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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR CLEVELAND'S WARD 1 • SUMMER 2021

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A Word from **Councilman Joe Jones**

Dear Ward 1 residents,

I am pleased to announce that the Ward 1 community is thriving! Together we have come through the turbulent time of the Covid-19 pandemic that demanded changes in our everyday lives.

Now that we are regaining our health, strength and sense of connection, we are moving into the next phase ... reopening. In this phase we are optimistically making strides to reorganize ourselves and the neighborhoods that make up Ward 1.

While we can all look forward to more public community meetings and events as well as our schools and recreation centers being open for youth to enjoy, the pandemic is not over. Currently nearly all the hospitalizations and deaths from COVID are in unvaccinated people. **If you are not vaccinated, please go get the free vaccinations.**

Also, expect city services to be back at full tilt in responding to your needs. Monies will also be coming to our city, and our ward in particular, for some critical improvements.

Conversely, at the same time we have some serious fights ahead.

I urge you to join me and our predominantly African-American community in continuing to get out the vote!

We must defend against the local and national Republican agenda to legislate voter suppression against people of color and the disenfranchised here in Cleveland, the state of Ohio and 41 other states. I ask that you stand up to become a force for protecting our voting rights so that Republicans do not succeed in

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creating Jim Crow 2.0. In no way can we afford to hand over our precious and hard-won right to vote. We have a right to vote.

We have a choice to use it. But as Stacey Abrams said, "American democracy has always left people out of participation, by design." Don't allow anyone to leave you out! **Preserving our democracy is still the great equalizer between rich and poor, Black and White.**

In this summer edition of the Ward 1 Newsletter we have enclosed information pertinent to the voice of our residents, everyday life, health, welfare and connection to city services. Also, please know that I am here to give immediate response to your questions and needs. Feel free to contact me at City Hall 216-664-4944 or at our ward office.

Enjoy!

Joe Jones Cleveland City Council, Ward 1

Councilman Jones Asks Residents to Help Stop Street Terrors

The warm weather unfortunately brings out the seasonal barrage of high powered dirt bikes, ATVs and other off-road vehicles terrorizing our city streets, gravely affecting the quality of life in our neighborhoods. These cycle gangs must be stopped. Otherwise, people are going to get killed or critically injured. But the problem facing police is trying to apprehend these speed demons because their soupedup bikes can outrun police cruisers. And high-speed chases put too many innocent citizens in danger. As citizens, we must find out where these nuisance vehicles are stored and report locations to police. That way, it will be easier for police to track them and make arrests without pursuing risky, high-speed chases. Many of these motorists are driving illegally without drivers' licenses, license plates or proper vehicle lights.



WARD 1 LIGHTS UP... It's the First Ward in the City to Have LED Lights Installed

As a result of Councilman Joe Jones' relentless efforts, Ward 1 was the first ward in the city to receive new LED street lights. Councilman Jones, working with Mayor Frank Jackson's administration, shepherded legislation to replace every street light in the city -61,000 of them - with state-of-theart, high-tech LED lighting. The lights are valued at \$15,000 apiece. In conjunction with the lights, 120 security cameras are being installed throughout Ward 1, making residents feel safer. The project brings \$1.8 million in new crimefighting technology to the ward, resulting in safer streets and peace of mind, the cost of which is... Priceless.

They are noisy, irritating and disrespectful both to law abiding citizens and police officers. **Please** help police impound these neighborhood nuisances. Call the Police Department's non-emergency number, 216-621-1234, or my office, 216-664-4944. Commander Kutz's Office is 216-623-5405





A Note from Elaine Gohlstin, president of the Harvard Community Services Center:

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The center extends its thanks to all Ward 1 Residents for their dedicated patronage and support during the Covid-19 pandemic.

As so many social service agencies closed down or operated with skeleton crews, The Harvard Community Services Center stood in the gap for our neighborhood's families, children and seniors.

The center's staff was able to provide services onsite, homebased and virtually by telephone, Zoom and facetime.

Because of the Harvard team's willingness to serve, the center was able to expand its services beyond the bounds of Ward 1 to reach out to those with limited social support.

We are grateful for the help and support that came our way and for the extra pairs of hands given by some 30-caring community volunteers who worked with us throughout the crisis.

Thank you.

The Harvard Community Services Center is located at 18240 Harvard Ave. The phone number is 216-991-8585.

Leaf and Lawn Programs

Councilman Joe Jones, joined by the Famicos nonprofit group, has implemented a grass-cutting and yardmaintenance program for seniors. The program cuts more than 100 residential yards a year. For more information, call 216-664-3998.

