

WE ARE ONE

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR CLEVELAND'S WARD 1 • FALL 2019



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A Word from Councilman Joe Jones

Dear Ward 1 residents,

An ancient Ethiopian proverb says, "When spiders unite, they can tie down a lion."

Indeed, unity is the key to accomplish any task; to conquer any goal; to prevail over any adversity. Therefore, our primary goal here in Ward 1 is to unite ourselves as a people; as a voice; as a movement aimed at creating and sustaining a healthy, secure, safe and vibrant community.

Since I became your councilman over 15 months ago, I have been working to ensure our ward receives basic city services and **I have been building bridges between various sectors – religious, business, safety forces, community leaders and private citizens – to create a strong community**, much like the community of those spiders in Ethiopia. Strong enough to hold down a lion.

Our lion, of course, is the street crime and violence we see too often in Ward 1. I have been working with residents to form **block watches** and to report any suspicious activities. If you see something, say something. As residents of Ward 1, we must all take ownership of our neighborhoods and not tolerate any action that would threaten our quality of life.

I have been working with the city on a massive project to brighten **street lighting and installing security cameras in various public places**. The project has already begun in Ward 1, replacing street lights with high-tech LED lights that provide more illumination than existing conventional lights. The project is also installing security cameras in hot-spot crime areas. Criminals might run, but they can't hide.

In other developments, a new primary health care clinic opened recently in the Lee Harvard Plaza. **Oak Street Health Center** focuses on serving Medicare patients in medically underserved neighborhoods. Besides medical, the clinic is offering various social

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services for seniors.

And on the subject of seniors, I have been working on a proposal to build a **housing complex for seniors**. We're not ready to break ground yet, but the pieces are coming together. Stay tuned.

Also, plans are moving ahead on the building of a **new John F. Kennedy High School, along with a new city recreation center**, near Miles and Lee roads.

Finally, the good weather is still here and it's a good time for fixing up and cleaning up. The city's **grass cutting program for seniors** is back in business as are **free paint and home repair programs**. **Major road repair projects** are underway, including the repaving of East 131st Street. I am also excited about the Harvard Avenue street resurfacing project being completed as it improves the conditions of our community

So, we're seeing solid progress in Ward 1 and it's important that we keep up the momentum. Meanwhile, enjoy what is left of this good weather, help a neighbor and keep an eye on the neighborhood.

And, please, don't hesitate to call me for any questions or concerns. Call 216-664-4944. If you get the message machine, either I or my assistant Ericka Walker-Smith will return your call as soon as possible.

Regards,

Joe Jones

Cleveland City Council, Ward 1

Councilman Joe Jones'

TOWN HALL

Councilman Jones will kick-off his Town Hall series October 2019!

SEE PAGE 4 for details about this and other upcoming community events.



Ward 1 Senior of the Year Rev. George O. Stewart

In May, Councilman Jones was joined by Mayor Frank G. Jackson in honoring Reverend George O. Stewart as Ward 1's Outstanding Senior for 2019.

Rev. Stewart has been the religious and spiritual leader of Zion Chapel Missionary Baptist Church – located in Cleveland's Lee-Harvard neighborhood – since 1969. He has served on the board of the Hunger Network of Greater Cleveland; teaches five bible classes weekly at his church home and has been part of initiatives to 'adopt' Charles W. Eliot Middle School and John F. Kennedy High School; both located in the Lee-Harvard community.

When able, and when he has the time, Rev. Stewart finds time to exercise and stay active. Often he can be found taking on repairs of the church building and also enjoys playing golf.

Through his life, his work and his ministry, Rev. Stewart is a true example of how to lead, guide and support both the Lee-Harvard community and its residents. He continues to give back to the community in even greater ways than he has been rewarded.

When you look at the life of Rev. George Othello Stewart, you can see how he truly connects with the community by being and living in "faith, leadership and stewardship."

COMMUNITY PARTNER HAPPENINGS

HCSC

HARVARD COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTER

Harvard Community Services Center (HCSC) was established in 1968 to address needs, issues, and concerns relevant to the whole community with an emphasis on the youth. This initial focus has been expanded as the community's needs have grown and diversified. **HCSC offers resources to Ward 1 residents within the following service categories:**

- **Community Development**
- **Community-based Wrap Around Services**
- **Food Pantry**
- **Childcare**
- **Seniors**

For additional information on any of these programs, call 216-991-8585.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORNER

Does Your Home Need a Paint Job?

