

Ward 11 News



A Message from Councilman Brian Mooney

Dear Neighbors,

The good news is that we finally have a developer for the Variety Theater!

Kelly Flamos and her development team closed the purchase of the Theater and received the keys to the facility in early May. The plan is to redevelop the apartment and storefronts to provide a revenue stream to help preserve the architecture of the theater and bring it back to life.

Kelly Flamos is a Lakewood resident who drove the renovation of Mahall's in Lakewood as a vibrant music venue. The Variety will be a live entertainment center for comedy performances, concerts, weddings, poetry and other community events.

Former Councilwoman Dona Brady was instrumental in saving the marquee and tearing down dilapidated buildings to provide parking lots that are essential to the future of the Variety. **When I took office two years ago, the Variety was in foreclosure and the window of opportunity was closing.**

After securing funds for a final search for a developer, I was contacted by Kelly Flamos and her team. After several meetings, it was clear she had the vision, experience, resources and the drive to finally make this happen. **I approached our County Councilperson Martin Sweeney, who was instrumental in reviving a \$2.5 million Cuyahoga County grant to assist in the redevelopment.** Additionally, I lobbied the



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State and contacted our State Senator Nikkie Antonio for help in obtaining State of Ohio capitol project funding of \$335,000.

When this new year started I sat down with Mayor Bibb as we spoke about priorities for Ward 11 and the City. I told Mayor Bibb that my only ask for assistance from the city's Department of Economic Development is help with the Variety Theater Project. Bibb told me he understood the Variety would be transformational for our Ward, and has been very helpful in moving this project forward.

Although the renovations will take time,

and the process is just beginning, it is encouraging that finally after 45 years the Variety Theater has definite plans and a new owner with financial incentives and a vision in hand to bring that area back to life.

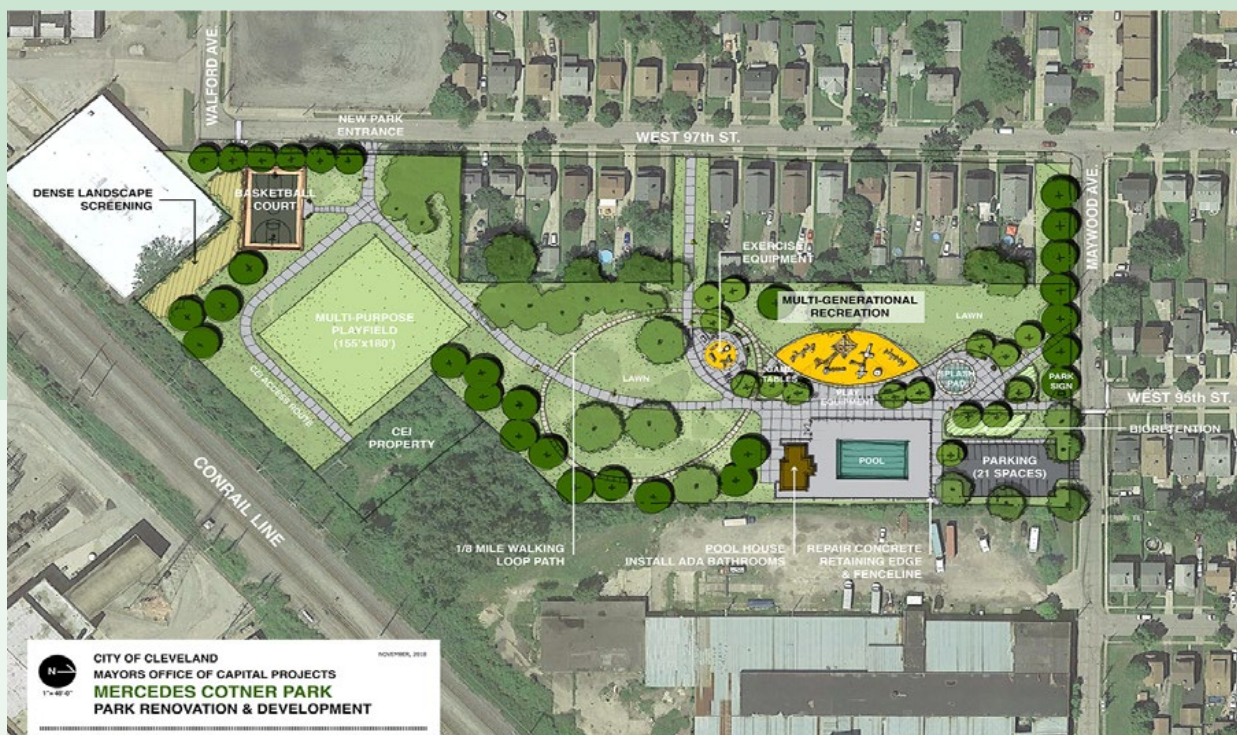
Meanwhile, I hope everyone enjoys the summer and I hope to see you at our Juneteenth concert that I and Westtown Community Development Corporation are sponsoring at Brookfield Pavilion.

