

Ward 2 Informer



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A MESSAGE FROM Councilman Kevin L. Bishop

**Dear Ward 2 Residents,
We are living in trying times.**

Fortunately, Cleveland and Cuyahoga County have not been hit as hard with the deadly coronavirus, compared to other parts of our nation. But as cold weather approaches we must be extremely vigilant about keeping safe distances from one another.

Also, wearing face masks, washing hands often and sanitizing living spaces appears to be effective practices in the ongoing battle against this aggressive disease. It will also help you guard against the flu, but even so **doctors are strongly recommending everyone get vaccinated against the flu.**

Remember, we are all in this together. **Each person must do his or her part to defeat Covid-19.** And all of us, regardless of race or creed, must rely on each other to stay safe and healthy.

Meanwhile, **I urge all citizens who have not registered to vote**, to do so - you have until October 5 - and remember to vote in the upcoming General Election November 3.

Many of our neighborhood public libraries offer voter registration forms and help with how to become a registered voter. For more details on the election process and its deadlines, call the **Cuyahoga County Board of Elections at 216-443-8683.**

We must all do our parts in keeping our government accountable to the people it

serves. Every vote counts.

And speaking of doing our parts, **if you haven't filled out a Census 2020 form please do so.** An accurate population count is vital for cities to receive federal dollars toward social services, city services and investments in infrastructure projects. By law, the Census Bureau cannot release any identifiable information about you, your home, or your business. So stand up and be counted. You can do it by phone, mail or online. For details, call 844-330-2020. For Spanish-speaking citizens, call 844-468-2020.

Meanwhile, as we head into the fall season, I hope everyone stays safe and healthy. When the cold weather hits, we'll be spending more time indoors, so we'll need to be extra vigilant of the Covid threat.

At the same time, things in the ward are moving in a good direction with roads being resurfaced and other construction projects happening.

In closing, I commend the residents in Ward 2 who have been diligently working to stop the spread of this viral pandemic. **Please keep up the good work and call me with any questions or concerns. I'm just a phone call away at 216-664-4945.**

Regards,

Kevin L. Bishop

Cleveland City Councilman, Ward 2

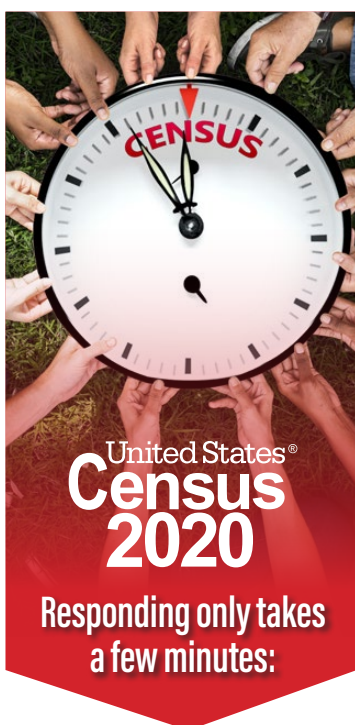
If you miss the Census, our community misses out!

You can shape the future for yourself, your family, and our community for the next 10 years by doing the census.

When you're counted, the information you provide determines how many federal dollars Cleveland receives for things like:

- Schools & Education
- Emergency Services
- Housing Assistance
- Road Construction
- Public Transportation
- Food Assistance Programs
- Health Care Facilities
- And More!

Be sure to count everyone at your address, even if they are staying only temporarily. This includes relatives, nonrelatives, and children as young as one day old.



ONLINE

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BY PHONE

Call 844-330-2020, Sunday through Saturday, from 7:00 am to 2:00 am



BY MAIL

Return the form you received in April.

REGISTER NOW TO VOTE or update your Voter Registration information

Voters must be registered by Monday, October 5 to vote in the November 3 General Election.

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.



Visit www.443vote.com to:

- Register to vote or update your address
- View a sample ballot
- View the Early In-Person Voting hours
- Request a Vote-by-Mail ballot
- Track your Vote-by-Mail ballot
- Verify your Election Day polling location

You can also call the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections at 216-443-VOTE(8683).





Naila's Nook

News you can use from
Naila R. Deskins
Executive Assistant
to Councilman Bishop

When Hiring a Contractor for Home Improvement or Repair

- Interview each contractor you are considering; ask for and check references.
- Get estimates from at least three different contractors for comparison.
- Verify if a contractor is licensed, bonded and insured to do work in the City of Cleveland by calling the City of Cleveland Department of Building & Housing at 216-664-2910.
- Check with the local Better Business Bureau to see if a contractor has had any complaints.
- Never accept oral contracts! Insist on a written contract that includes the contractor's name, address, telephone number, license/registration number, a complete description of all work to be done, start and end date, total price, any additions or changes made, and any warranties including time lines.

Make sure that the contractor obtains a permit to do the work – DO NOT let the contractor convince you to get a homeowners permit for the work. Request to see the permit before the work begins.

Understand your payment options:

- DO NOT let the contractor arrange a loan for you.
- Make sure that you have an affordable payment schedule.
- DO NOT pay the full amount up front.
- Pay a reasonable down payment and pay the balance upon completion and final inspection of the project.
- AVOID PAYING CASH and always get a receipt for all payments. KEEP COPIES OF ALL YOUR PAPERWORK!

SIGN UP!



The Ward 2
Residents

Email List

Residents on the list will receive information on what's happening in our ward, plus press releases from Cleveland City Council and the City of Cleveland.

To be included, send an email to: kbishop@clevelandcitycouncil.org
Be sure to include the following in the body of the email:

- Your name
- Physical mailing address
- Phone number

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT

Covid-19

Community Testing at Sanctuary Baptist Church

AUGUST 28, 2020



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COVID-19 Community Testing

You must pre-register to get tested.