You might be eligible for the **UMDC Home Paint Program**

With the help of Councilman Joe Jones, **Union Miles Development Corporation** has implemented the Paint Program along with Senior Home Repair. The senior and disabled home repair program is a grant program designed to assist elderly and physically handicapped home owners in the Union-Miles community. This programs is for residents 60 years of age or older and those who are disabled. It's predominately focused on minor repairs not serviced by other agencies throughout the City of Cleveland.

Typical Minor Repairs; Stairs, Painting, Cabinetry, Grab Bar Railings, Limb Trimming, A/C Repair Heating Repair, Gutters, Ramps and Flooring.



Recommended income guidelines size of household:

- 1 up to \$22,340
- 2 up to \$30,260
- 3 up to \$38,180
- 4 up to \$46,100
- 5 up to \$54,020

To apply, please contact: Union Miles Development Corporation 9250 Miles Park Avenue; Phone: 216-341-0757

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORNER

Ward 1 Exterior Match Grant



Want to fix your gutters, paint your home, and more? Mt. Pleasant NOW can assist

The Match Grant program will match \$100 to \$1,000 of work you want to do to your home. This is a first come first serve basis. Applications are available now. Call Leslie Conwell at 216-346-9251.



Councilman Jones Brings Back Grass Cutting Program

Annually, the Department of Aging accepts applications for a **no-cost Senior Lawn Cutting Program**. The program runs to October. To obtain an application can be obtained through Councilman Joe Jones' office at 664-4944.



ATTENTION MERCHANTS:

Storefront Renovation Program is Available

Find out more information on how to renovate your business.

Contact Mt. Pleasant NOW at 216-346-9251 OR Union Miles Development Corporation at 216-341-0757.

Grand Opening of Oak Street Health Center



It was standing-room-only at the official opening of Oak Street Health Center, located at 16888 Harvard Avenue.

This new fantastic health resource focuses on our older residents. Oak Street accepts Medicare, including Original Medicare Part B, select Medicare Advantage plans, Medicare Supplement or Medigap plans and Medicare-Medicaid Plans. They also accept several insurance plans.

To learn more about the Center's services, visit oakstreethealth.com or call the Lee Harvard location at 216-810-7159.