Let the good times roll.

Regards,
Brian Mooney,
Councilman - Ward 11

Mercedes Cotner Park Renovations are Underway!

Mercedes Cotner Park, named in 1994 after the first woman to serve as Clerk of Cleveland City Council, is undergoing renovations. **The 1.8 million dollar project includes new playground equipment, a splash park, a basketball court, expanded green space, water drainage and utilities upgrades, new fences, gates and more.** Councilman Mooney said, "I am glad we now have funding for this project, because it is important for our children to have another place to go for recreation and enjoyment. Having this gathering place expanded will make Ward 11 a more attractive place to live, work, socialize and stay healthy. The best is yet to come." Mercedes Cotner Park is located on West 97th and West Boulevard in the heart of Ward 11.



Cleveland Public Library Eastman Library Branch Renovations Underway

Cleveland Public Library celebrated the start of renovations on the Eastman Branch in Ward 11. Library leadership at the **groundbreaking ceremony April 9, 2022** and Director Felton Thomas Jr., CPD Commander Michael Butler and other dignitaries spoke about their commitment to the library system and the benefits it will have for Ward 11. Councilman Brian Mooney looks forward to providing library patrons a branch they can feel proud to frequent.

Architect & Construction Manager Moody Nolan & Regency/AKA is behind the **\$2.8 million creative design to modernize and improve accessibility at the iconic 12,000-square-foot Eastman Branch.** **The goals:**

- **REBALANCING** spaces for makers to bring ideas to life
- **REMOVING** barriers to create a central service area to make staff easily available
- **REORGANIZING** to create a community room that can be available extended hours
- **RECONFIGURING** reading areas with natural light from windows that connect to community
- **REVEALING** 24x7 pickup lockers for convenient access



"Wally" sculpture

Renovation plans include new meeting rooms, a dedicated teen and gaming area, after-hours community room access, a 24-hour vestibule with book lockers, gender-neutral, accessible restrooms, a new bike rack, improved outdoor seating, enhanced computer and Wi-Fi access, a dedicated teen space and gaming area, and much more.

The Eastman Branch renovation builds on a strong foundation, with a rich history. The Eastman branch's namesake is Linda Anne Eastman, who served as Head Librarian of Cleveland Public Library from 1918-1938. She was the first woman to lead a large public library system. It opened in 1947 and in 1980 moved to its current location. The Eastman branch is one of the busiest branches in the Cleveland Public Library system. **It features a beloved mural and a sculpture affectionately known as the "Wally", both of which will remain.**

The branch's mural, "Universal" by Peter Paul Dubaniewicz, is 69 inches height and 180 inches wide and features the Cudell neighborhood. The plan is to relocate the mural within the



branch so it will be visible from the street. The "Wally" sculpture has presided over Eastman since 1980, the year the building opened, and bears an excerpt from "The Walrus and the Carpenter" by Lewis Carroll. It will remain at Eastman, thus preserving an essential part of the branch's spirit.

The library has served as a gathering place for Ward 11 with book clubs, programs for seniors, and programming regarding health care, personal care, and finances. Councilman Mooney said, "We can't wait to have an updated library space to bring our community together!" A sentiment shared by many library patrons. The new meeting rooms and increased visibility will be an asset to Ward 11.

While the Eastman Branch is closed, patrons are encouraged to visit the Rockport Branch or utilize our books by mail service, Words on Wheels. The tentative reopening is early 2023.

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.

Join Commander Butler at the 1st District Meeting



First District Cdr. Michael Butler

First Thursday of Each Month 6:00 pm

St. Ignatius of Antioch

(Cafeteria - 10205 Lorain Ave.)