Meanwhile, the city's Department of Aging also operates a no-cost senior lawn cutting program which runs to October. For more information call 216-664-2833.

"Our senior citizens make

up the backbone of this community," said Councilman Jones. "And we owe them a few favors now and then. If you have an elderly neighbor who can no longer push a lawn mower or rake fallen leaves, pleas lend a hand."



TICOS

FOUNDATION



COMPANY NAME: Herold's Salads, Inc.

NAME: Cathy Herold; Michael Sabetta PHONE: 216-991-7500 EMAIL: cherold@heroldssalads.com; msabetta@heroldssalads.com

POSITION: SHIPPING/RECEIVING Job Description: This individual will need to pull orders for delivery drivers. When a distributor arrives, load or unload the truck/trailer. When there is downtime help in production will be required. Required Skills/Abilities: Must be able to lift 50 lbs. Mathematic skills will be required to do simple multiplication and division. Candidate must be self-motivated. Education and/or Experience: High School education is preferred and experienced candidates are always welcome. Valid Driver's License. **Company Website:** www.heroldssalads.com

POSITION: NOODLE COOKER Job Description: The Noodle Cooker is vital to the success of Herold's Salads whole operation. The use of tilt kettles will be required. The position is first shift Monday-Thursday and Saturday if needed.

Required Skills/Abilities:

Must be able to lift 50 lbs. and work in a wet environment. Candidate must be self-motivated. Education and/or Experience: High School education is preferred and experienced candidates are always welcome. Company Website:

www.heroldssalads.com

A New City Recreation Center in Ward 1

The John F. Kennedy Recreation Center will soon undergo **a \$16 million rebuilding, thanks to Councilman Joe Jones' working with the mayor's administration, local residents and the city's public schools.** The facility, located at 17300 Harvard Ave., will soon find a new home adjacent to the new John F. Kennedy High School, 15111 Miles Ave.

"Recreation and exercise are keys to healthy communities," said Councilman Jones. "This will be a state-of-the-art facility."

Meanwhile, the current location is open as is the pool. The center includes a weight room, sauna, gym and more. For more details and times of operation, call 216-664-2572.





Councilman Jones Helps Small Businesses Fix Up Storefronts

Councilman Joe Jones has been working with small businesses on renovating their storefronts in order to create a more welcoming presence.

The councilman has been shepherding commercial owners through the city's Storefront Renovation Program.

The mission of the program is to revitalize, support and promote the city's commercial retail districts.

The storefront program offers financial incentives, combined with free design assistance, to applicants considering an exterior rehabilitation.

A 50 percent rebate, up to \$50,000 on eligible



Jones. "New signage, cleanups and fixups make our business districts more inviting."

Councilman Jones points to two storefront projects in Ward 1 – **Young Mind's Child Care Center** at the corner of Lee Road and Throckley Avenue is completed. Another project, **W Bar & Grill** at 15301 Kinsman, owned by Quiana Grair, is in the



development stage.

Jamie Johnson's project at 4092 Lee Road is now in the planning stages, as well as Dr. Hugh Turner's project on 4088-96 Lee Road and Doc's on Harvard Fine Cuisine Restaurant,16615 Harvard Ave.

expenses, is available.

"This program offers solid and safe investment in our commercial properties," said Councilman For more details about the program, call 216-664-4031 or Councilman Jones at 216-664-4944.



Doc's on Harvard, a New Restaurant Soon to Open

Councilman Joe Jones is pleased to welcome Executive Chef, Kolnita Riggins-Walker to Ward One's downtown Lee-Harvard Center.

She is the proprietor of the soon-to-open Doc's on Harvard, a restaurant and lounge located at 16615 Harvard Ave.

A veteran culinary artist, Riggins-Walker has been presenting her mouthwatering bites over 23 years through her catering service. Many of her recipes are special dishes handed down from early family generations.

"Now it's time for the general public to sample my ancestors' home cooking," said Riggins-Walker, acknowledging Councilman Jones and the Harvard Community Services Center's Community Development Corporation for helping to open the new restaurant.

"I've had a lot of help from the community," she said. "And I can't wait until the grand opening. See you at Doc's on Harvard early this fall."

TREMCO Selects Ward 1 for Expansion

Tremco Incorporated, with headquarters in Beachwood, Ohio, is expanding its Cleveland operations at its site in Ward 1 on Miles Avenue.

With groundbreaking this past January, the project has an anticipated completion date of May 2022. The new state-of-the-art facility will be 106,000 square feet.