Monday, September 28, 2020 from 9am-1pm
10902 Avon Ave., Cleveland, OH 44105

Testing Registration: <https://ccbh-poi-testing.azurewebsites.net>

Passcode: AVON

or call 216-957-3939

Scheduling by phone is available by calling
Tuesday - Friday from 8:30 - 4:00

Testing will be provided by drive thru or walk up. Testing is provided for individuals age 10 and older. Youth must have guardian on site with them to receive testing.

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Bethany Christian Church

COVID-19 Community Testing

You must pre-register to get tested.

Tuesday, September 29, 2020 from 9am-1pm
3940 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Cleveland, OH 44105

Testing Registration: <https://ccbh-poi-testing.azurewebsites.net>

Passcode: BETHANY

or call 216-957-3939

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COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT Drive-Up Food Giveaway

MAY 29, 2020 Presented by
Councilman Bishop and Thea Bowman Center



A Message from Cuyahoga County Division of Consumer Affairs

The Cuyahoga County Department of Consumer Affairs warns residents to hang up on utility scam calls that threaten disconnection.

Utility disconnection scams, which target residents and businesses, often spike before weekends or holidays.

Consumer Affairs has also received reports of utility scammers offering consumers a "refund" or discount as a ploy to get account or payment information.

Residents are cautioned:

- Utilities do not accept gift cards, money wires or Bitcoin payments.
- Never share Social Security numbers or banking information with anyone who calls you.
- If you have questions about your utility accounts, contact them using the number on the bill. Do not use callback numbers provided in robocalls.

Report scams to Cuyahoga County's Scam Squad by calling 216-443-SCAM (7226) or use the online reporting form at consumeraffairs.cuyahogacounty.us

Updates on Revitalization in Progress

East 116 project highlights:

- 1.25 miles in length
- 4 million construction cost
- Improvements to asphalt, ADA ramps, bike lanes
- Single lane roundabout @ MLK
- Completion estimated 12-31-20

East 131 project highlights:

- 1.27 miles in length
- 6.5 million construction cost
- Improvements include new 12" water mains, water

connections, resurface pavement

- ADA ramps/curbs, upgraded traffic signals, new drainage structure, pavement markings
- Parking lanes, replace damage curbs, aprons/sidewalks, bike sharrows
- Completions estimate May 2020 extended

Miles project highlights:

- 3.4 mile in length and 6.42 million construction cost

- Pavement resurfacing, ADA ramps and curbs, sidewalk and apron, traffic signal upgrades
- Pavement markings, dedicated bike lanes
- Completion April 2021

Union Ave Project highlight:

- 3.2 miles in length and 5.7 million construction cost
- Pavement repair, ADA ramps/curbs, sidewalk apron curb repairs

- Thermoplastic pavement markings to support road diet, enhanced ladder style crosswalks
- Bike lanes
- Start/completions May 2021- June 2022



Ward 2 gets the 4th roundabout in the city of Cleveland

Roundabout Q & A

E. 116th and Miles to Union will get a roundabout at the intersections of E. 116th St./MLK/Farrington. It will be the fourth in the city and the first in Ward 2.

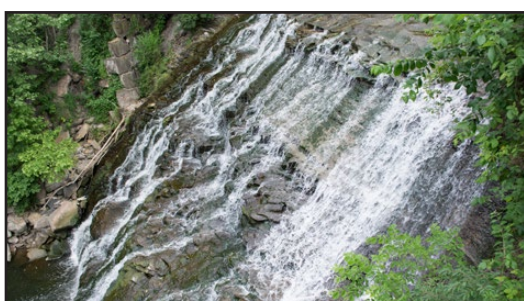
Why are we getting a roundabout? Reducing the amount of accidents in that area was the number one concern. Though roundabouts do not prevent all accidents, they do lower the chances of a collision significantly.

What are some benefits of roundabouts?

- Fewer and less severe crashes
- Lowers vehicle speeds
- Fewer delays
- Lower maintenance costs

How do I drive in a roundabout?

Slow down as you approach the roundabout. Keep an eye out for pedestrians and yield to vehicles on the left currently in the roundabout. Proceed to your desired street safely



Facts about Mill Creek Falls

- Millcreek Falls is 48 feet high! The tallest in Cuyahoga County!
- Helped Cleveland become a prosperous city because of its height and power.
- Technically manmade due to the railroad tracks.

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The 2020 Home Energy Assistance Summer Crisis Program, is available now through September 30, 2020, to assist you with maintaining electric service in your home.

COVID-19 Update: The moratorium is still in effect but you remain responsible for paying current and past due amounts.

Summer HEAP

- To qualify, customers must meet the following criteria:
- A household income at or below 175 percent of the federal poverty guidelines and have a member of the household who is at least 60 years old.
 - A household member has been diagnosed with COVID-19, or can provide physician documentation that cooling assistance is needed for a household member's health, or
 - Households who have a disconnect notice, have been shut off, or are trying to establish new electric service.

Applying for Assistance

- When applying, you will need the following documentation:
- Proof of income for the primary applicant and all household members 18 years of age or older
 - Social Security Numbers for the primary applicant and all household members
 - Copies of most recent utility bills (primary heating and electric)
 - Proof of citizenship for the primary applicant and all household members

- Other documentation is required if your service has been disconnected, or you or a member of the household has a medical condition requiring electricity. Those documents are:
- Proof of service disconnected, disconnection notice or new electric account number
 - Proof of medical condition (documentation signed by a licensed physician or registered nurse/practitioner)

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