

Ward 2 Informer

Councilman Kevin L. Bishop / Winter 2020-21



Engage with Councilman
Kevin L. Bishop



A MESSAGE FROM Councilman Kevin L. Bishop

Dear Ward 2 Residents,

I am sure most of you feel like I do, as we bid good bye and good riddance to 2020 and welcome 2021. We've had a long, tough year, but we will see the light at the end of this tunnel soon.

I appreciate how residents, organizations and businesses in Ward 2 have pulled together to get through the pandemic, the job losses, furloughs and more. We will come out stronger.

Another mile stone to celebrate is the end of the road repair and resurfacing in the city. I know that the traffic rerouting and construction has been difficult, but now all of our major thoroughfares have been redone with new sidewalks, pipes and a roundabout. Thanks for putting up with the reconstruction.

We all have to hold on for a few more months, so please follow the public-health

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guidelines by masking, hand washing, and keeping your distance from everyone outside your household. The future – with Covid-19 vaccines on the horizon – is looking brighter. Rebuilding might take some time, but Ward 2 and the city of Cleveland will be coming out stronger and better.

From my family to yours, Happy Holidays.

Kevin L. Bishop
Cleveland City Councilman, Ward 2

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Digital Learning Community Center Coming to Ward 2



Councilman Kevin Bishop is excited to tell residents about an important addition to the Earle B. Turner Recreation Center (11300 Miles Ave.) coming next year.

"I recently voted, with the rest of council, to allow the city to lease space there for a new Digital Learning Community Center," Councilman Bishop said.

The lease is with JumpStart Inc. for the purpose of developing a community innovation learning center in connection with their Digital Learning Community Center Initiative.

The learning center is part of an initiative created by JumpStart Inc. with financial support from Verizon to improve digital equity by developing neighborhood-based learning centers in public community spaces. The program is part of a larger initiative across



four cities, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Portland (OR), and Houston, to help prepare residents of these cities for greater participation in the innovation economy.

JumpStart Inc. will

renovate the leased space and undertake renovations in the adjacent hallway at the rec center to prepare the space for the learning center, which will open in 2021. In addition, JumpStart's goal is to bring 5G network capability into the digital community innovation learning center but this will be done through a subsequent construction project after completion of a feasibility study.

"This is great news for our neighborhood residents to ensure they're ready for the jobs of the 21st Century," Councilman Bishop said. "We are going to work to make sure our children have the tools they need, as well as their parents, to succeed."

Cleveland Lead Safe Housing Initiative to Begin

Beginning March 31, 2021, the City of Cleveland is requiring residential rental units to receive a Lead Safe Certification. The Lead Safe Certification will be rolled out in phases. There is a quarterly schedule for property owners to get their Lead Safe Certification between March 2021 and March 2023. The quarterly schedule is according to the zip code of your rental unit. After all eight groups are certified, the cycle repeats.

LEAD SAFE
CLEVELAND COALITION

Beginning March 2021, rental units in 44120 and 44135 zip codes must have their certification. Those zip codes are in Wards 1, 2, 4, 11, 16, and 17.

By June 2021, rental units in 44111 and 44106 zip codes must have their certification. Those zip codes are in Ward 6, 7, 9, 11, 16 and 17.

To find out the entire zip code roll out and to find out what to do, including landlord resources and workshops, please go to the Lead Safe Cleveland Coalition website: leadsafecle.org



Beware of Scammers



The Cuyahoga County Department of Consumer Affairs warns residents to hang up on utility scam calls that threaten disconnection.

Utility disconnection scams, which target residents and businesses, often spike before weekends or holidays.

Consumer Affairs has also received reports of utility scammers offering consumers a "refund" or discount as a ploy to get account or payment information.

Residents are cautioned:

- Utilities do not accept gift cards, money wires or Bitcoin payments.
- Never share Social Security numbers or banking information with anyone who calls you.
- If you have questions about your utility accounts, contact them using the number on the bill. Do not use callback numbers provided in robocalls.

