



**DELORES L. GRAY**- Councilwoman, Ward 5

# The Community Ledger



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## A Message from Councilwoman Gray

**Greetings Ward 5 constituents my name is Delores Gray and for those of you who don't know me, I am your newly appointed city councilwoman representing you in City Hall.**

I have lived in the Central community since I was 12-years-old, graduating from East Technical High School in 1973 and attending Cuyahoga Community College's Metro campus where I studied business. I have a son and three granddaughters.

Throughout the years, I have served on various boards of trustees, including the East Technical Alumni Association and various non-profit organizations. I have also worked with our local non-profit community development corporations – Burten, Bell, Carr, Slavic Village and MidTown.

I have been a neighborhood activist and organizer for most of my adult life. And now, as a new councilwoman, I am excited



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I have begun holding public meetings focusing on crime. You will be notified in advance when a meeting is coming to your neighborhood. I am also organizing monthly Ward 5 meetings in various neighborhoods. You will be informed about them as well.

Meanwhile, don't hesitate to call me with any issue at any time. My office phone number is 216-664-2309.

Remember, we are all neighbors so let us respect one another and let us work together to make Ward 5 a safe and vibrant community. This is our vision. This is our mission.

Regards,

**Delores L. Gray**  
Councilwoman - Ward 5

## Eighteen Colfax Family Homes Up, More to Come

Councilwoman Delores Gray recently joined Burten, Bell, Carr officials for a ribbon cutting for the Colfax Family Homes.

**Colfax Family Homes, when complete, will be 36 scattered site, new construction, lease-purchase homes along Colfax Road and Minnie Street in the Kinsman neighborhood. Eighteen are already constructed.**

The project is a result of a comprehensive neighborhood master planning process several years ago in which more than 500 people participated.

"This event is a milestone for the neighborhood," said Councilwoman Gray. "First it adds new homes and homeowners into the neighborhood but also because this is what the residents asked for and now it's becoming a reality."

The homes will be a mixture of one-, two-, and three-story houses with 3 to 4 bedrooms and 1.5 to 2.5 baths.

Ranches, colonials and some unique 3-story models. Features include a fresh, contemporary design. Homes will be built to Enterprise Green Communities standards and will include numerous durable products and features.



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# Community Satisfaction Survey

Share your experiences with policing in Cleveland in our community survey.

Have you had a recent interaction with a CDP officer? Let us know about your thoughts and experiences in our 2021 community survey.

Your feedback will help us understand how CDP training on new policies and procedures put into place under the Consent Decree has been noticed by the community.

This 10-15 minute survey is open to all people who **live, work, or visit the city of Cleveland.**



Scan for Survey

Take the Survey:  
[bit.ly/cpc-survey-2021](https://bit.ly/cpc-survey-2021)

Contact us at (216) 505-5920 or [info@clecpc.org](mailto:info@clecpc.org) if you have any questions or to request a paper copy of the survey.

CLEVELAND COMMUNITY POLICE COMMISSION  
3631 Perkins Avenue, 3rd Floor, Cleveland, OH 44114  
[www.clecpc.org](http://www.clecpc.org)

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

**Non-Emergency Police**  
621-1234

**3<sup>rd</sup> District Police**  
(non-emergency)  
623-5300

**Community Service Unit (CSU)**  
623-5335

**4<sup>th</sup> District Police**  
(non-emergency)  
623-5400

**Community Service Unit (CSU)**  
623-5426

**CMHA Police (emergency)**  
391-2642

**CMHA Police (non-emergency)**  
426-7760

**Fire Department**  
621-1212

**EMS**  
623-4545

**Prosecutor's Office**  
664-4850



## SIGN UP FOR CLEVELAND'S CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM!

The City of Cleveland is resuming its curbside recycling program this fall. The program is shifting to a bi-weekly, opt-in program, where residents will have to sign up by **October 22, 2021** in order to participate.

### Who's Eligible to Participate:

All City of Cleveland residents and homeowners who live in a single-family household or a multi-family building up to four (4) units, serviced by the City of Cleveland Division of Waste Collection are eligible.

