

# FORWARD 7

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*Together, We Can!*

*Dear Family,*

**There are so many things I want to say to my beloved Ward 7.**

I have had the privilege and honor to serve this community as Councilman for the past four years. Moreover, I have had the pleasure of being an advocate in service of others in Ward 7 for more than 20 years. While it is with a heavy heart that I move on to continue the work we have done together, it is with a sober mind that I push to provide the same opportunities and people-first leadership to others. Still, there is nothing that will ever take the place of my first home in Cleveland.

**Together, we built community, fed one another, reduced crime in our ward and stood up for the least of us.**

As one body, we supported our youth and worked with stakeholders to strategically support long overdue investment into our community. I appreciate every phone call, every conversation, every word of encouragement and correction because it only reinforced how much we all care about this ward and one another.

With a committed team we served during one of the most challenging eras of our lifetime, a pandemic. We remained strong as seeds of racism bore fruit once again with the

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murder of George Floyd. We came together to celebrate historic wins for our region when one of our own was appointed as the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

**As a resident of Ward 7 and a son of Cleveland, I will always be with you.** As an activist by nature and servant by heart I will always be there for you. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Councilman. I look forward to continuing the work we have started in this great ward.

God Bless.



**Basheer S. Jones**  
Councilman, Ward 7

## Thank You famicos FOUNDATION

### HISTORY OF PARTNERSHIP

When Councilman Basheer Jones took office in 2018, he led with a “people first” approach to service. He partnered with Famicos Foundation and its staff to bring resources and opportunities to Ward 7 residents. Ward 7 has been fortunate to have these committed partners who embraced the councilman’s priority of people first, as well as his long record of commitment to equity and service.

**The Councilman on behalf of Ward 7 and his office, wishes to thank John Anoliefo, the Famicos Foundation and Famico’s tireless Ward 7 staff led by Shana Roberts.**

### STAFF HIGHLIGHT

**Councilman Jones and his office worked closely with Famicos and Shana Roberts specifically to create a culture of accountability, access and growth for Ward 7 residents.**

Ms. Roberts, on behalf of Famicos, has served as the face, heart and hands of Councilman Jones’ vision over the last 4 years. The local CDC hired the 22-year Ward 7 resident acknowledging her decades of service to others in the ward including co-founding the Brick Program where she mentored and provided resources and opportunities for students like Councilman Jones and others. The Councilman’s election created an opportunity for the evolution of Ms. Robert’s years of service and commitment to Ward 7. Her corporate background coupled with a long history of service to the community and love of the people made Ms. Roberts on behalf of Famicos a key figure in the many successes and impact of Councilman Jones’ term in office.



## WARD 7 COUNCILMAN BASHEER JONES HIGHLIGHTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Education

- ▶ Created new computer labs at Hough Multi-Purpose Center and Addison Senior High Rise.
- ▶ Paid senior dues for the MLK High School Class of 2020.
- ▶ Distributed 2000 book bags with school supplies at the 2019 Annual Community Festival.
- ▶ Established 10 new student internship programs.
- ▶ Established Focus Minds After School Tutoring Program and Summer Academic Boot Camp.
- ▶ Increased enrollment in Adult Basic Skills (10) and GED Programs (11).
- ▶ Launched the Transformational Mentorship Program in community schools.

### Health & Wellness

- ▶ 1000 turkey giveaway for Thanksgiving.



- ▶ Served food to over 8,000 individuals in the community.
- ▶ Distributed over 100,000 pounds of food to Ward 7 residents.
- ▶ Provided 85,000+ meals to Ward 7 residents.
- ▶ Partnered with the Islamic Center of Cleveland to establish new free health clinic.
- ▶ Established Seniors Fitness program; serving residents at Eliza Bryant Village, Bohn Tower apartments, Kingsbury apartments and Addison apartments.
- ▶ Collaborated with MedWish Foundation providing durable medical equipment to Ward 7 residents.



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Congratulations to Councilman Jones for receiving his Masters Degree in Theology!



Congrats to Daniel E. Morgan Graduates and all Ward 7 schools!!

# OUT & ABOUT FORWARD 7



**New Development!** Groundbreaking for Addis View Apartments on 90th & Hough Ave.



Thank you to Austin Rare Clothing for hosting a food giveaway in Ward 7.



The Councilman speaking at a press conference for a resident who has been falsely accused of a crime and has spent 12 years fighting his case. We must stand up for the voiceless!



Councilman Jones took the time to speak to graduating seniors at John Adams



Councilman Jones takes time to pose with our future. There might be a future council member in the group!

