

Ward 4 News

Councilwoman Deborah A. Gray / Spring 2022



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Plan to Attend Councilwoman Gray's
**1st Annual
Easter Egg Hunt**
at Woodhill Park
Sat., April 9 - 1:00 pm
A FREE EVENT!



A MESSAGE FROM Councilwoman Deborah A. Gray

Dear Neighbor,

Over the past 3 decades I've been either your neighbor, friend, community organizer, or precinct central committee person, but now I am proud to be your representative on Cleveland City Council. **Together we have done much for our community, but now it is time to do more. We deserve better.**

I hope this newsletter will provide you valuable information about happenings in our neighborhoods, resources for our community, and the space to celebrate the great things we do together.

We, collectively the residents of Ward 4, are our greatest strength. Whether it's everyone who worked together to form the Morelands Group (more about them inside), residents who organize neighborhood cleanups (sign up for my email or mailing list to receive clean-up updates), or neighbors who look out for each other. We all share the collective responsibility to do a little bit more, every day, to make our neighborhoods thrive. I will always be here to support those efforts.

As promised, we will have Ward 4 Community Meetings to share community updates, receive community resource information, and most of all, to create a positive space where we can come together to share ideas and work together so our neighborhoods thrive. Meetings will be at 6pm on the last Tuesday of the month at Zelma George.

Join us for the first meeting on Tues, March 29th at 6p (5pm for meet & greet with resource representatives). Mayor Justin M. Bibb will be our guest speaker. RSVP at tinyurl.com/Ward4Meeting or call my Executive Assistant Rob at 216-857-1832.

If you or someone you know needs



Councilwoman Deborah Gray and her granddaughter, Keniece Gray, pictured with congratulatory resolution from Rep. Juanita Brent

assistance, United Way's First Call for Help can provide a connection to resources. Also, the Exterior Paint Program is also continuing this summer, call 216-664-2045 for an application. Finally, if you have a safety concern that requires IMMEDIATE police assistance, call Cleveland Police Dispatch 216-621-1234 or 911 for emergency. For an ongoing issue in the neighborhood please contact Commander Kutz's office at 216-623-5405.

Supporter, or critic, thank you for entrusting me to fight for our southeast neighborhoods. Together we can improve our neighborhoods and work towards a Cleveland that works for everyone on the southeast side.

Thank you,

Deborah A. Gray
Cleveland City Councilwoman, Ward 4

Zelma George Court Ribbon Cutting



Charlotte Hornets point guard Terry Rozier grew up playing basketball at Zelma George. During the NBA All-Star weekend he returned with Hoopbus & Puma Hoops to completely redo the court. The court now showcases the art from artist Irwin Hines with the help of Hero Flooring who brought the vision to the hardwood. Councilwoman Gray was proud to enjoy the festivities with Ward 4's own, Terry Rozier. (Photo Credit: Louie Moore)



Protect yourself and your family

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GET A FREE
COVID-19
VACCINE



The City of Cleveland Department of Public Health offers **FREE COVID 19 vaccines at J. Glenn Health Center** (11100 St. Clair Ave) for ages 12 and older weekdays, 9 am - 4 pm, until 4 pm on Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 9 am - 4 pm for ages 5-11. **Walk in or pre-register by calling 216-664-2222 or visit gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov.**

Get vaccinated in the neighborhood at Zelma George on Sat., March 26th 10 am - 2 pm. Get any dose of the vaccine and receive a free pair of tickets to an upcoming CAVS, Monsters or Charge game. If you are receiving your 1st dose, you can also receive a \$100 Visa Gift Card.