Councilman Joe Jones' Ministerial Prayer Breakfast

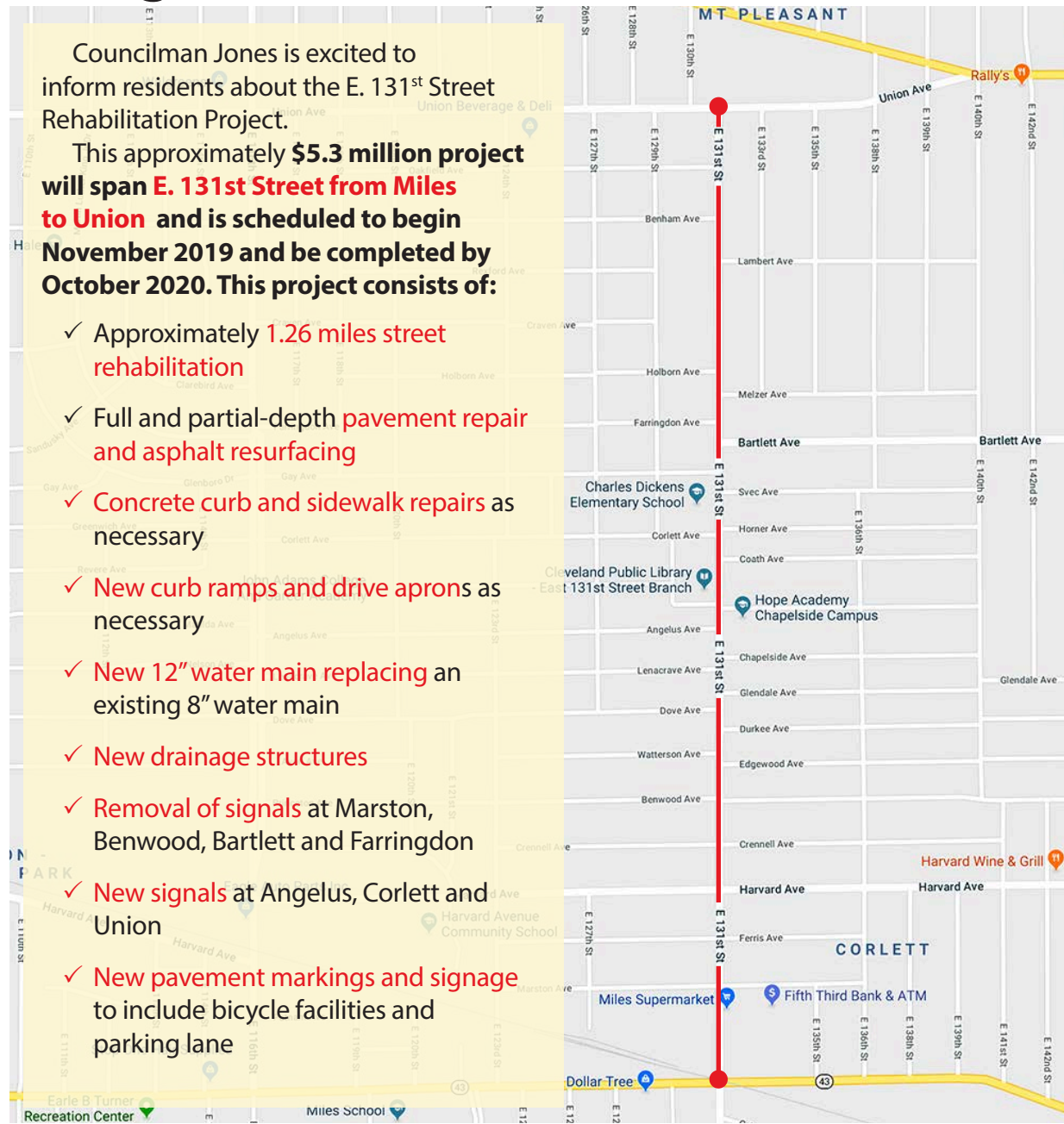


Much Needed E. 131st Street Rehabilitation to Begin Fall 2019

Councilman Jones is excited to inform residents about the E. 131st Street Rehabilitation Project.

This approximately **\$5.3 million project will span E. 131st Street from Miles to Union** and is scheduled to begin **November 2019** and be completed by **October 2020**. This project consists of:

- ✓ Approximately **1.26 miles street rehabilitation**
- ✓ Full and partial-depth **pavement repair and asphalt resurfacing**
- ✓ **Concrete curb and sidewalk repairs** as necessary
- ✓ **New curb ramps and drive aprons** as necessary
- ✓ **New 12" water main replacing** an existing 8" water main
- ✓ **New drainage structures**
- ✓ **Removal of signals** at Marston, Benwood, Bartlett and Farringdon
- ✓ **New signals** at Angelus, Corlett and Union
- ✓ **New pavement markings and signage** to include bicycle facilities and parking lane



Your Community Engagement Officers for the Fourth District



What is a Community Engagement Officer (CEO)?

CEOs are police officers picked by their district commanders because of previously demonstrated skills in community outreach. The average day of each CEO varies depending on the neighborhoods they serve. Some may attend community fairs, neighborhood meetings or meet residents door-to-door. Others may visit a school, recreation center or park to interact with kids, while others attend senior events.

The Fourth District has three (3) Community Engagement Officers who are focused on building positive and productive relationships with Ward 1 residents.

Need to reach your Community Engagement Officer?

Call the Fourth District at 216-623-5405 or email us:



Carmen Hall
chall@city.cleveland.oh.us



Crystal Lewis
clewis3@city.cleveland.oh.us



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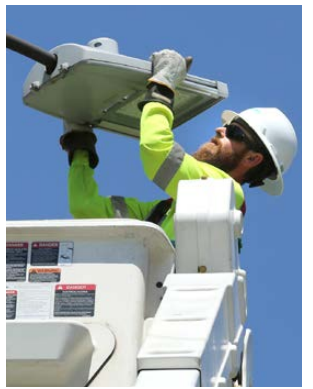
Councilman Jones Works to Light up Neighborhoods

Ward 1 Selected as one of the first communities to receive LED street lights



Councilman Jones at the July 1 launch of the City of Cleveland's streetlight conversion program, a project that combines cost-saving and energy-efficient LED streetlights with smart camera technology.