# POWER UP

FOOD DISTRIBUTION & RESOURCE EVENT

**JUNE 30TH // JULY 28TH**

**1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM**

June 30th Addison Square  
(7400 Wade Park Avenue)

July 28th Willson Tower Apartments  
(1919 East 55th Street)

For More Information, Call Shana Roberts at 216-701-5299



Thank you to CPD for surprising the Councilman's nephew Adrienne. His dream is to become an officer when he grows up!

## EmpowerCLE is Connecting You to the World!

DigitalC is focused on connecting families to affordable internet access through its community based home internet service, EmpowerCLE. First launched in 2019, EmpowerCLE has been connecting residents in Cleveland's Fairfax neighborhood and has since expanded service to the Buckeye-Woodhill, Central, Clark-Fulton, Glenville, and Hough neighborhoods.

The 50Mbps service, priced at less than \$20 per month, offers families the ability to work from home, connect reliably to schools and visit with their doctors online. For those families that need financial assistance, subsidies may be available to assist so no family is left unconnected. In selected areas of Hough, families can enjoy speeds of up to 200 Mbps for \$55 per month (plus taxes and fees).

"It is not only our job, but also our mission to improve the economic outcomes of our community by connecting our neighbors to the world's resources. And that begins with a reliable connection to the internet," explains Candice Dubose, DigitalC/ EmpowerCLE Director of Sales and Marketing.



Recently connected Hough resident looks on as the EmpowerCLE installation team finishes his connectivity.

As part of their commitment to making internet access accessible to everyone, EmpowerCLE service does not require a credit check or long-term contract. In addition, customers are not charged an equipment or installation fee. To sign-up, interested community members can speak to an EmpowerCLE Customer Representative and schedule their free installation.

If you would like more information, please feel free to contact EmpowerCLE at 216-777-3859.



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### ACCOMPLISHMENTS CONTINUED

#### Neighborhood Safety

- Established Lunch with cops with Cleveland Third District Police at Hough Heritage apartments.
- Bestowed Clean Business Awards to Ward 7 businesses.
- Provided conflict mediation between neighborhood youth.
- Hosted toy gun buyback.
- Provided security for all Ward 7 community events.
- Established over 200 street security cameras in Ward 7.
- 600 hours of foot and bike patrol.

#### Social & Community Cohesion

- Collaborated with Dunham Tavern to hold the First Annual Community Fall Festival 150 families attended.
- Took 70 residents to Detroit Michigan's African American Museum.
- Took 140 residents to Washington, DC to visit the African American Museum.
- Hosted bi-weekly community movie nights.
- Seniors Lawn Care and Snow removal program.



#### Neighborhood & Environment

- Demolished 261 abandoned buildings in Ward 7 (2017-2019).
- Repaired 47 homes in Ward 7 with resident satisfaction.
- Ward 7 Mural project; awarded \$25,000 by the Cleveland Foundation.
- Invested nearly \$2 million in street resurfacing.
- Established 3 new parks in Ward 7.
- Invested over \$8 million dollars in Ward 7 recreation centers (Thurgood Marshall & Kovacic).
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#### Economic Development

- Donated over \$540,000 to 30+ community and national organizations.

#### Daniel E. Morgan Court Improvements

- \$38,100 was allocated through the use of restricted income tax funds.

#### Building Communities Where Children Read

- \$15,000 casino funds allocation made to a youth reading program.

#### Code Enforcement Program through Lexington Bell

- \$37,123 casino fund for a first time housing code enforcement program.

#### Baseball Heritage Museum League Park

- \$15,000 casino fund allocation made to Baseball Heritage Museum League Park for youth baseball education programming.

#### Asian Expo - Midtown Development

- \$5,000 casino fund allocation made for the Asian Expo event through the Midtown Development.



#### Athletic and Academic Youth Program

- \$12,000 casino funds allocation made to a youth football after-school tutoring program.

#### Hough Community Health & Safety Expo

- \$20,000 casino fund allocation for the Hough Community Health & Safety Expo through Famicos Foundation

#### Summer Safety Film Series

- \$15,000 casino fund allocation for the summer safety film series through Famicos Foundation

#### Kennel Improvements

- \$1,000 casino fund allocation made toward the support for the City Kennel Program.