IMPORTANT SAFETY NUMBERS

EMERGENCY

POLICE//FIRE//AMBULANCE ... 911

Non-Emergency Police 621-1234

Fire Department 621-1212

EMS 623-4545

1st Dist. Police (3895 W. 130th St.) ... 623-5100

1st Dist. Commander 623-5105

1st Dist. Police Comm. Service Unit ... 623-2503

1st District Police Vice Unit 623-5113

Ward 11 Residents - Walk-In for Free Haircuts Now With Great Student Barbers

Meryma'at Barber College

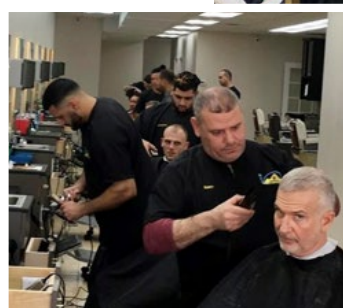
12825 Lorain Avenue Cleveland Ohio 44111
Monday to Saturday cuts 9 am to 8pm

Ward 11's Meryma'at Barber College remains open following CDC guidelines to ensure that their clients and students remain safe. At this time, the Barber College is offering free haircuts until further notice. The CEO/Owner/Instructor Fouad (Omar) Radwan wants to help the community out by providing haircuts to those who need them while at the same time helping his students fulfill their requirements to graduate.

Meryma'at Barber College offers an 1800-hour program in the shop and in the classroom combined. As the pandemic carries on, the barber college is operating in full swing; providing both experienced and new students a chance to hone their craft. Free haircuts provide a win-win scenario. Anyone who wants or needs a free haircut can now get one and students will gain invaluable experience that they will carry into their jobs in shops and salons.

Giving back to Ward 11 is not new to Omar. He is widely known in Ward 11 as a trailblazer, credited with encouraging young adults to achieve their dreams. Omar came to the U.S. 25 years ago with a degree in international law, subsequently graduated from Allstate Barber College and in 1997 became a licensed barber at the Ohio State Cosmetology and Barber Board. Next, he opened up Omar's Hair Design, a successful business he owns to this day. In 2014, Omar graduated from La Barberia Institute with an instructor license.

In 2016, Omar combined his passion for cutting hair and providing opportunities for our next generation when he became the first Middle Eastern man to open up a barber college in the state of Ohio. Meryma'at Barber College is a professional barber college dedicated to providing



each of its students with the training, knowledge, and hands on experience necessary obtain a successful and fulfilling career in today's barber industry. Omar's dream is to train the next generation of barbers in Northeast Ohio.

Omar is an advocate for education who believes that a trade will allow young men and women to do what they love and give back to the community. He leads by example. Meryma'at Barber College collaborates with "Change in Direction" to provide temporary shelter and food to displaced youth. The joint programs provide hope and a voice to those who do not have one. "I would have to say, it's our way of giving back, trying to make a change in our city," he said.

As for the free haircuts, stop in to Meryma'at Barber College and you will not only look good, you will be part of contributing to Ward 11's bright future!

Giacco's Mower Shop "The Center" Opens in Ward 11!

Giacco's Mower Shop, a family business that repairs and sells lawn mowers and snow blowers in Fairview Park, is opening a manufacturing and distribution location on Bellaire Road in Cleveland's Ward 11. The expansion will not interfere with the Fairview Park operation.

"I heartily welcome Jason Giaco and his growing business into our community," said Councilman Brian Mooney. "Small businesses form the backbone of our economy."

At its new site, Giacco's will have new manufacturing, distribution and shipping facilities.

"This is a great location," said Jason Giaco. "And now we'll be able to process orders and manufacture products under one roof."



Free Juneteenth Concert at Brookfield Park Pavilion

If you are looking for a spot to enjoy live music in Ward 11, look no further! **Spend your afternoon at Brookfield Park Pavilion, located at 12517 Guardian Blvd, Cleveland, OH 44135 on Sunday, June 19, 2022 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm and hear Cleveland's hottest dance band, Aretifix.** Sing along, dance or relax and enjoy hits from bands like The Temptations, Gladys Knight & The Pips, Smokey Robinson & The Miracles, Donna Summer, Kool & the Gang, Heatwave, Earth Wind & Fire and more. Aretifix, formerly known as Next, are dedicated to keeping everyone dancing by bringing you one of the best concert experiences in Cleveland.

The Concert is free and open to the public, sponsored by Councilman Brian Mooney. Cleveland Rocks and so does Ward 11! Rain date is June 26, 2022 4:00 - 6:00 pm.



