

Ward 2 Informer

Councilman Kevin L. Bishop / Spring 2022



Engage with Councilman
Kevin L. Bishop



A MESSAGE FROM Councilman Kevin L. Bishop

Greetings Ward 2 constituents,

Spring is finally here and summer is just around the corner, promising seasonal changes filled with hope and optimism. It is a time of rebirth; a time to come together as a community; a time to let in some fresh air.

Spring time is drawing us together and I am hopeful about our neighborhoods and our entire city.

We have five new members on City Council and a new mayor, all of whom are bringing positive energy to our local government.

And now that the Covid-19 pandemic seems to be lifting, it appears we can finally work our way back to a state of normality, though we face many financial challenges.

Fortunately, the federal government, through the **American Rescue Plan Act**, has awarded Cleveland hundreds of millions of dollars to stabilize its economy and continue city services.

Cleveland is getting \$511 million to invest in its families, small businesses, non-profits and industries impacted by the deadly pandemic.

Meanwhile, despite the pandemic, my council

colleagues and I have been moving major legislation and keeping projects and city services on track. The Rescue Plan dollars have greatly helped in these efforts.

Finally, I want to emphasize that our local government and the democratic process under which it was founded will not work without you. Every citizen of Ward 2 must take ownership of the community in order for it to be a community.

As your councilman, I can't do it alone. We must work together with a sense of pride and hope. We have many challenges, so let's get started. Let's bring in some fresh air.

If you have questions, concerns or ideas on how to improve our community, please don't hesitate to contact me or send me an email. My office phone is 216-664-4945. My email address is kbishop@clevelandcitycouncil.org

Regards,

Kevin L. Bishop
Cleveland City Councilman, Ward 2

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Congratulations is in order for the Benevolent Love Ministries

which is in the process of building a new church at 10917 Miles Ave. A groundbreaking for the \$1.4 million project will be held soon.



Keep the MUSIC DOWN and Pick the LITTER UP!

Councilman Bishop wants to remind Ward 2 residents to respect each other and our environment by not littering and to turn loud music down.



City Takes Legal Action to Expunge Marijuana Cases

Cleveland recently took legal action to expunge 4,077 records of marijuana convictions, a move that would wipe out cases of minor misdemeanor marijuana possession that go back to 2017.

The legal action follows City Council's efforts to lower or eliminate penalties for recreational marijuana possession.

In early 2020, council passed legislation to lower marijuana possession penalties – up to 200 grams – to no fines and no prison time.

Councilman Kevin Bishop had been part of a working group established in 2018 to study policies regarding fair application of marijuana charges, further decriminalization, and preparedness for legalization of recreational marijuana (which hasn't yet happened in Ohio).



The legislation, borne out of the working group, also ensured those convicted would not have a criminal record and they would not need to report the charge on applications for employment or licenses.

The City Prosecutor's office has identified 455 individuals who have been mistakenly charged since council passed the ordinance, in addition to thousands of other cases eligible for expungement since 2017.

Council is waiting for a judge to rule on the motion to expunge the marijuana cases.



National Youth Sports Program



Celebrating summers of fun for over fifty years!

Registration now open

students.case.edu/nysp



Free medical screenings and meals



More than a sports camp

June 6, 2022 to July 8, 2022
Weekdays 8:00 am to 1:30 pm
City of Cleveland \$75
Greater Cleveland \$165
Adelbert Gym
Case Western Reserve University
2128 Adelbert Road
Cleveland, OH 44106
NYSP@Case.edu
216-368-4843



If you see the demolition of a structure in progress and notice they are NOT hauling away the debris but instead burying it, please let us know as you see it.

Call the Office of Councilman Bishop at 216-664-4945.



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.

Get the Dirt on Backyard Composting

How-To Classes Offered by the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District

Garfield Heights, Ohio – This spring, Cuyahoga County residents are invited to learn more about residential composting and creating the perfect soil amendment for their yard.

The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District will host informative in-person seminars and online webinars on how to properly compost residential yard waste and food scraps. Composting and vermicomposting help reduce the amount of organic waste sent to landfills while creating a healthy soil additive that can be used in gardens and landscapes.

Composting classes are held at least twice a month from April-October. Registration is required.



UPCOMING CLASSES

- MAY 17, 2022:** Backyard Composting 101 at 12:00 PM * Zoom Meeting
- MAY 26, 2022:** Backyard Composting 101 at 6:00 PM * Zoom Meeting

The Solid Waste District also offers affordable compost bins and composting accessories for sale at our office in Garfield Heights.

