



Councilman Kevin Conwell | Spring 2021

WARD 9 NEWS

The Drumbeat of the Community

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Ohio's Mass Vaccination Clinic at the Wolstein Center starts **March 17th, 2021.**



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Vaccinations in Ward 9

While there is the mass vaccination site at CSU's Wolstein Center, **Case Western Reserve University is also vaccinating eligible Cleveland residents at the Horsburgh Gym at the Veale Convocation, Recreation and Athletic Center**, located at 2138 Adelbert Road.

To schedule an appointment, please call 216-368-1964 or visit www.case.edu/vaccine/scheduling-appointment to sign up online. Remember eligibility is changing. They are doing 40 and older right now, but it is expected to drop to 16 soon, so be sure to double check.

There is also free parking available for those receiving vaccines in the Veale Center Parking Garage (Lot 53), located at 2158 Adelbert Road.

You must meet the state's eligibility requirements which are changing to include more people. Make sure to double check.



New Homes in Glenville

Many residents have noticed new homes and townhouses going up in vacant lots in the neighborhood. This is great news for our community.

Homes are being built where nearly 38 percent of the parcels in Glenville were vacant and have been vacant for over 20 to 30 years.

Also great news is the **planned redevelopment of the old Hough Bakery headquarters**, which sits empty in both Cleveland and East Cleveland at the corner of Lakeview Road and Wade Park.

The 5-acre complex, with 130,000 square feet of space, is where Hough had its baking operation and headquarters until 1992.

The developers who bought it are talking about building town homes in the back of the property that would possibly complement a restaurant, student housing, or entertainment space.

Other homes near the old Hough building have already been built and sold as part of a larger effort to revitalize the surrounding

community.

A few blocks from the bakery, the Knez company – one of the main developers in the neighborhood -- has begun building some market-rate housing, and 30 low-income tax- credit housing, which will give renters an option to buy properties after 15 years. That would allow them to financially benefit from rising property values as the Hough project gets built.



ODJFS launches new child support mobile app



The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) is making it easier and more convenient to manage your child support case and make payments right from your phone by launching a child support mobile application and adding Venmo as an e-wallet payment option.

What can you expect from the mobile application?

The Ohio Child Support mobile application gives users secure and easy access to their child support case information anytime, anywhere.

Look for the Ohio Child Support Mobile Application in the App Store and Google Play. Users can:

- Register to access child support case/order and account information
- Make a payment by credit card or view instructions for making payments from your checking or savings account, either electronically or through the mail
- Review your payment history for the last 24 months
- View case details for your Ohio child support cases
- View and update your personal information, including contact, employment, health insurance and child information
- Contact your child support worker by safely and securely sending messages
- And much more, all from the convenience of your phone!

The Ohio Child Support Customer Service Portal is Ohio’s web-based and mobile application which provides our customers easy on-demand access to their case information, currently on file with the child support agency.

You must register to use the Ohio Child Support Customer Service Portal to use the new Mobile App. Visit <https://jfs.ohio.gov/Ocs/index.stm> and click on, “Office of Child Support Customer Service Web Portal”. Call 1-800-686-1556 if you need help.

Play It Forward Cleveland

Free music lessons are available for Cleveland students grade 6 to 12 through the “Play It Forward Cleveland” program. “Play It Forward Cleveland” is a collaboration between the City of Cleveland, Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD), Arts Inspired Learning, Severance Hall and The Cleveland Orchestra.

The small group lessons include two 90-minute sessions per week, for ten to twelve weeks with one day of direct instruction and another day of guided practice. It is a year-long, ongoing project. Violin lessons are held at Cudell Recreation Center and guitar and drums are at Glenville Recreation Center. Classes are from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

Once the students complete the lessons, they get to keep the instruments.



“Music builds character, develops self-discipline, organizational skills and listening skills as well as gives the students something to do,” says Councilman Conwell, who wrote the legislation to initiate the program. “As a musician, I know all of those things help develop project management skills as well. All of those skills are transferable to life.”

If you have instruments to donate, please contact Marsha Dobrzynski, at 216-561-5005 x18.