EMPOWERING
Women
IN EVERY COMMUNITY

JUNETEENTH Celebration

June 18, 2022
12pm to 5pm
Christ Lutheran Church
13812 Bellaire Rd
Cleveland Ohio 44135

VENDORS WELCOME

Register: Call/Text (440)382-9661

**Contact:
Justine Humphrey**

Networking, Refreshments and Music

womenineverycommunity@gmail.com

Medcare is Coming Soon to Ward 11!



Medcare is coming to Ward 11 to provide access to skillful, convenient, affordable healthcare to residents.



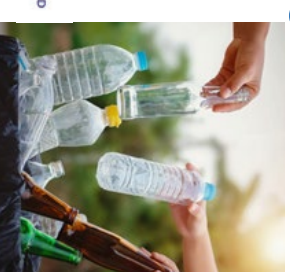
Medcare is under construction on a new multi-million dollar building located at 9201 Lorain Ave. It will provide urgent care services for acute injuries, as well as ongoing care, such as routine exams and treatment for chronic ailments, with radiology and lab testing onsite. Carmen Popa, MD & President of Medcare has a proven track record providing compassionate, cost-conscious medical care to families.

Councilman Mooney said, "I am excited to have a new state of the art health care facility in our ward that will create jobs and enhance the health of our residents."

Welcome to Ward 11 Dr. Popa!

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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 to enroll by July 31st.**
- 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 VISIT: www.sustainablecleveland.org/recycling

THE CITY OF CLEVELAND'S RECYCLING PROGRAM List of Acceptable Materials

PLASTIC BOTTLES, JUGS, TUBS & DISPOSABLE CUPS

- Bottles & Jugs:** The top of the container must be smaller than the base, usually with a screw on lid.
- Tubs:** Butter tubs, yogurt containers, cottage cheese, sour cream, chip dip, and whip topping containers; single serve containers of fruit, pudding and Jell-o.
- Cups:** Disposable plastic cups (not accepted in Central Kentucky)

TO RECYCLE: Empty and rinse the containers. Lightly flatten water bottles and soda bottles. Do not stack tubs. Reattach lids for bottles, jugs, tubs and cups. Straws and stoppers should be thrown in the trash.

PAPER, CARDBOARD, & CUPS

- Junk mail, newspapers, magazines, telephone books, paperback books, paper bags, cereal and cracker boxes, pizza boxes, cardboard boxes, disposable paper cups (paper cups are not accepted in Central Kentucky)
- Helpful hint:** If the paper product tears and breaks down in water, it is acceptable.

TO RECYCLE: Pizza boxes must be free of food and excessive grease. Cardboard boxes must be flattened and placed inside the cart or stacked neatly beside the cart. Plastic lids from paper cups should be removed and thrown in the trash.

METAL CANS & CUPS

- Non-hazardous and non-flammable material only. No scrap metals.

TO RECYCLE: Empty and rinse containers. Lids that are attached should be pushed inside cans. Loose pull top lids may be placed in recycling bins.

GLASS

- Any color of glass bottles and jars once used for food and drink.
- Mirrors, window glass, and drinking glasses are not acceptable.

TO RECYCLE: Empty and rinse containers. Metal lids should be placed loose in recycling bins. Plastic lids should be removed and thrown in the trash.

CARTONS

- Milk, juice, broth, juice boxes

TO RECYCLE: Empty and rinse cartons. Remove lids and straws and throw in the trash.



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“Farm in the City” Returns to Halloran Park June 3rd!

Ward 11 Council Member Brian Mooney and Westown Community

Development Corporation are excited for the return of “Farm in the City” to Halloran Park on June 3, 2022 from 12:00 -4:00 pm. Returning to the event is the Cuyahoga Arts and Culture featured animals from **Party Pals Farm** in North Bloomfield, Ohio. In the past, Ward 11’s children delighted in feeding and petting these animals. Traveling Farm in the City Pony rides will be back too!

Other fan favorites, such as the Cleveland Firefighters Truck, the Cleveland Police Department’s Mounted Police and K-9 Units and the Cleveland Animal Control’s “City Dogs” will return this year. Halloran Recreation Center’s staff will be there to lend a helping hand in the park and at Halloran’s Rink, for those who want to take advantage of the free Roller Skating & Skate Rental.

Councilman Mooney and Westown CDC collaborated with Cleveland Public Library/ Summer Literature League (SSL) to bring to Ward 11 a Summer Kick-Off Party this year! The SSL Theme: “The Future is Now, READY!” Councilman Mooney said, “It is great to back! I look forward to seeing Ward 11 residents enjoy a summer day together at Halloran Park.”