Councilman Joe Jones has been working with Mayor Frank Jackson's administration on a massive project to **brighten street lighting throughout the city and install security cameras in various public places.**



The city council approved legislation to replace all street lights with high-tech LED lights, which provide more illumination than the existing conventional street lights.

Council's action authorizes the city to enter into various contracts for the purchase of related equipment and supplies.

Council had previously approved the sale of bonds to pay for the project, estimated at \$25 million. The goal is to replace the city's 61,000 street lights in 2019. Ward 1 will be one of the first communities to have lights installed. The LED lights are expected to reduce maintenance costs by 80 percent and energy costs by 10 percent.

Council also approved a companion piece of legislation that authorizes the city to purchase and install security cameras on city light poles located in high-crime and heavily travelled areas.

Meet Ericka Walker-Smith, Ward 1 Executive Assistant

I am pleased to introduce my recently hired executive assistant Ericka Walker-Smith.

Ericka is a native Clevelander and a proud graduate of the Cleveland Municipal School District. She holds degrees from Cuyahoga Community College, John Carroll University and Baldwin Wallace University.

One of Ericka's core values is community service, making her a perfect fit for working with the public through the Ward 1 council office. She handles complaints and concerns and reaches out to our constituency on matters affecting quality of life in our neighborhoods.

Please welcome Ericka. She can be reached in my ward office at 216-518-8474 or my downtown office 216-664-4944. Her email address is ewalker-smith@clevelandcitycouncil.org.

- Councilman Joe Jones

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Upcoming Ward 1 Community Meetings

Councilman Jones invites you attend monthly Ward 1 Community Meetings.

Meetings begin at

**6:00 pm and are held every
4th Thursday of the month**

**at the Harvard Community
Services Center**

(18240 Harvard Ave., Cleveland, OH 44128).

September 26

October 24

November (TBA)

December (TBA)

Stand UP and Be Counted. A New Ten-Year Census Begins Next Year



Next March, citizens across the nation will begin receiving invitations

to respond to questions from the U.S. Census 2020.

Most households will receive invitations my mail, with options to respond on line, by phone or by mail.

The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. The first census was in 1790.

The results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.

Also, the distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds, grants and support to states, counties and communities are based on census data.

Completing the census is mandatory. By law, all respondents to U.S. Census Bureau household and business surveys are kept completely confidential. Your responses are safe, secure and protected by federal law.

The information you provide can only be used to produce statistics.

For more information, visit: 2020census.gov

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**COUNCILMAN JOE JONES WANTS YOU TO...
SAVE THE DATE!
PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THESE EVENTS**

Community Clean Up Sept. 6 & 7, 2019

12 noon - 5p | Caine Avenue, E. 133rd Street to E. 146th Street
Contact Kevin Rodgers at krodgers@mtpleasantnow.org or call 216-324-5656 for additional information.

Meet & Greet with Councilman Joe Jones Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019

9a - 12 noon | Location: Dave's Supermarket in Lee-Harvard Plaza
For additional information, call 216-664-4944.

2020 Census Jobs Fair Thursday, Sept. 19, 2019

6p | Location: Harvard Community Services Center 18240 Harvard Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44128.
For additional information, call 216-664-4944.

Councilman Joe Jones' Town Hall Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 3, 2019

6 - 9p | Location: New Freedom Ministries, 3476 E. 152nd Street, Cleveland, OH 44120. For additional information, call 216-664-4944.

Meet & Greet with Councilman Joe Jones Saturday, Oct. 19, 2019

9a - 12 noon | Location: Dave's Supermarket in Lee-Harvard Plaza.
For additional information, call 216-664-4944.

Councilman Joe Jones' Town Hall Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2019

6 - 9p | Location: Harvard Community Services Center, 18240 Harvard Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44128. For additional information, call 216-664-4944.