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

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WARD 9 COUNCILMAN

KEVIN CONWELL

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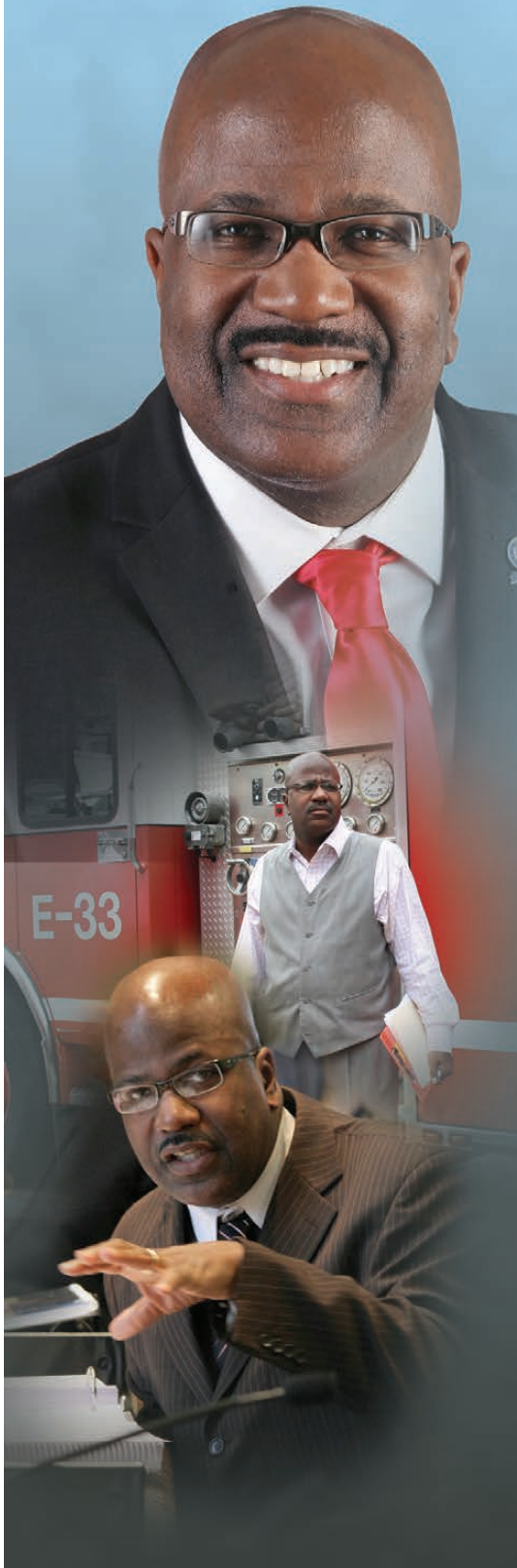
For information, please contact the City of Cleveland -Department of Community Development (Lead Hazard Control & Healthy Homes Program).

Naomi @ 216.664.4112

or

Frances @ 216.664.4098

RENOVATE RIGHT!



A Word from Councilman Kevin Conwell

Dear Ward 9 residents,

Finally, we have positive news regarding the Covid-19 pandemic as the rate of infections is slowing and more people are being vaccinated, but by no means is the battle won.

All those eligible for vaccinations should sign up for them right away.

Everyone age 40 and older or those with qualifying medical conditions are now eligible. And the age eligibility is expected to drop to 16 soon.

Contact the city's Department of Health or the Cuyahoga County Health Department to find out how to get on a vaccine list. I signed up for the vaccine as soon as I was able and was lucky to get my first shot. Millions of Americans are now vaccinated with no bad side effects.

We must all work together to overcome this public health crisis. Remember to wear a mask in public places and keep safe distances from one another.

Meanwhile, despite the epidemic, your local government continues its work. City Council has been holding remote hearings and legislative meetings, keeping major projects and city services on track.

Here in Ward 9, the **\$21 million rebuilding and landscaping of East 105th Street is now partially completed.** There is still \$7 million more of the important link of infrastructure that will be under construction this year.

The completion promises to help boost adjacent neighborhoods. East 105th near the VA hospital is already seeing apartment and retail construction projects underway.

Also, work continues on an **intensive cleanup of lead hazards in our Glenville-area homes** where, like most old neighborhoods in

our city, there is a history of lead poisoning.

I am a co-sponsor of legislation aimed at reducing lead hazards in apartment units. The legislation requires owners of Cleveland rental properties to have their units inspected and certified by March 2023.

“Let’s all do our part to contain [Covid-19] so we can look to a brighter future.”

Years and years of scraping and painting lead paint on our old homes has created a public health crisis, affecting mostly our children. I am determined to continue this lead abatement program, which has received federal dollars, until our community is safe.

Finally, I want to thank my colleagues on City Council as well as Mayor Jackson's administration for working together on the city's 2021 budget. Despite the Covid-19 crisis, which dealt a blow to our local economy, we balanced the city's spending plan without laying off workers or cutting city services.

Let's all do our part to contain it so we can look to a brighter future.

Meanwhile, 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

Councilman - Ward 9

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216-664-4252

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kconwell@clevelandcitycouncil.org

WEB
www.clevelandcitycouncil.org/ward-9

Councilman Conwell saves Underground Railroad site

University Circle's Cozad Bates House Interpretive Center opens this spring

The renovation and restoration of the historic Cozad-Bates House is nearing completion. Located in University Circle at 11508 Mayfield Road, the total cost of renovation was \$1.3 million.

Built in 1853, with additions added in the 1860s and 1872, The Cozad-Bates House is the only pre-Civil War building remaining in University Circle. The home remained vacant for decades before University Hospitals donated it to University Circle Inc. (UCI) in 2006. That same year, Cleveland Restoration Society, Cleveland Ward 9 Councilman Kevin Conwell, and Restore Cleveland Hope worked tirelessly to get the home designated a Cleveland Landmark.