Councilman Jones has been extremely supportive and instrumental in helping address some issues, paving the way for the Cleveland site's new expansion.

Tremco, which has worked at this location





for over 80 years, had several options for a different site but ultimately decided Cleveland was the place. Tremco is excited to bring this development to its organization and to enhance the neighborhood in which it has such a strong and long-standing presence.

TREMCO

Roofing & Building Maintenance

Councilman Jones Named Chair of City Council's Transportation Committee

Cleveland City Council President Kevin Kelley recently named Councilman Joe Jones chairman of council's Transportation Committee.

"It's a big responsibility and I plan to work hard chairing this committee to ensure that our airports, waterways and public transit have the oversight they require," Councilman Jones said.

The Transportation Committee holds hearings on legislative matters regarding our city-owned airports - Cleveland Hopkins International Airport and Burke Lakefront Airport – as well as city-owned docks surrounding First Energy Stadium. Bridges, harbors, river and lake travel, as well as public transportation, limousine and taxi operations are also overseen by the Transportation Committee.

Councilman Jones also chairs the Mayor's Appointment Committee and is vice chairman of Municipal Services and Properties Committee. He sits on other council committees, including Safety, Workforce, Community Benefits and Operations.











Our Wonderful Ward 1 Residents -



Who Have Turned 100 Years Old or Older!



Kenny Comes To 'Eat & Explore' Ward 1

Eat & Explore CLE is an initiative to boost business and outdoor activity in city neighborhoods. Harvard Community Services Center hosted a 5-day pop-up shop as part of its Eat & Explore CLE feature week on the Harvard/ Seville neighborhood.

Fox 8's Kenny Crumpton came through and documented the process. **One of the** establishments that was highlighted was Clean Eating located at 4088 Lee Rd.







Important Information

About Upcoming Municipal Elections

The primary for the new Mayor of Cleveland and all council seats will be Sept. 14th. Absentee voting starts on Aug. 17th. The election is non partisan which means the top two vote getters go on to the general election in November.

If you aren't registered to vote you have until Aug. 16th to register. If you are registered it's always a good idea to double check that it has your accurate address and that the state hasn't purged your registration. Go to: voterlookup.ohiosos.gov/voterlookup.aspx or go to: boe.cuyahogacounty.gov/en-US/my-votinginformation.aspx To find out other information including polling

To find out other information, including polling locations or how to vote absentee go to: boe. cuyahogacounty.gov



HAVE YOU "HEARD"? Longtime Lee/Harvard Resident Lends Likeness to Covid-19 Vaccine Campaign

The Cleveland Foundation has tapped Lee/Harvard's son and radio personality Kevin "Chill' Heard to participate as the face of a new Covid vaccine campaign aimed at educating minority communities that are vaccine hesitant.



"For or Against" conversations are held on his weekly radio program entitled "Chill Talk" that help the public make an educated decision on the process.

Look for Heard's face gracing multiple marketing materials throughout the area.

No-Cost Covid-19 Vaccines

Councilman Joe Jones Hosted "Christmas In April"

This year Christmas came early for Ward 1 residents. Santa's helper, Councilman Joe Jones, put together a Covid testing event as a wellness check for the neighborhood. Held at the Harvard Community Services Center, more than 2,000 boxes of food, were distributed with a chicken in every box.

Residents were able to sign up to receive vaccinations and take free PPE items such as face shields, masks and hand sanitizer.

Even visitors from neighboring areas stopped by (pictured, left to right): Councilman Blaine Griffin, Councilman Jones,







Tuesdays @ J. Glen Smith Health Center 11100 St. Clair Ave• 1:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Walk-in or pre-register by calling 216-664-2222 (Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday, 9 am - 5 pm) or visit gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov/

AVAILABLE VACCINES:

Single-dose Johnson & Johnson (For ages 18 and older) 1st and 2nd dose Moderna (For ages 18 and older) 1st and 2nd dose Pfizer (For ages 12 and older*) * Those under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian



Cleveland Department of Public Health

Andrea Moore Nelson, Elaine Gohlstin and Zack Reed.



The Councilman's Efforts To Clean Up 27 Tons of Illegal Dumping Within 3 ¹⁄₂ years



Councilman Joe Jones orders illegal dumping site cleared in the Corlett neighborhood (pictured above). More than 27,000 tons of trash and debris have been illegally dumped in Cleveland.

Jones is doing his part to clean it up by instrumenting efforts such as these that urge offenders to dump garbage in cans and not on the streets.