#### Mindfulness & Yoga Training

- \$5,000 casino funds allocation made to Mindfulness & Yoga Training Program through



#### Division of Police.

#### Grandparent Expo Event

- \$500 casino fund allocation for the Grandparents' Expo event for educational activities for grandparents who are caring for their grandchildren

#### Center for Arts Music Program

- \$500 casino fund allocation for a youth music program citywide through the Center for Arts and Inspired Learning

#### Heritage Home Program

- \$16,500 casino fund allocation made toward renovating historical residential structures in the Hough Neighborhood - Cleveland Restoration Society.

#### Lead Safe Summit

- \$1,000 casino funds allocation made to educate the public about the danger of lead poisoning through the United Way.

#### Holiday Food Card Program

- \$35,000 casino fund allocation for holiday gift cards for families and seniors in need.



#### Cuyahoga 50 Expo

- \$500 casino fund allocation for the Cuyahoga 50 Expo done through the City Office of Sustainability.

#### Puerto Rican Expo

- \$2,000 casino fund allocation made toward the Puerto Rican Expo.

#### Lebanese Cultural Garden

- \$1,000 casino funds allocation made for the Lebanese Cultural Garden part of a City Council contribution.

#### Canopy Child Advocacy Center

- \$20,000 CDBG allocation to the Center for Domestic Violence for the Canopy Child Advocacy Program.

#### Furnace Repair Program 2018

- \$20,000 CDBG allocation for the furnace repair program through the the Community Housing Solutions.

#### Catholic Charities/Fatima Center - Neighbor to Neighbor in Hough

- \$10,000 CDBG allocation to Fatima Family Center.

#### Community Housing Solutions - 2019

- \$20,000 CDBG allocation made to the Furnace Repair Program done by Community Housing Solutions.

#### College Now Advising Services

- \$1,500 CDBG allocation to College Now Advising Services for youth education program.



#### Seed Library Program - Hummingbird Project

- \$6,000 CDBG allocation to Hummingbird Project.

#### Greater Cleveland Volunteers - Literary Tutoring 2018

- \$1,500 CDBG allocation to Greater Cleveland Volunteers for the literacy Tutoring Program for youth.

#### Professional Flair, Inc. - Dancing Wheels

- \$5,000 CDBG allocation made to the Dancing Wheels Program

#### Legal Aid Society - Right to Counsel in Housing Court

- \$1,000 CDBG allocation for the Right to Counsel in Housing Court Program.

#### Greater Cleveland Volunteers - Literacy Tutoring 2019

- \$1,500 CDBG allocation to Greater Cleveland Volunteers for the literacy tutoring program for youth.

#### Ward 7 Development

- Dave's Market+ eatery
- Dave's Market teaching kitchen
- Hilton Tru hotel
- Cleveland Foundation HQ
- Center for Innovation
- Knez Townhomes at E. 75th
- The MidTown Apartments
- The Allen Estates
- Hough Library
- Asia Town Project Laundry Facilities
- Signet Student Housing
- Case Western Reserve University Dental School

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**Follow me @BasheerJ**

The Councilman  
and his team  
passed out  
flowers on  
Mother's Day.  
Love you all!



*Our Councilman was recently featured  
on the cover of Triumph Magazine!*



Ward 7 Councilman  
**Basheer Jones**



PRESENT  
**WARD 7  
MOVIE  
Nights**

**MOVIE START TIMES WILL BE  
8PM AT EACH LOCATION.**



**FRIDAY  
JULY 2  
Onward**  
@ Fannie Lewis Park  
Lexington Ave  
& East 70th St



**MONDAY  
JULY 12  
Lion King  
(2019)**  
@ Willson School  
1122 Ansel Rd



**FRIDAY  
AUGUST 6  
Soul**  
@ East Professional  
Center  
1349 East 79th St



**MONDAY  
AUGUST 16  
Aladdin  
(2019)**  
@ Fannie Lewis Park  
Lexington Ave  
& East 70th St




**FRIDAY  
SEPT. 3  
Mulan  
(2020)**  
@ Fannie Lewis Park  
Lexington Ave  
& East 70th St

"NOTHING CHANGES, IF NOTHING CHANGES".  
- DONNA BARNES  
WARD 7 COUNCILMAN BASHEER JONES WELCOMES

# HEAL 'N HOUGH

Join D.W. for a slow flow yoga class, stretching the body and relaxing the mind.

 **BACKFIELD OF  
MLK HIGH SCHOOL  
EVERY SUNDAY 12-1PM**

**WARD 7  
Neighborhood  
Cleanup**

**CLEAN UP DATES:**

- Friday, June 18th
- Saturday, June 19th
- Sunday, June 20th

**LOCATION & TIME:**

- 1349 East 79th Street
- 10 am - 1 pm each day