FREE Tax Preparation

A Cuyahoga EITC Coalition Program Led by Enterprise Community Partners and the City of Cleveland

- ▶ Receive up to \$6,600 from the Earned Income Tax Credit if eligible
- ▶ Accessible and safe tax sites located around Cuyahoga County



TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT VISIT
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THE WALK
CLEVELAND
CLOSING THE GAP

SATURDAY
AUGUST 20TH AT 7AM

ZION HILL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
11115 KINSMAN RD. || CLEVELAND OH, 44104

FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS Division of Waste Collection

For more information on set out services call 216-664-3711

B Bulk Week **H** One Day Delayed Collection
H Holiday with Regular Pickup

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| Apr. 15 th - Good Friday No delay in collection | | | | | | |

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| May 30 th - Memorial Day 1 day delay all week | | | | | | |

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| Jun 20 th - Juneteenth Nat'l Independence Day No delay in collection | | | | | | |

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| July 4 th - Independence Day 1 day delay all week | | | | | | |

ZELMA WATSON GEORGE REC

PROGRAMMING

CARD SHARKS M-F 1P-4P
SENIOR EXERCISE T,W,TH 9A-10A
SENIOR LINE DANCE T,W,TH 10A-11:30A
EARLY WALKERS M-F 8A-10A
LINE DANCING TUES 6P-7P
BOXING M,W,F 5:30P-7:30P
FREE SKATE THURS 4P-6P
T-BALL BASEBALL (AGES 4-7) SAT 10A-12P
YOUTH BASEBALL (AGES 8-12) M-TH 5P-7P
JUNIOR BASEBALL TRAVEL (AGES 13-15) M-TH 5P-7P
SENIOR BASEBALL TRAVEL (AGES 16-18) M-W 5P-7P
OUTDOOR SOCCER (AGES 9-12 CO-ED) M&W 5P-7P
CHESS CLASS W 5P-6P & SAT 10A-11A
WEIGHT ROOM M-F 8A-7P

1 WEEK FREE
SUMMER CAMP
AGES 9-13
SIGN UP NOW!

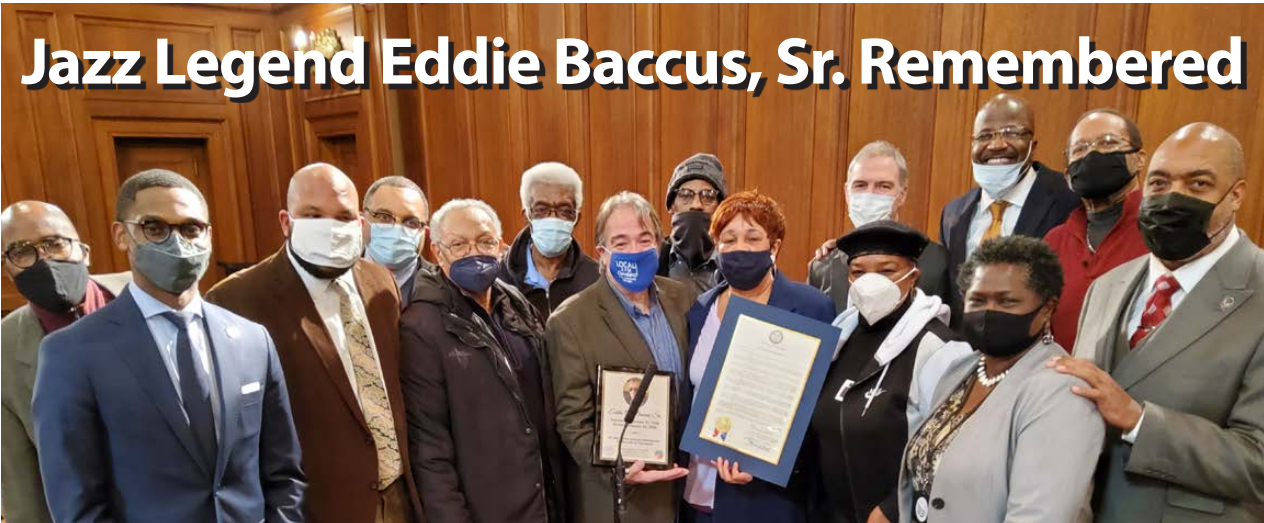
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LIFEGUARD?
FREE TRAINING!
AGES 15+

100th Anniversary of Church Building on Buckeye

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish celebrated three occasions on February 20. Bishop Edward Malesic celebrated Mass at which Father Richard Bona was installed as pastor, he blessed the church's restored bells and marked the 100th anniversary of the consecration of the church at 9016 Buckeye Ave. During a post-Mass reception in the parish hall, Councilwoman Deborah Gray announced that the parish would receive a Congratulatory Scroll from City Council in recognition of its milestones. Also, Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court Judge Wanda Jones presented a certificate of congratulations to the parish.