If you feel that you've been a victim of a scam, Councilman Bishop urges you to report it to Cuyahoga County's Scam Squad by calling 216-443-SCAM (7226) or use the online reporting form at consumeraffairs.cuyahogacounty.us

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



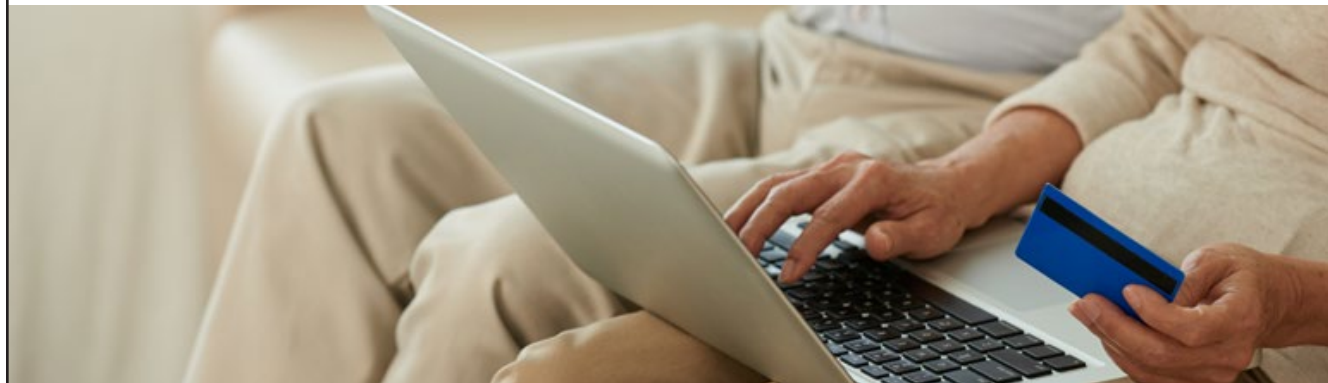
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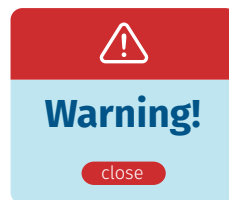
PROTECT YOURSELF FROM CORONAVIRUS SCAMS



3 PAYMENT METHODS TO AVOID

Only imposter scammers will demand that you pay debts, fines or fees with:

- Money wires
- E-currencies such as Bitcoin
- Retail or e-tail gift cards



Government agencies, tech companies and utilities do not accept these payments.

WATCH OUT FOR THESE SCAMS

Scammers usually want money or your personal information. Watch for scams disguised as:

- Offers to help you get stimulus payments or grants
- Threats to arrest you or seize your accounts
- Offers to help you get Coronavirus tests, cures or vaccines
- Calls or emails from sheriff, IRS or any government agency

Never pay or reveal private info (your Social Security or account numbers) to someone who contacts you!

4 SIGNS A JOB OFFER IS A SCAM

A job is a scam if your new employer tells you to:

- Deposit a check and then send funds -- in any form -- to someone else.
- Create a bank or e-currency account for the company.
- Accept or make payments by money wire, retail gift cards or e-currency.
- Accept and reship mail or packages.



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Ask a question
216-443-7035 (main)

Report a scam or talk to an investigator
216-443-SCAM (7226)

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Helpful Cuyahoga County Resources:

Cuyahoga Job and Family Services
844-640-OHIO (6446) or www.benefits.ohio.gov

Division of Senior and Adult Services
216-420-6700

County Board of Health
(contact tracing, report health violations)
216-201-2000 or www.ccbh.net

MetroHealth 24/7 COVID-19 hotline
440-59-COVID/440-592-6843

United Way First Call for Help
Dial 211 to connect with trusted free services

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Seasonal LEAF PICK-UP Program

High generation areas have the highest concentration of city-owned trees located on tree lawns and/or those areas potentially causing flooding or other hazardous conditions. **The current high leaf-generation areas have been verified by the Division of Urban Forestry, the County Tree Canopy, the Office of Sustainability and the Department of Public Works.** The city's six service stations will systematically deploy sweepers, leaf machines, end loaders, and leaf blowers in these areas on Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. – 9 p.m. from now through Dec. 31, 2020.

