



# WARD 9 NEWS

*The Drumbeat of the Community*

## Improving Ward 9 through Legislation

Throughout his public career, Councilman Conwell has sponsored or co-sponsored important legislation that has improved Ward 9 and all of the city. Below are some key pieces of legislation that have had a great impact on the quality of life for neighborhood residents and the whole city:

- **The \$21 million E. 105th Rescape legislation that passed in 2019.** Currently underway, while it's a bit of inconvenience, when complete will help transform the street that is an important artery in the neighborhood and the city.
- **Lead Safe Prevention legislation passed in 2019** and will bring millions in resources to Glenville toward ensuring children don't get lead poisoning.
- **Shot Spotter Legislation** - passed in 2018, the new technology will help police, EMTs and others get to locations quickly.
- **Carbon Monoxide Legislation** passed in 2016 to ensure families are safe from the odorless, colorless gas.
- **Senate Bill 5 Resolution passed in 2011** calling on the state to stop its attack on collective bargaining (unions) in Ohio.
- Former **Tops Site Legislation** which passed in 2009.
- **Nuisance Law** - passed with colleagues Dona Brady and Jay Westbrook - this legislation passed in 2008 has helped improve neighborhoods.
- **Minority Health Legislation** - passed in 2008 it ensured a focus on Minority Health within the city's Department of Health

These are just a few of the pieces that have greatly impacted the quality of life in the city. Councilman Conwell also championed two older pieces – the establishment of the Reverse 911 that helps keep citizens informed of important events and the establishment of the 311 number for Clevelanders to have a one stop number to call and get information and help.

## Glenville to be LEAD SAFE

The City of Cleveland's Community Development Department has received a \$9.7 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development last year. The grant will support Cleveland's Lead Hazard Reduction program in its efforts to reduce lead hazards in the home and prevent childhood lead poisoning in Cleveland.

**With grant funding, the focus will be on reducing lead hazards in homes of children under age six in Cleveland through a comprehensive plan that includes lead poisoning prevention, weatherization, energy conservation and rehabilitation in the homes of the City's most at risk, low-income residents. The plan will also encompass code enforcement, economic development, job training, lead education and outreach**

The program will focus on four census tracts within the Glenville community. This area has historical levels of lead poisoning, a high concentration of housing stock built before 1940 and a significant amount of housing built

between 1940-1978. The target area consists of 67 percent pre-1940 housing units, 8 percent of children under age 6, and 70 percent low-income families

"I welcome this federal grant aimed at the Glenville neighborhood which has been heavily impacted by lead contamination," said Councilman Kevin Conwell who represents the Glenville area. "This infusion of capital will help to protect the most vulnerable among us."

The HUD grant works well with the council's establishment of Lead Safe Cleveland, a public-private partnership of 300+ members that serves as an umbrella entity for lead safe efforts in the city. Council recently passed legislation giving the organization \$5 million towards the efforts to make Cleveland housing lead safe, including requiring landlords to ensure all pre-1978 rentals achieve lead safe status.

For more information on the Cleveland Lead Hazard Reduction Program visit: <http://www.city.cleveland.oh.us/CityofCleveland/LeadHazardControlProgram>.



### Lead Poisoning Prevention Tips Help Make Your Home Lead Safe\* for Children During COVID-19 Outbreak



Walk through your home with these TIPS in hand...



\*Older homes built before 1978 likely to have lead paint.

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# Complete Census 2020 Now!

**Deadline is September 30th**

The response rate in Cleveland for the 2020 Census is still lagging behind the state and nation considerably; we have a long way to go to make sure that everyone in our community is counted.

The Census will begin to send out workers into the community to go to homes that haven't replied to the Census. With the pandemic still raging, please help the workers by filling it out so they don't have to come to your house. **Millions of dollars for services, schools, roads, programs are at risk for Clevelanders if it isn't filled out.**



**ONLINE** You can complete the census questionnaire online at **my2020census.gov**. The questionnaire will take about 10 minutes to complete.



**BY PHONE** Call 844-330-2020 to complete the questionnaire over the phone **Sunday through Saturday, from 7:00 am to 2:00 am**, Eastern Time.



**MAIL** The Census Bureau began mailing paper questionnaires in mid-April to homes that had not yet responded. If you have not already responded, **please complete and mail back your form.**

### CENSUS DATA IMPACTS FUNDING FOR:

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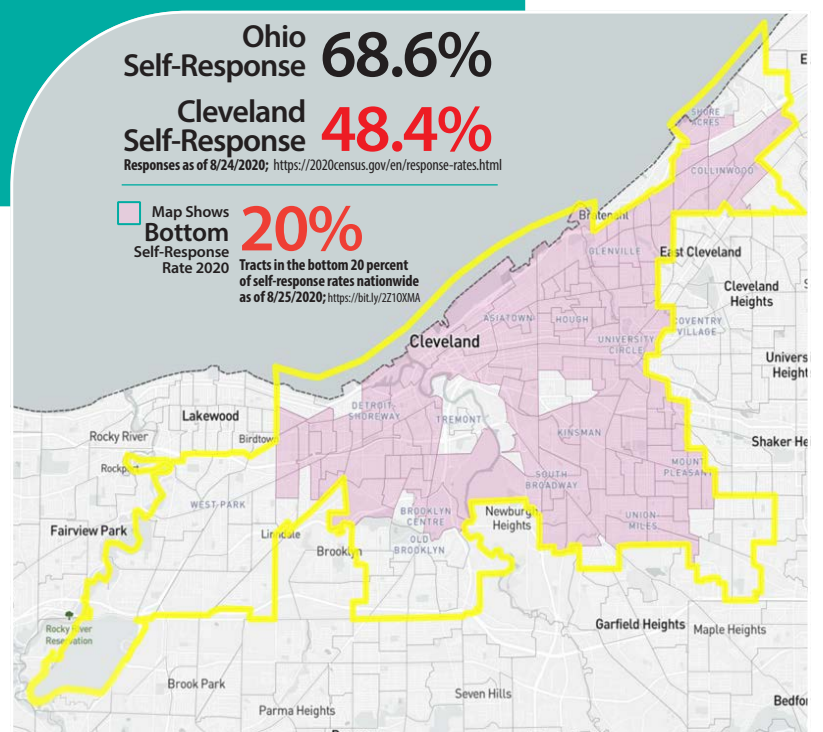
Ohio Self-Response **68.6%**