Jazz Legend Eddie Baccus, Sr. Remembered



At the Jan 24th, 2022 City Council Meeting, Councilwoman Gray, along with her colleagues, Mayor Bibb and others, celebrated the life of Ward 4 resident Eddie Baccus Sr. Widely regarded as the standard bearer of Cleveland jazz, virtuoso organist Eddie Baccus, Sr. has been a leader, mentor and "the soul of the local jazz scene" since the early 1960s. Truly a Ward 4 treasure, may he rest in peace and his legacy be remembered. (Photo Credit: Louie Moore)

Citizens Work to Improve Gateway to Buckeye

Residents and concerned citizens in and around the North and South Moreland apartment corridor became fed up with a long-term vacant and condemned apartment building at South Moreland and Forest. With support from Shaker Square Alliance, community members developed a plan of action and the group is now actively working with housing officials.

The group has also undertaken clean-ups and park beautification at nearby Helen Simpson Park, along with surrounding lawns and sidewalks. In order to address unsightly conditions, property neglect and public safety, residents formed an action group, and by the fall of 2021 the Morelands Group had six standing committees fully supporting projects aimed at bringing a transformation to the apartment corridor surrounding Shaker Square.

The Morelands Group now meets the first and third Tuesday morning of each month. Readers



are most welcome to join one of the committees – each of which is engaged in activities with the goal of preserving, protecting, and advocating for the residential Moreland corridor of the Shaker Square neighborhood by engaging tenants, owners, and managers in the life of the neighborhood.

The Morelands Group and our home organization, Shaker Square Alliance, know that engaged and organized citizens make the difference between declining neighborhoods and vibrant communities. Join us in carrying out our mission.

Please email morelandsgroup@gmail.com or leave a message at 216-471-8913 to be added to the email list and to find out current meeting time and location.

The Ward 4 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: dgray@clevelandcitycouncil.org

Be sure to include the following in the body of the email: your name; physical mailing address; phone number.

Providence House Update FROM OUR BUCKEYE NEIGHBORS



Councilwoman Deborah Gray recently visited our neighbors at the Providence House East Side Campus on Buckeye Road for a tour and to learn more about future plans for the site. Providence House is a Crisis Nursery that has operated in the Ohio City neighborhood since 1981 and provides voluntary, non-custodial emergency shelter for children whose families are experiencing crises. They are recognized as a national leader in child abuse prevention, family preservation, and alternative response to foster care.

Providence House is excited to be expanding their services to Buckeye-Shaker and is in the midst of construction on their East Side Campus at East 118th Street and Buckeye Road. The East Side Campus will include administrative offices and a Family Resiliency Center in the renovated Weizer Building, a 20-bed Crisis Nursery, and a Community Hub.

Construction is underway on the Crisis Nursery. Providence House has also purchased the building on the adjacent property at East 119th and Buckeye Road. This building will be demolished this spring to prepare the site for a new three-story mixed-used Community Services Hub which will host tenant space for partner social service agencies, local businesses, and retail/workforce development storefronts on Buckeye Road. Both the Crisis Nursery and Community Hub should be complete by Summer 2023.

Stay tuned for more information about the Providence House East Side Campus expansion and ways to engage with Providence House. If you would like to learn more or access their services, please visit provhous.org.

Mt. Pleasant MyCom Region Resource Closet

Open Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:30 - 5:00 PM

Items available for youth ages 18 & under to provide for their families!
One child per family, please.

- ▶ Personal Care
- ▶ Household Cleaning Items
- ▶ Laundry Supplies
- ▶ Hats, Gloves, Socks

Bags will be supplied for transport.

