



Ward 14 News

Councilwoman Jasmin Santana



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A Message from Councilwoman Jasmin Santana

Dear Ward 14 residents,

As we are seeing a tremendous amount of economic growth in our community – from the rebuilding of MetroHealth hospital to the openings of mom-and-pop shops – we are also seeing heart-breaking struggles under the pall of a deadly pandemic.

It is no secret that many people in Ward 14 are living paycheck-to-paycheck, trying to provide for their families. And now, in this time of uncertainty, their struggles become more glaring.

Please note that you are in my prayers and I'm here to help you in any way I can. Even though many of us are isolated in our homes, that has not stopped me from doing my work.

There are many community organizations working together to provide food, mental health support and updated information about the Corona virus.

We are **partnering with food banks to offer drive-thru pickups of food**, though for our seniors and disabled we are dropping off food at their doors.

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We are committed to getting food to every corner of our community. And we are committed to building a network of communication to inform people how to access help and relief or how to volunteer to help.

We are **partnering with AT&T to provide Internet services** as low as \$18 a month. And my office is working hard on getting updates to the community through emails and robocalls.

This pandemic challenges each of us, but there are enough dedicated and committed community leaders who are building bridges to one another.

I thank all the churches and social service agencies that are committed to this

campaign of hope. I give a special shout-out to **Cleveland Hope Exchange**, a faith-based social service agency, and **Journey Church** on Fulton Road. I also thank Pastor Gordon Martin of Prince of Peace community center on Denison Avenue and the social-service ministry Building Hope in the City on West 58th Street.

Thank you, everyone, for all your hard work. And, please, don't hesitate to call me on any issue.

My office phone number is 216-664-4238. My email address is jsantana@clevelandcitycouncil.org

We can only win this battle by staying together and looking out for one another. United we stand, divided we fall.

So please stay healthy, safe and together.

Regards,

Jasmin Santana

Jasmin Santana
Councilwoman, Ward 14

WARD 14 COUNCILWOMAN SANTANA HIGHLIGHTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Major Improvements and Additions to Meyer Pool Coming Soon



Meyer Pool, which has had no improvements or updates since it opened, is slated to get a major **\$1 million dollar renovation and enhancement adding park space and splash pads, swings, a climbing net and more.**

Phase I of the Meyer Pool renovation and park expansion is expected to begin in April and be completed by the summer.

The first phase, which will cost nearly \$230,000, includes adding space to the park, building a lawn mound with seat walls surrounding it, adding a plaza behind the renovated pool house with new murals, and adding shade trees throughout the new expanded area, as well as sidewalk enhancements at W. 30th and

Meyer Ave. and street trees added on both sides of the street to make the area more welcoming. The first phase renovations are coming from Ward 14 funds.

The goal is to enhance Meyer Pool into a year-round public space. Upcoming additions and improvements two splash pads, a large shade pergola near the pool, as well as new lounge seats, tables with umbrellas to ring the pool. Also added will be a Play Space – with a rope ladder/ swings with rubber soft surfacing underneath and an ornamental fence.

The pool and park are close to Lincoln West High school, and near MetroHealth's campus and its future 12-acre park. It is also caddie corner to the potential location of La Casita Boricus.

Mercedes Cotner Park Project

This is a fully budgeted and funded \$1.5 million complete park renovation and reconstruction project. In addition to all of the park elements shown, there will also be a multi-use, BMX-Bike & Skateboard Track/Park area on the project. The project is currently in Stage-1 Design and construction is anticipated to start in 2021.

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2021

CHORE APPLICATION & RENEWAL



APPLICATIONS FOR CITY OF CLEVELAND PROGRAMS

CHORE - EXTERIOR PAINT - SENIOR HELP

Applications are available:
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Ward 14 Back to School Giveaway

Councilwoman Santana, Metro West Community Development Organization and Young Latino Network presented a Back to School Giveaway at Denison Elementary on September 15, 2020. Scholars in grades K-8 were given backpacks along with school supplies and PPE (Personal Protective Equipment). Census and voting information were also provided.




Brooklyn Centre Fall Fest

October 18, 2020 • Hosted by Metro West Community Development Organization at Julia De Burgos Cultural Arts Ctr.





