

# FORWARD 7

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*Together,  
We Can!*

## A Word from Councilman Basheer Jones

*Dear Neighbor,*

Happy New Year to the wonderful residents of Ward 7 and I pray this message reaches you in the best of spirits and health.

Thankfully, the year 2020 is over – a year plagued by a deadly pandemic and marked by ugly violence and hatred, even among our national political leaders.

For many of us, it was a year of little hope as we saw so many people suffer and die from the corona virus. In this new year, I pray that we will conquer this disease and will continue to work for civility and equality in our nation, a nation still regarded as great.

The slogan “Make America Great Again” is a bigoted rally call to take America back to the times when we – people of color, women, and immigrants – were forced to accept scraps thrown our way.

We will not go back! We will only move forward!

When I ran for office four years ago my slogan was “ForWard 7” and I continue to follow that play-on-words today.

We in Ward 7 are a welcoming

**We will not go back!  
We will only move  
forward!**

community to all cultures and immigrant brothers and sisters.

We continue to focus on social services and economic opportunities as our neighborhoods continue to thrive.

Ward 7 has become a place in which institutions such as the Cleveland Foundation, Cleveland Public Library and private commercial enterprises want to invest.

It is also a place where thousands of people call home.

Thank you for putting your trust in me as your representative to city government. I am honored and I will continue to serve our Ward 7 community. God bless.

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

## President Biden nominates Congresswoman Marcia Fudge for HUD Secretary



*I'm so proud of this amazing woman! Marcia Fudge is the reason why I got into politics.*

*'Basheer,' she told me, 'there is a difference between a politician and a public servant.' From that moment I was sold.*

*One of the many things that I love about her is the love she has for young people. The love she has shown me has been overwhelming and I will forever appreciate her.*

*Congrats to our new Secretary of Housing and Urban Development! Cleveland is in store for some amazing growth under her leadership"*



ABOVE:  
Councilman  
Jones and  
Congresswoman  
Fudge at the  
2020 Presidential  
Debate held in  
Cleveland

## CDC Eviction Moratorium

The Center for Disease Control's (CDC) eviction moratorium will be extended until at least March 31, 2021. In order to qualify, tenants need to meet five specific criterion AND submit a Declaration Form to their landlord. Visit [lasclev.org/cdc-eviction-moratorium](http://lasclev.org/cdc-eviction-moratorium) for more information, including the criteria and a step-by-step tool to create a Declaration Form. And, while this is a moratorium on evictions, it is not a moratorium on rent payments: Legal Aid encourages anyone struggling with rental housing issues to call Right to Council - Cleveland at 216-861-5835.



## City's Department of Aging Offers Housing Repair Guide

**The Cleveland Department of Aging has created a guide for homeowners seeking information about loans, grants and agencies that provide home repair resources.**

The “Cleveland Home Repair Resource Guide” offers a variety of information for housing fix-ups, including:

- A tool lending program.

- Tips for hiring a contractor.
- And assistance in getting building permits.

Visit [www.clevelandohio.gov](http://www.clevelandohio.gov) to obtain the guide electronically and click the bar that reads “Cleveland Home Repair Resource Guide.”

**For more information, call the Department of Aging, 216-664-2833.**





# Highlights OUT & ABOUT FORWARD 7

LEFT: Walking in Hough neighborhood with Tom Mihaljevic, MD, Chief Executive Officer and President of Cleveland Clinic.

RIGHT: Join Councilman Jones in welcoming our newest restaurant to the Ward - Floods Urban Seafood Lounge!



Black Voters Matter rally



Councilman Jones at the Ward 7 Book Bag Giveaway with local entertainer JuiceCarter; Councilman Jones meeting with book bag recipients.

Congrats to Director Christin Farmer on her \$1 million grant to build a birthing center in the Hough Community to address black infant mortality!