### Program Sign Up Info:

**Sign Up Deadline: October 22, 2021**

Residents can sign up online at [clevelandohio.gov/recycling](http://clevelandohio.gov/recycling)

Residents can also call **216.664.3030** to sign up

*As a condition of participation, residents will be asked to sign a pledge to follow all curbside recycling guidelines. Recycling guidelines can be found online through Cuyahoga Recycles' website at [cuyahogarecycles.org/how\\_to\\_recycle](http://cuyahogarecycles.org/how_to_recycle)*



CITY OF CLEVELAND  
Mayor Frank G. Jackson



RECYCLE CLEVELAND

Learn more at [www.clevelandohio.gov/recycling](http://www.clevelandohio.gov/recycling)

## Believe Mortgages Available for Residents to Become Homeowners

Believe Mortgages from CHN Housing Capital, the lending arm of CHN Housing Partners, are available for local residents and many may find it's less expensive to own than to rent.

The Cleveland-based nonprofit wants to make homeownership broadly accessible and sustainable.

**CHN Housing Capital can originate mortgages of \$20,000 to \$250,000**, but the program's preferred loan is for \$70,000 or less — so-called small-dollar debt that can be tough to find.

Since early April, when the program debuted, CHN Housing Capital has received more than 500 inquiries from potential homebuyers. Thirteen clients have closed on purchases or are near closing. And 35 applicants have prequalified for a loan but still are looking for houses.

**The 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages are available in Cuyahoga and Lorain counties.**

Buyers must have a credit score of at least 570 and put down at least 3% of the purchase price, though low-income borrowers can tap down-payment assistance programs to come up with those funds.

CHN Housing Capital does not require borrowers to pay for private mortgage



insurance, which can add to the cost of a conventional home loan for buyers without much cash on hand.

Borrowers must complete a first-time homebuyer class before closing. They also have access to other CHN programs and services, including home-repair loans of up to \$8,000.

CHN has numerous programs – home repair loans and other offerings – that can help people become home owners.

Eligibility and application information can be found at [www.chnhousingcapital.org](http://www.chnhousingcapital.org). Interested applicants can call 855-764-5626 with questions and for more information.

# Goodbye, But Not Gone

Nearly 16 years ago, you gave me the honor and privilege to serve you as Ward 5 Councilwoman. Most of you know I resigned from Cleveland City Council in May, 2021.

A few months earlier, I experienced a sudden, unexpected health crisis. Like anyone facing a major life event, I faced some difficult decisions. After much deliberation, I made the bittersweet decision to leave City Council.

I have so many wonderful memories of serving you. Being a Cleveland City Councilwoman was personal for me. My day to day responsibilities, tasks and activities affected the lives of my friends, neighbors, children and stakeholders in the Ward 5 community and the city of Cleveland.

Whether it was your safety, your children's education, neighborhood development, rising crime, they were priorities for me as well. Your calls, your emails, your participation in community events and random encounters encouraged and challenged me to work harder to serve you. Even your challenges and criticisms motivated me.

You are a wonderful community and deserve the best leadership and service. I recommended a true community servant leader Delores L. Gray to fill the remainder of my term that expires at the end of the year. My former colleagues voted for her and she has been serving you since May. Serving the Ward 5 community has been challenging and frustrating at times but the most rewarding experience of my life. I am forever grateful to you for allowing me the privilege.



**Phyllis E. Cleveland**

# Watch Council Meetings Online



In spite of these trying times, the work of Cleveland City Council continues. Council has been meeting electronically with virtual public hearings and legislative sessions.

Go to [www.clevelandcitycouncil.org/calendar](http://www.clevelandcitycouncil.org/calendar) to find listings of upcoming committee meetings.

**You Tube** WATCH (LIVE & RECORDED)  
[www.youtube.com/user/ClevelandCityCouncil](http://www.youtube.com/user/ClevelandCityCouncil)

**TV 20** WATCH (LIVE)  
[www.tv20cleveland.com/watch-now/](http://www.tv20cleveland.com/watch-now/)

**Councilwoman Delores Gray serves on the following council committees:**  
 Development, Planning & Sustainability, Transportation, Mayor's Appointments, and Rules

## COLFAX HOMES CONTINUED

This project will allow families to become homeowners at the end of the required lease period, Burten, Bell, Carr's plan is to actively support our families with the education and skills to become great homeowners, who value their homes and neighborhood.

Colfax Family Homes will complement the more than \$80 million invested in the revitalization of the Kinsman neighborhood over the last decade.