Second Annual "Time to Remember. Time to Act." Event

Casa Alma had its second drive-thru event, **Time to Remember. Time to Act.** on August 29, 2020 at St. Rocco Church. This outreach event was part of an overall movement to address alcohol and substance abuse from drugs such as opioids affecting our communities.

Free Hope Care packages which included self-care items, masks and household goods were given to those suffering from drug or alcohol abuse. They also received treatment resources to begin their journey of recovery.



Caravana Christmas Toy Giveaway






Ward 14 Spook-tacular

October 30, 2020 • Hosted by City Life - Youth for Christ Center
 Sponsored by City Life and Councilwoman Jasmin Santana







Empowercle+ Canvasses Ward 14

On May 22, 2020, dedicated local canvassers with Empowercle+ went door-to-door sharing info about DigitalC internet resources! Never has the need for internet been so apparent and canvassing is the best way to inform our community about this great resource.




2022

State of the Ward Address

SAVE THE DATE!
Thursday
March 25 @ 6pm
on **You Tube**

Channel: Ward 14 CLE Videos – J.Santana
Weblink: <http://bitly.ws/bKxb>

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Councilwoman Santana Launches Affordable Housing Program

Councilwoman Jasmin Santana has sponsored legislation creating a program to rehabilitate vacant blighted houses in Ward 14 and sell them at affordable rates.

The legislation, passed by City Council in December, authorizes the city to enter into at least three partially forgivable loan contracts with the Metro West Community Development Organization to rehabilitate three vacant single-family homes on scattered sites in the Clark-Fulton neighborhood.

The \$250,000 initiative, called the Ward 14 Housing Pilot program, is funded by the city.

"This is just a start," said Councilwoman Santana. "The pilot program will help increase owner-occupancy which is greatly needed for revitalizing our neighborhoods. And



once the work is underway, I plan to expand the program throughout the ward.

"Blighted properties and negligent absentee landlords will not be tolerated in our community. I am

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committed to keeping our neighborhoods safe and secure. And the Ward 14 Housing Pilot program is a vital step toward that goal."

Councilwoman Santana Co-sponsors Resolution Declaring Racism a Public Health Crisis

Councilwoman Jasmin Santana has co-sponsored a resolution in Cleveland City Council declaring racism a public health crisis and establishing a working group to promote racial equity in the City of Cleveland.

"Discrimination...needs to be exposed and eradicated."

"Racism is systemic in our society today," said Councilwoman Santana, the first Latina to hold an elected seat in the city's legislature. "Discrimination, both blatant and subtle, needs to be exposed and eradicated."

Council's resolution reads that the legislative body "recognizes that racism is a public health crisis that affects all members of our society both on a local level and nationwide and deserves action from all levels of government and civil society."

For more than four hundred years, the American experience for black people was under slavery and Jim Crow laws, subjecting people of color to hardships and disadvantages in all areas of life.

Unfortunately, those hardships and disadvantages continue within many black communities today.

Council's resolution declaring racism a public health crisis establishes a working group to address the issue through community discourse and building alliances with organizations that are confronting racism.

"Much of this work has been ongoing," said Councilwoman Santana. "But we need to expand our efforts to ensure that all races and ethnicities in our community and beyond are treated with respect and dignity."

Restored Building on West 25th Street Now Home to Arts and Social Service Groups

Nearby Building Restoration Starting Soon

The former Astrup Awning Company building, a three-story structure built on West 25th Street over a century ago and vacant in recent years, has been renovated and transformed into spaces for non-profit social service and arts organizations.

Tenants include the Cleveland Museum of Art's community arts program, Inlet Dance company, LatinUS theater company, the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center and the Boys & Girls Club of Cleveland.

Other arts-related groups are lining up to rent spaces. And the newest tenant FIG (Future Ink Graphics) scheduled to move in and open its first phase in May. A dream of artist Stephanie Kluk, FIG plans to be a "maker-space" where professional artists, as well as students and emerging professionals can go for space, equipment, educational programs and more.

"This project is truly a gem in the Clark-Fulton neighborhood," said Councilwoman Jasmin Santana, who shepherded legislation to help fund the \$13.5 million project through various tax incentives. "This project gives a significant boost to a neighborhood that is already on the upswing."