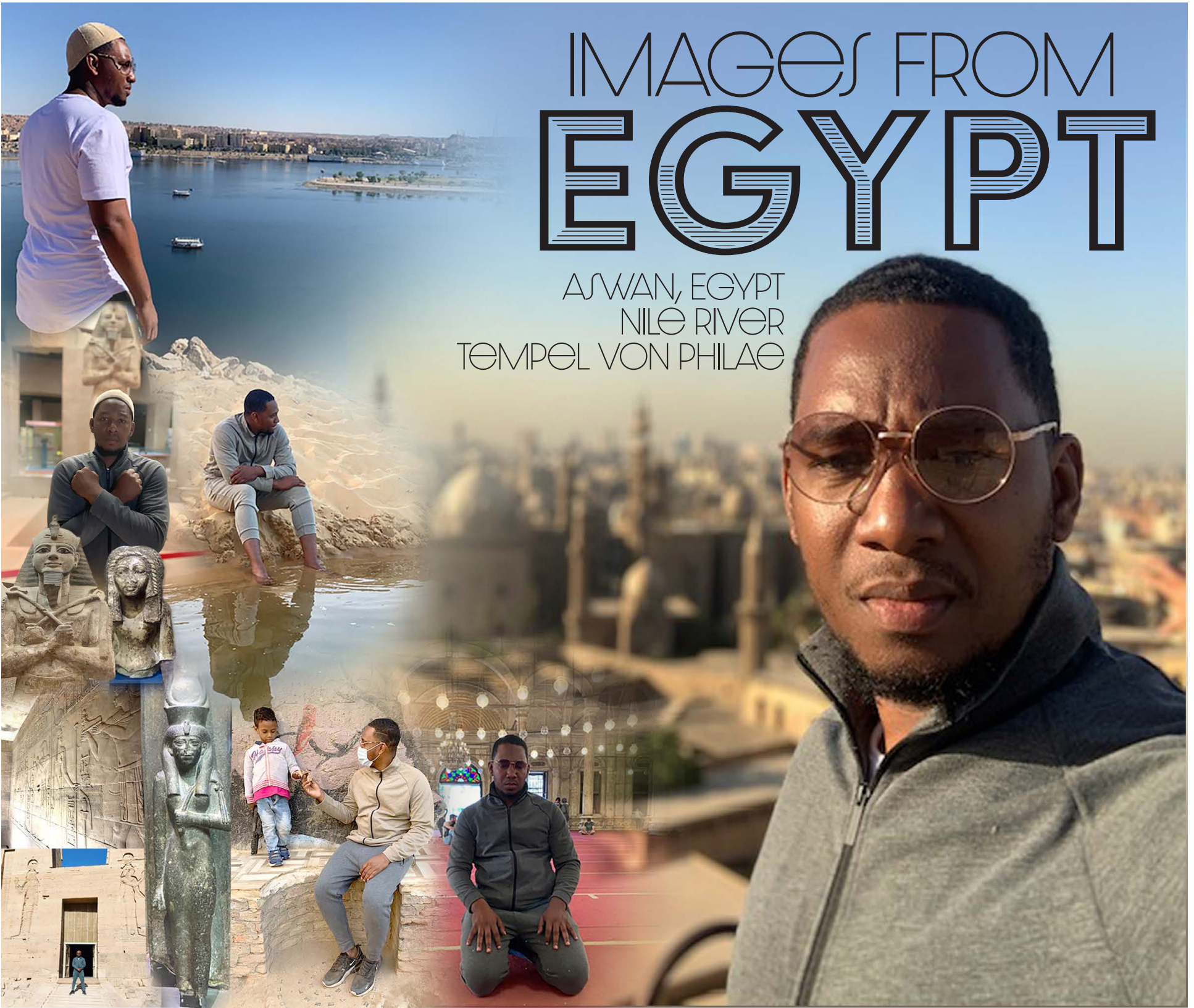


RIGHT: Councilman Jones posing with local entertainers.

BELOW: Councilman Jones assisting with Voter Registration at Black Voters Matter rally.



Councilman Basheer Jones posing with the young people!





## WARD 7

# Food Distribution Calendar

**PLEASE BRING A VALID PHOTO ID & GROCERY BAGS!**

**DISTRIBUTION LOCATION:**  
8555 HOUGH AVE.

**DAY & TIME:**  
LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
(WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)



Ward 7 Councilman  
**Basheer Jones**

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FOUNDATION

**Feb. 25**  
**March 25**  
**April 29**  
**May 27**  
**June 24**  
**July 29**

**Aug. 26**  
**Sept. 30**  
**Oct. 28**  
**Nov. 18**  
**Dec. 23**  
**QUESTIONS?**  
Call 664-2908



## New Director Arrives at St. Clair Superior

St. Clair Superior Development Corporation has hired a new permanent executive director. Joe Duffy joined the CDC in late 2020 coming from the Union Miles community, where he served as Real Estate Director for the CDC. He has also worked Downtown, and for the Slavic Village neighborhoods. Joe is excited to push the St. Clair Superior CDC's impact in a way that prioritizes current residents and community members.

Some of Joe's passions at the CDC look to include equitable wealth building through housing and small business, access to our lakefront, job pathways, representative public art and cultural empowerment.

With backing from the Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel Foundation, SCSDC is to embark upon a renewed strategic plan in 2021 and ramp up new programs. Your input on these projects is welcome and valued. Reach out to Joe and the refreshed SCSDC team at 216-881-0644.