Residents OUTSIDE of the high-generation areas can bag any leaves gathered in their yards and set them out with their trash on their designated waste collection day. These residents are allowed up to 20 bags of leaves during the fall season.

Visit: <https://decityhall.com/2020/10/21/seasonal-leaf-pick-up-program-begins-nov-9-2020/>

Contact: Division of Waste Collection
216-664-3711

FOOD PANTRIES

(Slavic Village)

University Settlement
4800 Broadway Ave,
Monday - Friday
food pick ups from
11:30am - 2pm
if you or someone
you know has needs
please call 216-641-8948 or email at
usiemergency@universitysettlement.net.

Holy Name Church 8328 Broadway Ave,
216-271-4242 SATURDAY 9:30pm-12pm

Elizabeth Baptist Church 6114 Francis Ave,
216-429-2922; SATURDAY (2ND AND 4TH OF MONTH) 10am-2pm

Watch Council Meetings Online



In spite of these trying times, the work of Cleveland City Council continues.

Council has been meeting electronically with virtual public hearings and legislative sessions.

Go to www.clevelandcitycouncil.org/calendar to find listings of upcoming committee meetings.

YouTube WATCH (LIVE & RECORDED)
www.youtube.com/user/ClevelandCityCouncil

TV 20 WATCH (LIVE)
www.tv20cleveland.com/watch-now/

Councilman Bishop serves on the following council committees:

Workforce & Community Benefits (Chair),
Utilities (Vice Chair), Finance, Transportation,
Municipal Services & Properties

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

2020



Inez Killingsworth Mural Dedication
OCTOBER 13



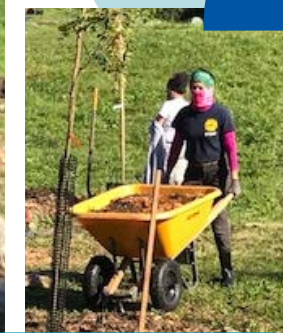
Pastor Dr. Robin Hedgeman (right),
Bethany Christian Church



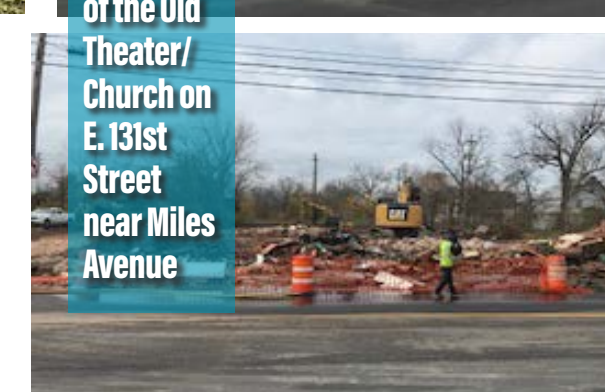
COVID-19 at Bethany Christian Church
AUGUST 28



100 Trees planted Jack Rabbit Hill Western Reserve
Land Conservancy OCTOBER 9



Demolition of the Old Theater/
Church on E. 131st Street
near Miles Avenue



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COVID-19 FAQ's

EMERGENCY WARNING SIGNS

If you develop emergency warning signs for COVID-19, get medical attention immediately. Emergency warning signs include the following:

- ▲ Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath.
- ▲ Persistent pain or pressure in the chest.
- ▲ New confusion or inability to arouse.
- ▲ Bluish lips or face.

When you're sick, continue to stay in contact with your doctor and follow CDC guidelines.



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