Less than a mile south on West 25th Street, MetroHealth Medical Center is undergoing a \$1 Billion rebuilding and updating of its main campus.

"We're seeing major transformations of our neighborhoods,"



said Councilwoman Santana who also sponsored legislation declaring the Astrup building a historical landmark.

The 110-year-old building at 2937 West 25th St. initially housed a sail making company that eventually became an awning maker.

The economic impact of the Astrup project includes:

- Creation of at least 65 jobs
- A projected \$65,000 a year or more in city income tax
- And a projected \$133,000 in annual property taxes for the Cleveland public school district.

Meanwhile not too far away, Metro West Community Development Organization, working with the Levin Group, is converting the vacant 130-year-old **Northern Ohio Blanket Mills complex** on West 33rd Street into affordable apartment units, office space and live-work units. The redevelopment received historic tax-credits. The plan is to start work on the \$30 million project at 3160 W. 33rd in mid-summer 2021 and finish by the end of 2022. The 2.2 acre complex runs to Paris Avenue and Fulton Road.

The apartments will range from one to three-bedroom units and will be geared for people who are at or below 80% of the county's area median income. In addition to the apartments, which will feel like lofts because of the high ceilings and large windows, the first floor will be home to a nonprofit that will provide daycare and social services.

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Three New Murals in the Community!



The above mural is in honor of Gina DeJesus, co-founder of the Cleveland Family Center for Missing Children and Adults and a survivor. The mural – which was done by artist Gisela McDaniel last fall – is located at the intersection of West 25th and Castle Avenue right across the street from Gina’s organization.



Tyler Mural

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2021 Zoom Community Meetings

FOR WARD 14

All Meetings are the last Thursday of the month
MARCH 25 **AUG 26**
APRIL 29 **SEPT 30**
JUNE 24 **OCT 28**
JULY 29

MEETINGS WILL BE VIA ZOOM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/3rX1d1l>

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2021 WARD 14 DUMPSTER DAYS

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MAY 8 - STOCKYARDS <i>W. 50th & Storer Ave</i>	JULY 24 - W. 73RD/WEST BLVD. <i>W. 73rd & Neville Ave.</i>
MAY 22 - CLARK-FULTON <i>Lincoln West Parking Lot</i>	AUG 14 - STOCKYARDS <i>(Corner Lot)</i>
JUNE 5 - W. 73RD/WEST BLVD <i>W. 73rd & Neville Ave</i>	AUG 28 - CLARK-FULTON <i>Lincoln West Parking Lot</i>
JUNE 19 - STOCKYARDS <i>W. 50th & Storer Ave</i>	SEPT 11 - W. 73RD/WEST BLVD <i>73rd & Neville Ave. (Corner Lot)</i>
JULY 10 - CLARK-FULTON <i>Lincoln West Parking Lot</i>	SEPT 25 - STOCKYARDS <i>W. 50th & Storer Ave.</i>

CMSD “wraparound” services continue in spite of COVID-19

During the ongoing public health crisis of Covid-19, the Cleveland public school district has consistently offered so-called “wraparound” services to needy students and families.

The services include fresh produce giveaways as well as free items like toothpaste and other toiletries.

And now that schools are beginning to reopen, the wraparound services will continue.

Councilwoman Jasmin Santana publicly recognizes Norah Leahy who coordinates wraparound services at Lincoln-West High School. “I thank Norah and all the teachers and administrators at Lincoln-West who work so hard in helping our neediest families,” said Councilwoman Santana.

Coordinators of the program are reaching parents through social media, helping them to connect to a variety of services, including health and dental care, tenants’ rights and legal advice.

The school district’s wraparound program complements similar programs offered by various churches and social service agencies in Ward 14.

“So many people have come together to help and support our neediest families in the community,” said Councilwoman Santana. “As the saying goes, ‘It takes a village,’ and we are seeing the good works of our village every day.”

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Voters must be registered in Cuyahoga County in order to vote in any election. Visit www.443vote.com for registration details and other helpful election information.



Pictured: First time voter Jasleen Delgado (left) with her mom, Councilwoman Santana.