For class details, registration, or information on our composting products, visit: www.cuyahogarecycles.org/compost_workshops_and_bins

Does Your Home Have Smoke Alarms?

If not, call the Operation Save-A-Life 24-hour hotline at 216-361-5535 to apply for FREE smoke alarms

Operation Save-A-Life, a program of the American Red Cross and the Cleveland Fire Department, provides FREE smoke alarms and batteries to Cleveland residents. Smoke alarms are installed by Cleveland firefighters at no cost to residents. Please note that application and installation process may take up to 90 days. Smoke alarms provide an early warning of fire and can increase the chances of a safe escape. According to the Cleveland Fire Department, nearly 75% of deaths in house fires are caused by smoke rather than burns. Children and senior citizens are at greatest risk.

If you already have smoke alarms, then regular maintenance is important. It is suggested that smoke alarms be replaced every 10 years. They should also be tested each month and batteries should be changed twice each year, whether the smoke detector needs new ones or not.

Improvements Coming Soon to Glendale Park

Councilman Bishop held a meeting with residents on April 19 to discuss the proposed park improvements for Glendale Park, located on East 149th and Glendale. **Some of the amenities and furnishings for the park will include new play equipment and splash pad; park benches and picnic tables; exercise equipment; basketball courts; a monoslope shelter; and new lighting fixtures.** Construction of the park improvements may begin in the fall and take about a year to complete.



GLENDALE PARK SITE IMPROVEMENTS

Existing Conditions Site Assessment



- Exhibit A:** A parking lot with 16 parking spaces will be constructed
- Exhibit B:** Splash pad
- Exhibit C:** Walking track
- Exhibit D:** Removal of Tennis Courts

Site Development: Concept Plan (As of March 2022)



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Cuyahoga County
A proud partner of the
American Job Center network

Councilman
Kevin Bishop
Cleveland Ward 2

OhioMeansJobs
Cleveland-Cuyahoga
County (OMJ|CC) has been
busy getting greater
Cleveland back to work by
offering the following no
cost services:

- ▶ Resume development
- ▶ Interview coaching
- ▶ Access to in-demand jobs
- ▶ Computer training
- ▶ Assistance with internet access
- ▶ Scholarships



LOOKING FOR JOB SEEKERS



"I am excited to partner with OMJ|CC to get the word out about these services to the residents in Ward 2."

Don't delay! If you are a job seeker, please contact:

Carly Severo
Carly.Severo@jfs.ohio.gov
(216)-413-3443

1910 Carnegie Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio
www.omjcc.us



New Program: Low Income Household Water Assistance Program

CHN Housing Partners (CHN) offers the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP), which helps residents with water and sewer bills. The program – which runs until September 30, 2022 – helps Ohioans at or below 175% of the federal poverty guidelines pay their water and wastewater bills (for a family of four, the annual income must be at or below \$46,375).

Fax #: 216-912-0700 (Clear legible pictures from a smartphone/tablet will be accepted)

Clients are required to provide the following documents along with a completed LIHWAP application:

1. Copies of their most recent water and sewer bills.
2. Photo identification
3. Social Security cards for each household member
4. Proof of U.S Citizenship or legal residency for each household member
5. Income verification for the past 30 days or 12 months for each household member over the age of eighteen
6. Proof of disability (if applicable)

For more information about the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP), contact CHN Housing Partners at 216-325-1148. To be connected to a local Energy Assistance provider call (800) 282-0880 (hearing impaired clients may dial 711 for assistance) or visit: www.energyhelp.ohio.gov.

HOW TO APPLY:

Cuyahoga County residents can **call 216-350-8008** to make an appointment, or they can schedule an appointment **online at www.chn.itfrontdesk.com** which is open twenty-four hours each day, seven days each week. Appointment will be conducted by phone or video conference. To avoid delays, the telephone number provided when scheduling must be a working number and one that the client may be reached at. Applicants must provide all required application documents no less than three days prior to the date of their appointment, or they may be asked to reschedule. If a person is unable to use the online system to submit their application documents, they may submit in one of the following ways:

- CHN Main Drop Box – 2999 Payne Ave, 1st Floor, Cleveland, OH 44114 (Please do not drop off originals)

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U.S. POSTAGE
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CLEVELAND, OH
PERMIT NO. 2893

Recycle Cleveland Program Restarting Guidelines:



- Your address must be enrolled in the City of Cleveland’s recycling program to participate.
- If you’ve already enrolled, don’t worry. **If you haven’t, please go to www.derecycles.com or call 216-664-3030.**



Households are mailed a list of recyclable items, and other educational information after enrollment.