Located at East 131st Street Branch – Cleveland Public Library
3830 East 131st Street, Cleveland, OH 44120

All donations welcome! Check out our Amazon Wish List at <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3MRQCY80ZSX8A?>

Call 216-491-0699 for more information



Councilwoman Gray Sworn Into Office at Ward 4 Community Celebration

Cleveland Housing Court Judge W. Moná Scott did an honorary swearing in of Councilwoman Gray at a resident appreciation celebration where Ward 4 resident Phyllis Renee Richmond was the Master of Ceremonies. Pastor Jimmie Gates, Abbot Gary Hoover and Bro. Peter Ancell led us in prayer. Speakers included City Council President Blaine A. Griffin, County Councilwoman Meredith Turner, Judge Wanda C. Jones, Former Councilwoman Anita Gardner, Ms. Pam Mason-Gray, Mr. Kenya Gray, and former Ward 5 Councilwoman Delores Gray. Special thanks to Ward 4 resident Dawn Arrington who provided PPE to the community.

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City of Cleveland Department of Aging 2022 Chore Program

QUALIFICATIONS FOR CHORE PROGRAM:

- All members of the household must be over 60 years of age or functionally disabled
- Single family home
- Owner occupied home (Non-homeowners and apartments, indoor help)

GRASS CUTTING PROGRAM:

- Service will begin in May and will continue through the end of October
- Service once a month
- No charge

SEPARATE/ADDITIONAL SERVICES:

- Leaf Raking
- Snow shoveling
- Indoor chore help

Call 216-664-3998 for the full list of program details.

CHN Programs

Income restrictions apply to all of the programs listed below. Give us a call for program-specific income guidelines.

Utility Assistance

HEAP, PIPP Plus and Fuel Funds
216-350-8008

We offer programs to help you catch up on past-due utility bills, address a shut-off crisis and establish affordable monthly payment plans.

Water & Sewer Bill Assistance

Receive discounts on your Cleveland Division of Water bill and/or Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District bill.

Rental Assistance

Northeast Ohio Rent Help
833-377-RENT (7368)

CHN is administering Rental Assistance to Northeast Ohio residents who have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This program is funded by the city of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County. Eligible Clevelanders and Cuyahoga County residents must be facing a pandemic-related hardship.

Energy Services

Energy Conservation & Weatherization

216-574-7100 x270

CHN Energy Services programs are primarily to provide energy conservation measures to eligible clients in order to lower their energy bills. Services may include furnace repair, hot water tank repair, sidewall insulation, attic insulation, wiring repair, plumbing repairs and refrigeration and light bulb replacement.



2999 Payne Ave., Ste. 134
216-574-7100
chnhousingpartners.org



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PLAN TO ATTEND!

Ward 4 Community Meeting

"Our Southeast Neighborhoods - Buckeye, Ludlow, Mt. Pleasant, Shaker Square, Woodland Hills - Are Vital"



Join Councilwoman Deborah Gray and guests as they present information and resources for Ward 4 residents and stakeholders.

Guest speakers will include Mayor Justin M. Bibb.

TUE., MARCH 29, 2022

**@ Zelma George
Neighborhood Resource &
Recreation Center**

(3155 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Cleveland, OH 44105)

5:00 - 6:00 PM Meet & Greet
with Councilwoman Gray & Resource Representatives

6:00 PM Meeting Begins
MEETING WILL ALSO BE LIVE STREAMED ON ZOOM

RSVP

For In-Person (Preferred) OR
Virtual Zoom Option (Required):
tinyurl.com/Ward4Meeting

JOIN US FOR THE Garden of Eleven Angels Spruce Up



SATURDAY, MAY 7 | 10 AM - 12 PM
12205 IMPERIAL AVE, CLEVELAND, OH 44120

CLEAN UP AND PLANTINGS BEGIN AT 10 AM
WITH LIGHT REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW

Interested in volunteering? Register here:
www.wrlandconservancy.org/event/g11a-spruce-up/

Questions? Contact Maria Kaufman at
mkaufman@wrlandconservancy.org or 440-528-4162



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