperation. And they get things done.”

The memorial park is still in the execution stage. Landscaping has yet to be installed as well as public art, engraved bricks and lighting. Fundraising events will be planned.

Donations can be forwarded to Concerned Citizens Community Council, 13611 Kinsman Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44120. For addition information, contact First Street Coalition, 216-373-2611.

COVID-19 Vaccines for Homebound Individuals



CUYAHOGA COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH
YOUR TRUSTED SOURCE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION




The City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County are partnering with local entities to vaccinate homebound individuals. The Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging is screening individuals for eligibility.

Referrals can be made by contacting Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging at (216) 621-0303. When making a referral, please be prepared to provide the individual's name, demographic information, DOB, phone number, and address.

Homebound persons include those who need the help of another person or medical equipment such as crutches, a walker, or a wheelchair to leave their home, or their medical provider believes that their health or illness could get worse if they leave their home, therefore they typically do not leave their home.

To check your eligibility or receive more information call or visit us at:

 **(216) 621-0303**

 **www.areaagingsolutions.org**