- Recycle only the materials on the City’s list. View list at: www.sustainablecleveland.org/recycling



- All materials for recycling must be inside the blue recycling cart (none outside of cart)



- Carts may be placed curbside for collection weekly, between noon the day before collection and 8:00 am on collection day.

- For residents who chose not to opt-in, the blue carts will be picked up in the fall.



For more information go to: www.sustainablecleveland.org/recycling

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FROM THE DESK OF MS. JENNY:

“RETIRED!” I could never just walk away and not say good bye. “Jenny’s Wunderland Child Enrichment Center” served this community, Mt. Pleasant and the city of East Cleveland for 15 years. Oh, what a Blessing and a dream come true. I started my journey about 42 years ago in my home.

I would like to thank my family, my children who had to share their mom day after day. My children also believed in me and were my source of encouragement. You allowed me to fulfill my dreams and you took this journey with me right by my side. Now I am proud to watch you become business owners establishing yourselves and becoming great leaders.

I would like to thank the many families who entrusted their children to my care. I couldn’t begin to count the children, but I know it’s in the thousands. Children are God’s gift and it was an Honor to serve every family. I will never forget this wonderful opportunity and experience. I want to also thank my Staff who stood by my



side. If it wasn’t for you, I would not have made it. Our doors were opened Monday-Friday, 6 am - 6 pm year-round. Dedication is the key and my staff was second to none. I would also like to thank OJFIS who also made my journey possible.

This gift is very rare so congrats to the ones who have watched me and decided to step out and took the pledge to love and care for children, now follow your dreams.

Please allow me to introduce Keyarra Preston and Sadon’s Palace Child



Enrichment Center” for continuing this journey in this establishment.

This young lady has a vision. As a community let’s support her as she loves our children. As you can see Ms. Preston had her Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, now it’s time to work. Enrollment is open and the center’s hours of operation are 6 am - 6 pm, Monday - Friday. Call 216-283-5439 for more information. She accepts children ranging from infants to 12 years of age. Stop by and meet and welcome Ms. Preston soon. I am confident Ms. Preston will take this beautiful newly remodeled school to the next level.

Congratulations Ms. Keyarra Preston and welcome “Sadon’s Palace Child Enrichment Center”.

— Ms. Jenny

Secure Interest-Free Loans with HFLA of Northeast Ohio

HFLA of Northeast Ohio (NEO) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote the self-sufficiency of the residents of NEO by providing access to fair financial resources. We provide interest-free loans to those who are unable to access traditional capital.



For over 118 years, HFLA has provided loans to residents of NEO through our relationship lending model. We do not base our lending decisions solely on a person’s income or their credit score (we pull credit reports that do not include a score). We work through the application process with an individual and learn about them, their relationship to their finances, and their specific needs.

expenses among other needs.

- Education Loans help pay for undergraduate, graduate, vocational or technical education for students in NEO.
- Small Business Loans can be applied to grow a new business or expand an existing business.

There are three primary loan types:

- The Standard Loan can be applied to most any financial emergency that may arise including home repairs, utility bills, car repair, or funeral

We have added two new loan products:

- Credit Builder Loan: a small loan, which, paid on-time over a short period can improve an individual’s

credit score who is credit invisible or has little credit history.

- Pre-approved auto loan: a loan for up to \$15,000 to help individuals avoid, or get out of, predatory loans to purchase much needed transportation.

As a relationship lender, we base our decision making on an individual’s income vs. their expenses.

We look for three indicators:

1. That our loan fills a need, not a want.
2. That the applicant can fit our loan payment into their budget.
3. That the loan does not provide a temporary band-aid fix, but a bridge to a more stable future.

For more information, visit:
www.interestfree.org



What is EasyPay?

EasyPay is a program that allows you to pre-pay your current property taxes. It can be done automatically through your bank or monthly by mailing/dropping your check and pre-payment form to the Cuyahoga County Treasurer’s office. To participate, your real estate taxes must be current or you must be on an active delinquent tax re-payment plan.

For quick and easy enrollment in the EasyPay program and details, please visit our website:

www.treasurer.cuyahogacounty.us

Questions?

Call 216-443-7400 for assistance.

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