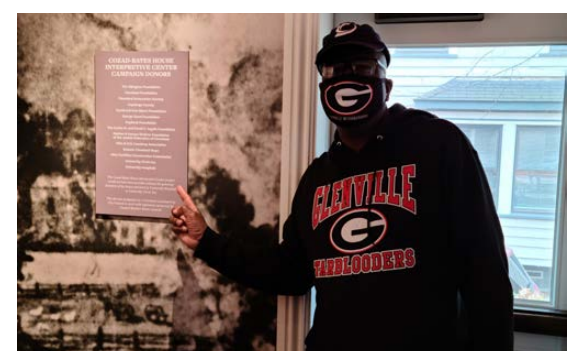
Conwell wrote legislation to prevent the house from being demolished while retired social worker and activist Joan Southgate shined a light on the project, which resulted in the Cozad-Bates House being listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



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Since acquiring the house, UCI has invested in its protection and preservation, including a roof replacement, foundation stabilization, front porch restoration, and exterior repairs. After completing these needed improvements, they developed the phased Cozad-Bates House Adaptive Reuse Master Plan, which called for an Interpretive Center as the first step toward activation.

The new interpretive center, reflecting the legacy of Cleveland's anti-slavery activists who lived in the area and aided freedom seekers through the Underground Railroad network in Cleveland, code named "Hope," will open in 2021 with indoor exhibits and outdoor installations that highlight this area's history as a center of anti-slavery activism and honor those



seeking freedom.

The first phase of the renovation is truly a sight to see, Councilman Conwell encourages all Ward 9 residents to visit the Cozad-Bates House new interpretive center once it opens. **To learn more or schedule a tour call, University Circle Inc. at 216-791-3900 or visit: www.universitycircle.org/cozad-bates-house-interpretive-center**

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(216) 574-7100
www.chnhousingpartners.org
Mon - Fri: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Community Housing Solutions
12114 Larchmeade Blvd.
Cleveland, OH 44120
Help with foreclosures, minor home repairs and energy conservation
(216) 231-5815
www.communityhousingsolutions.wordpress.com

Legal Aid Society of Cleveland
1223 W. 6th Street
Cleveland, OH 44113
Help with tenant rights, foreclosures, and evictions
(216) 687-1900
www.lasclev.org
Mon. - Fri: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Empowering and Strengthening Ohio's People (ESOP)
11890 Fairhill Rd.
Cleveland, OH 44120
Help with tax prep, foreclosure prevention, and property tax
(216) 361-0718
www.esop-cleveland.org

City of Cleveland Senior Housing Assistance Program
73 Erieview Plaza,
Cleveland OH 44114
Help with long term care options, homelessness, eviction assistance
(216) 664-2833
Mon. - Fri: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Play It Forward Cleveland
Provides free music lessons for Cleveland students. Contact the number below to enroll your child.
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ASC3 Computer Training
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Cleveland, Ohio 44106
Free
Basic Digital Literacy Training
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One on One Work Readiness with Digital Navigator
216-421-2305
www.asc3.org

Lead Safe Program
There are currently two programs, one for landlords and another for tenants. These programs are being administered by the City of Cleveland Department of Community Development (Lead Hazard Controls and Healthy Homes Program).
For more information, contact Naomi at
(216) 664-4112
or Francis at
(216) 664-4098

Need help with
HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT AND FOOD?

FOOD ASSISTANCE
St. Martin De Porres Family Center
1264 E. 123rd Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44108
Food pantry is held on the 3rd Tuesday and Wednesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for residents of 44106, 44108, 44110, and 44112. Must show proof of residency.
(216) 268-3909

St. Aloysius - St. Agatha Parish
10932 St. Clair Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio 44108
Food Pantry Mon. - Fri: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sat: 9 a.m to 12 p.m.
Hot meal every Tuesday of the week
(216) 451-3262
www.staloyysiuscleveland.com

Bethany Baptist Church
1211 East 103th Street
Cleveland, Ohio 4108
Food distribution every 4th Saturday of the month (except November and December, every 3rd Sat.) from 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.. Serving zip codes 44103, 44106, 44108, 44110
(216) 791-2673
www.bethanybapt.org

Cory United Methodist Church
1117 East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44108
Food distribution every Tues. and Thurs. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and every 3rd Tues. from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
(216) 451-0460

Mayor's Action Hotline
mayoractioncenter@city.cleveland.oh.us.
(216) 664-2900

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Travis Deli is
receiving Facelift

After nearly 50 years, Travis Deli on the corner of E. 105th and Lee Avenue, is getting a storefront renovation. The owner Walter Wilson and his wife Yvonne also live in the neighborhood.

The Wilsons, both playing an active role in the survival of their store, plan to stay.

Walter, who loves to impart knowledge on his customers, says they've sustained the store with fortitude, strength of character, strong parenting, desire for the truth and respect of others.

They have received some support from the city and Councilman Conwell for storefront renovations. Renovations will begin this spring.

"I'm not just here to make money," says Walter. "If that was the case, I would've left a long time ago. I grew up in



this neighborhood. "I'm here to give [the residents] an idea of something else they can do. I stay here to give a sense of pride."

For information on how to get a storefront renovation call 216-664-4031.