The project will also place low-income workers in proximity to hundreds of newly created jobs anticipated along the \$331 million Opportunity Corridor and existing businesses with planned expansions.

This project has been made possible with the support of OHFA, OCCH, Key Bank, The City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, The Orlean Company, RDL Architects, Inc., ABC Management, and the non-profit Burten, Bell, Carr as the lead developer. BBC Development, Inc. is the community development corporation serving the Central and Kinsman neighborhoods of Cleveland.



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## Important Information About Upcoming Municipal Elections

The **primary election** for the new Mayor of Cleveland and all council seats will be **September 14, 2021**. Absentee voting began **August 17th**. The election is non partisan which means the top two vote getters go on to the **general election on November 2nd, 2021**.

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](http://voterlookup.ohiosos.gov/voterlookup.aspx) or go to: [boe.cuyahogacounty.gov/en-US/my-voting-information.aspx](http://boe.cuyahogacounty.gov/en-US/my-voting-information.aspx)

To find out other information, including polling locations or how to vote absentee go to: [www.443VOTE.us](http://www.443VOTE.us)

## Tree Adoption

#TREES4CLE

Western Reserve Land Conservancy is giving away **125 free trees!** Each tree is up to a \$50 value. Make your yard and neighborhood cooler, greener, and more beautiful as we increase the Cleveland tree canopy together. Plant a free tree in your yard!



### ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

- Trees must be planted within the City of Cleveland
- Trees must be planted on private property in front, side, or back yards (trees may not be planted in containers or in the tree lawn)



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Land Conservancy  
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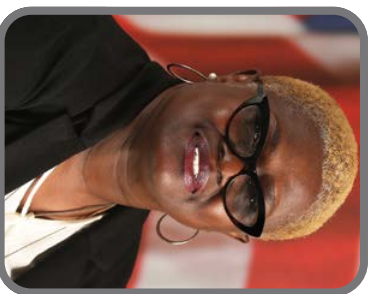
**WHERE:** Western Reserve Land Conservancy is hosting a pick up event at East End Neighborhood House, 2749 Woodhill Rd, Cleveland, OH 44104

**WHEN:** Pick up on **Sat., September 25 between 9 am and 12 pm** Your tree and relevant materials will be loaded directly into your car.

If you need planting or delivery assistance, please contact Western Reserve Land Conservancy prior to this date.

**SIGN UP:** [wrlandconservancy.org/trees4cle](http://wrlandconservancy.org/trees4cle)

**QUESTIONS:** [trees@wrlandconservancy.org](mailto:trees@wrlandconservancy.org) or 216-250-2638



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## City Hall Wants Citizen Input on How to Spend Federal Grant

The city of Cleveland is asking its residents for input on how to spend a \$51.1 million grant from the federal government. The money is part of the American Rescue Plan Act aimed at helping cities recover from economic losses due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The money must be spent by December 31, 2024, and can be used broadly for city services and public safety. The funds can help workers, families, small businesses, non-profit agencies and industries impacted by Covid-19.

City Hall has begun collecting citizen input on how Cleveland can use this money to invest in its people, neighborhoods and businesses.

Residents can submit ideas at [www.clevelandohio.gov/arpa](http://www.clevelandohio.gov/arpa) or by using drop boxes at City Hall, neighborhood recreation centers or the Public Utilities Building at 1201 Lakeside Ave.



Join Councilwoman Delores Gray for a community meet and greet

**Sat., September 11**

**Noon - 4pm @ 2500 E. 40th Street**

**You don't want to miss this Ward 5 event!**

For more information: 216-236-5182



**COVID-19 Vaccines for Homebound Individuals**

The City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County are partnering with local entities to vaccinate homebound individuals. The Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging is screening individuals for eligibility.

Referrals can be made by contacting Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging at (216) 621-0303. When making a referral, please be prepared to provide the individual's name, demographic information, DOB, phone number, and address.

Homebound persons include those who need the help of another person or medical equipment such as crutches, a walker, or a wheelchair to leave their home, or their medical provider believes that their health or illness could get worse if they leave their home, therefore they typically do not leave their home.

To check your eligibility or receive more information call or visit us at:

(216) 621-0303

[www.areaagingsolutions.org](http://www.areaagingsolutions.org)



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