Joe Duffy



## UPCOMING EVENTS

[midtowncleveland.org/](http://midtowncleveland.org/)

### Caffeine Beats: Black History Month Celebration

**February 25 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

Are you looking for fun, connectivity and entertainment in the midst of a pandemic? MidTown MixTape Presents, Caffeine Beats: A Virtual Concert Series. Inspired by NPR's Tiny Desk Concert, Caffeine Beats focusses on attracting a younger audience and introducing them to the lost history of Leo's Casino, and recapturing the music synergy of Cleveland.

### Third District Monthly Safety Meeting

**March 16 @ 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**

Join the virtual Third District monthly safety meeting **every third Tuesday at 6:00 pm** to connect and receive safety updates from the Cleveland Police Department. How to join: **ONLINE** [bit.ly/3pqOvIY](https://bit.ly/3pqOvIY) **Meeting Number** 172 382 0665

**PASSWORD** aPGe28Ttpi2

**OR CALL-IN** +1-415-655-0003 (US Toll)

**ACCESS CODE** 172 382 0665

## Cleveland Clinic Forms Global Center for Pathogen Research & Human Health

*\$500 million partnership to support research, education and 8,500 new jobs in Ohio*

In January, a new Cleveland Innovation District was announced by Governor Mike DeWine, JobsOhio and Ohio Development Services Agency, and Cleveland Clinic. As part of this new collaborative, Cleveland Clinic will form the Global Center for Pathogen Research & Human Health. The new Center will position Ohio as an international leader for research into emerging pathogens and virus-related diseases and will serve as a significant economic catalyst in Northeast Ohio.

**The State of Ohio and JobsOhio will invest \$200 million to help launch the Center and Cleveland Clinic plans an additional \$300 million as a co-investment to fuel discoveries in our new and existing research facilities.**

Further, the Center will create new start-up technology companies in the Cleveland Innovation District, attract world-leading corporations to Ohio, and generate an estimated 1,000 new jobs at Cleveland Clinic by 2029 and an additional 7,500 jobs in Ohio by 2034.

The support of JobsOhio will position the Center to thrive not just as a research center but a commercial force that will drive new products, jobs and economic development in Ohio. As the Center expands, partner organizations Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland State, The MetroHealth System and University Hospitals, and Cleveland Clinic will provide workforce development training for job opportunities.

## New Year, New Resources!

From your neighbors at...



**Home Energy Assistance** - 216-350-8008  
**Rent/Mortgage Assistance** - 216-672-3553  
**Job & Workforce Training** - 216-777-8200  
**Form a Business Plan** - 216-281-4422  
**College & Career Counseling** - 216-241-5587  
**Legal Aid** - 1-888-817-3777  
**Home Weatherization** - 1-800-377-3774  
**Lead Safe Hotline** - 833-601-5323  
**Home "How-To" Advice** - 216-381-6100  
**Illegal Dumping** - 216-664-3867  
**Suspected Illicit Activity** - 216-664-2900  
**Graffiti Removal** - 216-664-2510  
**Road Resurfacing, Sweeping & Plowing** - 216-664-2510  
**Broken Water Main** - 216-664-2444  
**Animal Control** - 216-664-3069  
**Vacant Property Maintenance** - 216-420-8300  
**Free COVID-19 Testing** - 216-957-3939  
**Kovacic Recreation Center** - 216-664-4140  
**Sterling Recreation Center** - 216-664-2573

When in doubt... call **2-1-1** for full regional resources,  
or check with us at [www.stclairsuperior.org/](http://www.stclairsuperior.org/)  
216-881-0644!



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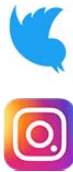
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The Cuyahoga EITC Coalition, led by Enterprise Community Partners, is part of the nationwide IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program.

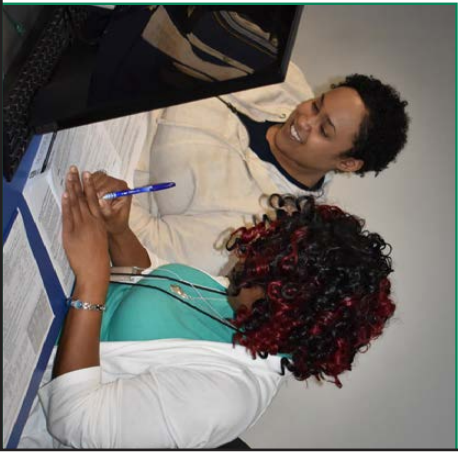


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## BLACK HISTORY MATTERS



A month-long virtual celebration of Black America's art, achievements, and stories that honor the Black experience

*Series*

Community Partners



THROUGHOUT FEBRUARY



*Films & Other Cultural Events*

Grab your *Free* pass and join us on your phones, in your homes or log on and stream films right to your TV!



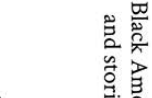
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