Cleveland Self-Response **48.4%**

Responses as of 8/24/2020; <https://2020census.gov/en/response-rates.html>

Map Shows Bottom Self-Response Rate 2020 **20%**

Tracts in the bottom 20 percent of self-response rates nationwide as of 8/25/2020; <https://bit.ly/2210XMA>



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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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## A Word from Councilman Kevin Conwell

### Dear Ward 9 residents,

As the scourge of Covid-19 continues to disrupt our lives, I want you to know that City Hall is still up and running and taking care of city business, which is your business too.

**City Council is holding hearings and meetings remotely every week** (see page 4 for details), adopting legislation to the benefit of all citizens. And I continue my regular walks through the ward, helping people and listening to their concerns.

Besides Covid-19, people are worried about the chaos in our national government.

Yes, we are living in trying times, but I am confident that – working together and helping each other – we will get through these times.

I am seeing more and more people wearing masks which shows they are concerned, not only for themselves, but for others in close contact.

Remember, also, to **practice safe distancing between yourself and others.**

These simple acts have had significant

impacts in the fight against this world-wide pandemic. So I continue to urge citizens to stay vigilant under this ongoing emergency and to help each other in the battle to eliminate this deadly virus.

As I mentioned, City Council is holding remote hearings and legislative meetings. You can view these sessions through youtube.com. Here's the link: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ClevelandCityCouncil>

Meanwhile, I hope everyone is enjoying the summer, despite the challenges we face. **Please don't hesitate to call me with questions or concerns. My City Hall office number is 216-664-4252.** Until we meet again, stay safe; stay healthy.

Regards,

**Kevin Conwell**

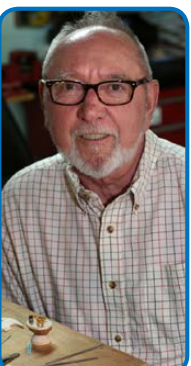
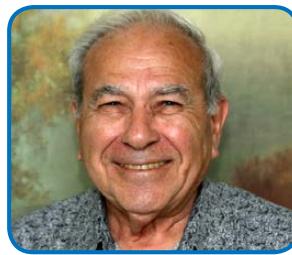
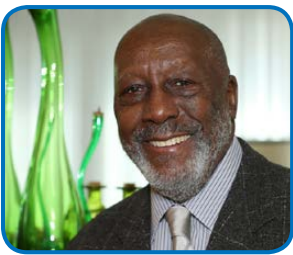
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## Cleveland CARE CALLS

**FOR CLEVELAND SENIOR CITIZENS 60 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER OR ADULTS 18-59 WITH A DISABILITY**

**Cleveland Care Calls** is an automated telephone reassurance system being offered to Cleveland Seniors 60 and over or adults 18-59 with a disability by the **Department of Aging and Public Safety**. Through this computerized system, the individual receives a call, on the days they request, Monday through Friday, to check on their well-being.

They can select a time to receive the call between **7 A.M. - 11 A.M.**. If the individual does not respond to his/her call:

- System will make several additional attempts in a thirty (30) minute period.
- If no response within the thirty minute period, the Department of Aging will then contact any person that the senior has designated as an emergency contact.
- If the individual or any of his/her contacts cannot be reached, the Department of Public Safety may be asked to make a home check on the individual in question.

To participate in the **Cleveland Care Calls Program** an application must be completed.

**Please tell your older neighbors and friends, especially those who are homebound, about this service.**

For further information, please contact the **Cleveland Care Calls Project Director** at **216-664-6316** or **216-664-2833**.



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# NORTHEAST OHIO COVID-19 RENT HELP

This lifeline, funded by the City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County, is for residents who are facing financial hardships due to COVID-19 and need help paying rent.

*Income restrictions apply.*

## How Does it Work?

- CHN is the entry point to access rental assistance, a broad array of housing, financial counseling and referral resources. Depending on the nature of your financial hardship, you may be referred to EDEN for longer-term assistance, at which time you may be asked for additional information and documentation.

- If you qualify, your landlord may receive up to three months back rent.

- CHN will screen all applicants for utility assistance programs that may help make your electric, gas and water/sewer bills more affordable.

## Who Qualifies?

- Residents of the City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County who are having difficulty making rental payments due to the economic impact of the pandemic and who meet income eligibility requirements.

- If you qualify for rental assistance, you may be required to attend more in-depth financial counseling, provided by CHN, as a condition for payment of the rental assistance.

- Priority is given based on criteria such as eviction status, accurate information and complete documentation.



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## 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](http://www.clevelandcitycouncil.org/calendar) to find listings of upcoming committee meetings.

**WATCH MEETINGS VIA:**



(LIVE & RECORDED)

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(LIVE)

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**Councilman Conwell serves on three council committees:**

Finance, Transportation and Health & Human Services

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